

Opposition's ultimatum

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 "Our basic demand is to install a neutral, caretaker government to supervise the next general elections."
 She said the Opposition's contention was that the administration would be influenced during elections under a party government.
 There is no alternative to a caretaker government to hold free and fair elections in the country," Hasina added.
 The AL chief said the BNP came to power through an election held under a caretaker government but the same party is now terming the demand for a caretaker government illegal.
 "Is the ruling party admitting its own illegitimacy by terming the caretaker government illegal?" she asked.
 Hasina announced that if the AL came to power, it would incorporate the provision for caretaker governments in the Constitution.
 She said the BNP was afraid of a caretaker government because it would be difficult for them to rig the elections.
 The Leader of the Opposition alleged that the current session of Parliament was intentionally staggered to prevent the AL from holding meetings at its previously announced venue at the Panthapath.

Hasina said staging walkouts during Parliament sessions is a democratic right of the opposition parties but the Leader of the House taunted us by saying that we were escaping like thieves during our walkout.
 She alleged that the ruling party had made Parliament ineffective by ignoring the opposition parties.
 Without mentioning any party or individual by name, Hasina said certain quarters were misinterpreting the Opposition decision of mass resignations.
 She got an instant endorsement from the audience for her party decision. The slogan-chanting crowd raised their hands and gave her a go-ahead for further action programmes.
 Giving out a long list of failures of the government, she said the BNP government had even failed to realise the right share of the Ganges water.
 On the other hand, the government sold out the interest of the country to neighbouring India by signing an unequal agreement which prompted Delhi to push back so-called Bangladeshis to their homeland," she claimed.
 Refuting the claims of massive development achieved by the BNP government, the AL chief said the 'development' centred around the PM, her family members and cabinet ministers.
 Regarding the recent Ansars rebellion, Hasina said they had staged the agitation because the government had

failed to implement the pledges made to them.
 She pointed out that similar discontent is prevailing among the police force and the government employees.
 Accusing the ruling party of unleashing 'terrorism', the Leader of the Opposition said more than 30 educational institutions were now closed because of hooliganism.
 She reminded her audience that not a single 'movement' in this country had failed and hoped that the people would succeed in the present struggle too.
 Hasina said she had nothing to lose because she had already lost her parents, brothers, sisters and a number of relatives.
 Her only goal is to do something for the people's emancipations, she added.

Jamaat

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 in the capital and start an oust-government movement," he announced.
 He also threatened that his party along with other opposition parties would start constitutional agitation, including ceaseless rallies, meetings, hartals to force the government out.

Jamaat attack on LDF activists

Five activists of the Left Democratic Front (LDF) were injured when the supporters of the Jamaat-Shibir allegedly attacked its meeting at the Noor Hossain square yesterday, reports UNB.
 Witnesses said a group of about 100 people came out of the Baitul Mukarram Mosque just after the magreb prayers and attacked the meeting with lethal weapons.

JS boycott case

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 When the court sat for the day in the morning, Moudud Ahmed prayed for time before the High Court Division bench till the order passed by the Chief Justice was returned to the High Court.
 The court allowed his prayer till 2 pm.
 After the recess the writ petition was taken up for hearing. The Petitioner's counsels Barrister Asrarul Hossain and Barrister Mohammad Ali submitted that the arguments on behalf of the writ petitioner and the respondents (Opposition Leaders) had been concluded and as such the court should fix a date for judgement.
 The learned counsels of the opposition leaders were seen outside the court room but they did not attend yesterday's hearing.
 Thereafter the court comprising Justice Kazi Shaifuddin and Justice Kazi A T Monwar Uddin fixed the date of judgement on December 11.

BUET teacher found dead

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 lice went on manhunt after receiving an order from the district police superintendent Monday night.
 He added that there were no visible external injuries on the body. An unnatural death(UD) case was registered with the police station.
 The body was handed over to the family members of the deceased after autopsy at the Gazipur Sadar Hospital.
 Family members at his Dhanmondi residence said that he was missing since he left his house for Motijheel to run an errand.
 Prof Ahmad is survived by his wife and a son. His body would be preserved at the BIRDEM mortuary till the arrival of his son, Asif, who is studying at Harvard University

in the USA. They said that his namaz-e-janaza would be held at the BUET mosque on Friday after Juma prayers. He would be buried at the Banani graveyard on the same day.
 Meanwhile, BSS quoted Gazipur police as saying that Prof Ahmad was seen at the rest house in the forest area on Monday afternoon. The news agency also said that police were requested by his wife Razia S Ahmad, also a teacher at the same department, to enquire about his whereabouts after receiving an anonymous telephone call at their Dhanmondi residence. She was told that Prof Ahmad was 'unwell' at the Sujon guest house situated near Haldopla police outpost under the sadar thana, it added.

Bill to raise coast guards

By Staff Correspondent
 A Bill for raising coast guards to check illegal fishing and intrusion as well as to ensure security to local fishermen in the bay of Bengal was introduced in parliament yesterday.
 Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury, introducing the Bill said, the proposed Coast Guard Bahini law also sought to provide for maintaining law and order along the country's coastal belt.
 The law has been formulated in the light of the text of an Opposition resolution passed in the House, by voice vote, more than a year ago. The then Independent MP, Nurul Islam Moni, who later joined the ruling party, moved the resolution seeking to raise a Coast Guard Bahini but the treasury bench had refused to entertain the idea.
 Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali put the resolution to a vote in which the treasury bench was defeated because the opposition Members outnumbered them in the House during the vote.
 The Bill is likely to be passed in the House today.
 Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Panni, who presided over yesterday's sitting, adjourned the House at 8:10 pm to resume again at 6 this evening.

Feni tour

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 tion stones of Feni Public College at Tulabaria and Mukti-joddha Complex at Trank Road.
 During her busy itinerary, the Prime Minister also laid the foundation stones of Feni Diabetic Hospital, Bangladesh Manoshik Protibandhi Institute and Bangladesh Scout Bhaban at the district headquarters.
 At Fulgazi, Begum Zia's parliamentary constituency, she laid the foundation stone of 31-bed Fulgazi Thana Health Complex at Munshirhat. She also opened a card phone booth at Fulgazi Bazar.
 At Parshuram, Begum Zia inaugurated Parshuram Telephone Exchange Bhaban. She also inaugurated the construction work of Shubhapur bridge road connection and embankment along river Feni there.
 Earlier in the morning, Begum Zia handed over a cheque of Tk 8 lakh to Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah Al Noman at Feni Circuit House for the construction of proposed Baklia Shaheed Smriti College in Chittagong on the occasion of Democracy Day.

Dhaka, Colombo

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 agenda and reiterated their "strong commitment" for completion of the initial round of negotiations under the SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement (SAPTA) before the next summit.
 The two sides also expressed satisfaction at the steady progress in the implementation of the decisions taken at the Seventh SAARC Summit.
 100 troops held
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 raging when he spoke, broke out as Bangladeshi UN troops were preparing to relocate from Afgoy in readiness for the final withdrawal of the UN peacekeeping force from Somalia, scheduled for next March.
 Two 'technicals' - Somali pickup trucks with guns mounted on them - were destroyed in the fighting, said spokesman Major Zubair Chat-tah.
 "The technicals were directly firing at the Bangladeshi troops," he added.

PM: Govt won't quit

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 alleged that conspiracies begin whenever the BNP is installed in power but this time such intrigues are bound to fail as the party still enjoys the people's mandate.
 The rally was organised by the city unit of the BNP at the 'Democracy Square' of Fulbaria area near Gulistan in the city in observance of December 6 as the 'Downfall of Autocracy and Freedom of Democracy Day'. On this day four years ago, president HM Ershad resigned in the wake of a mass agitation after nine years of autocratic rule.
 The huge gathering was attended by different units of the BNP and its front organisations from the city and suburbs and the people in general. The pro-government political activists started pouring in at the meeting venue carrying banners and placards and raising slogans since three in the afternoon and stayed there until evening to listen to the Prime Minister and other BNP leaders.
 About the Opposition's boycott of Parliament, the Leader of the House said their action was a sheer negligence of their sacred responsibilities entrusted them by the electorate.
 "They speak of democracy and public welfare but do not carry out their constitutional duties for which they took oath. The people no longer have any confidence in them."
 Begum Zia said after being rejected by the people for their politics of destruction the opposition parties were now conspiring to unseat the elected government in collaboration with the fallen autocrats.
 "People would not forgive those who have betrayed the martyrs of the anti-autocracy agitation whose supreme sacrifices helped restore democracy," she warned.
 Pointing out that the 12th amendment to the Constitution, endorsed by all the parties in Parliament, had made it mandatory for elected representatives at all tiers of the government machinery, Begum Zia said there was no scope for unelected persons in the top position of the government.
 "But the Opposition is now proposing such an idea in contradiction of their earlier action," she said.
 The Prime Minister urged her partners in the anti-autocracy movement to shun their politics of hartals and sieges that only hamper development and production and cause public suffering and instead practice democracy and abide by the Constitution.
 "There are still chances to resolve the political crisis that you have created. Accept our proposal (for an interim government) to conduct elections if you are sincere about protecting the people's voting rights and believe in fair polls," she said, reiterating her call to the Opposition to return to the House for carrying out their constitutional responsibilities.
 "Otherwise, the people who voted for you will not forgive you," she warned.
 "We want no more problems

and are willing to solve the existing political standoff through dialogue and in accordance with the constitutional provisions," she said, adding that her party believed in democracy and that's why it gave much concessions to the Opposition.
 Reacting to the Opposition claim that no fair polls were possible under BNP rule, the Prime Minister asked how could the Opposition candidates win a number of parliamentary by-elections and the city corporation polls in Dhaka and Chittagong if those were not free and fair?
 Mentioning her government's steps to strengthen the Election Commission and to introduce identity cards for the voters for ensuring a leakproof electoral system, the Prime Minister said, "no government in the past could take such a historic move."
 "We have passed laws in the House in this regard because we want to guarantee the people's right to franchise."
 Blasting the Opposition-sponsored frequent hartals, blockades, barricades and sieges, the BNP chairperson remarked: "It is easy to call for such programmes. Such actions could be undertaken only by those who have no relation with the soil and its people and are opposed to development. Despite repeated hartals, during the past three and a half years, the BNP had implemented numerous development projects and is continuing doing so," she said.
 Begum Zia hoped that the Opposition would realise their misdeeds when they go back to the people.
 Responding to AL chief Sheikh Hasina's warning to create a deadlock in the country if the Opposition demand was not met, Begum Zia said, "They themselves have now been placed in a deadlock. They will need the BNP's help to be mobile and come back to the people."
 Rejecting once again the Opposition formula of a caretaker government to conduct general polls, Khaleeda Zia said, "We were elected to power in a polls under the interim government of Justice Shahabuddin. We don't believe in the idea of a caretaker government which is purely unconstitutional," she said categorically.
 Referring to the Jatiya Party's demand for the release of deposed president H M Ershad, the Prime Minister said "No chief could be tried so long the BNP remains in power."
 Giving a list of her government's development activities in various fields, Begum Zia said the Opposition was adopting destructive measures because the BNP government had left no programmes on issues for them to campaign for.
 "They are bringing charges of failure and inefficiency against the BNP government just to cover up their own failures while in power."
 She accused the post-liberation government of misappropriating foreign aid and donations and letting loose a reign of terror and corruption.

US second visa lottery

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 world, according to an official of the State Department's Office of Consular Affairs, except for those countries with 'high admission rates' to the United States.
 High admission rates are defined as 50,000 immigrants from a country during the last five years in the regular visa categories.
 The official noted that the diversity lottery was established to give people who are not in the normal visa categories an opportunity to immigrate to the United States. The programme also attempts to eliminate long waiting lists for visa slots.
 The registration mail-in for the lottery will last for 30 days, from January 31 to March 1, 1995. Only one entry from each applicant will be accepted. A husband and wife can both apply. Entries received before or after the registration dates, and any that are misaddressed, will be voided.
 Duplicate or multiple entries will disqualify individuals from registration for the lottery programme. However, the official emphasized that those who have applied for family or employment visas also can apply for a lottery visa.
 There is no advantage to mailing early in the 30-day period or to mailing from any particular location.
 Application information for the 'Diversity Immigrant Visa Lottery' (DV-96) can be obtained from US Embassies and Consulates.
 Only successful entrants will be notified by mail. The notification to winners will be sent not later than July 1, 1995. Those picked must still meet all eligibility requirements under US law to be issued a visa.
 Excluded from the lottery because of previous 'high admission rates' are natives of

Opposition leader

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 sued a directive to ensure proper coverage of the Leader of the Opposition.
 Muffazzal Hussain Maya, General Secretary of City Awami League, said that he saw a TV camera crew but did not know anything more.
 The public relations officer (PRO) to the Leader of the Opposition Tabeur Rahman, when contacted, said BTV and PID have "step-motherly attitudes" towards the Leader of Opposition's programmes. Since they give only 'selective coverage', it is possible that the TV crew was not allowed by AL leaders to cover the event yesterday.
 He added that he personally did not know if the TV people had turned up at all.
 The PRO also said that although a PID photographer was sent to take pictures of yesterday's meeting between the visiting Sri Lankan Foreign Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, he had learnt on enquiry from the Press Information Department that the picture was not sent out to the press.
 However, a picture of the meeting was received by The Daily Star newsdesk last night a little after midnight in the day's last packet.

JCD, BCL clash

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 The rival groups also hurled innumerable brick bats.
 Later, the police started lobbing tear gas shells to disperse the crowd. Witnesses said at least 20 rounds of tear gas shells were used to bring the situation under control.
 According to police, one Sub-Inspector, Mizan and one Assistant Sub-Inspector, Yunus and four constables were injured in the clashes.
 Ten persons received first aid at the Barisal Sadar Hospital while three persons were admitted to the Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

CSCE move

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 closing session of the two-day Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) for the statement to be approved.
 When Hungarian president Arpad Gortz opened the floor, Russia signalled its opposition, making consensus impossible under the conference rules.
 "The Russian delegation notes with regret that despite the persistent effort of many delegations we have not reached agreement on a text that would be acceptable to everyone," Russian delegate Yuri Ushakov said.
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The Midnight File

Robert Rubin named Bentsen's successor
 WASHINGTON, Dec 6: President Clinton "with deep regret" announced Lloyd Bentsen's resignation today as Treasury Secretary and said he would nominate Robert Rubin, head of his National Economic Council, to succeed him, reports AP.
Gunmen kill 11 in Karachi
 KARACHI, Dec 6: Gunmen killed at least 11 people today in Pakistan's industrial port city of Karachi, police said. The dead included two policemen and a newspaper office manager, reports Reuters.

JP: Reconsider demand

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 this by handing over power to a caretaker government in 1990.
 Mizan Chowdhury also announced a month-long action programme and gave an ultimatum to the government for fulfilling its demands.
 He announced that all JP MPs would submit their resignations to the Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad on December 28 along with the MPs of its two allies, the Awami League and the Jamaat-e-Islami, if the demand for a caretaker government was not met by December 27.
 The other programmes of the JP include thana-level demonstrations on December 19, district-level demonstrations on December 21, a rail-road-waterways blockade and public meetings on December 28 before submitting the resignation letters to the Speaker.

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