

# Matthaeus in the twilight zone



BONN, July 18: Lothar Matthaeus's career in international soccer looked in danger of coming to a premature end on Monday after the German World Cup captain underwent another operation on an Achilles' tendon injury, reports Reuter.

The 34-year-old Bayern Munich midfielder, who has not played since January after tearing the tendon in his left heel, was told he was likely to be out of action for up to six more months.

Matthaeus, the nation's most capped player, is therefore unlikely to return to competitive football until the second half of the German league season at the start of 1996 — an enforced break of 12 months.

"Patience is the most important thing. He must not put himself under too much pressure to return," Doctor Werner Keyl said after a 45-minute operation in Munich.

"He will be able to train beforehand but the way things are in Bayern Munich's competitive squad he is unlikely to be ready to play for four to six months," he told Reuters.

"With older players the recovery period is not as fast. It would have been quicker if he had been 20 or 25... at 34 he is not the youngest."

## PM: Edn sector

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already reached 92 per cent while the dropout rate in the primary level has come down, she said.

Not only the primary education, the higher education in Bangladesh has also been expanded, the number of universities being raised to 21 from 6 in the post-independence period, she said.

Pointing at the UGC programmes for improving educational standard, Begum Zia noted that 90 teachers of universities and colleges earned doctoral degree while 50 others are pursuing Ph D fellowship programme.

She also informed that a special research fund had been sponsored by the Prime Minister's Office to expand research at the M Phil and Ph D levels.

Speaking at the seminar, Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar urged the UGC to give proper direction to the universities to provide better education to students by introducing modern subjects in higher levels and ensuring quality of education.

UGC Chairman Prof Yajuddin Ahmed pointed out that higher education scenario in the country has undergone enormous expansion in recent years as both the number of universities and students increased substantially.

But there has been remarkable deterioration of the standard and quality of higher education in the country, he said, expressing concern over inadequate allocation for university education.

While education sector allocation as a whole has increased, university education sub-sector receives a 'meagre' percentage of the allocation — 7 and 8 per cent in development and revenue budgets respectively.

COL Asian Programmes Director Prof RVR Chandrasekhar Rao and Bangladesh UGC member Prof Monirul Hoque also addressed the opening session, attended by ministers, senior officials, and vice-chancellors and teachers of different universities.

Indian UGC Chairperson Prof Armaity Desai, Pakistan UGC Chairperson Prof M Sulaiman and Sri Lankan UGC Chairperson Prof S Tilakratne were present.

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## BB employees clash over polls results : 10 hurt

By Staff Correspondent  
At least ten people were injured when some employees of the Bangladesh Bank belonging to rival trade unions clashed over the Banks' CBA election results here yesterday.

The election was held on Monday.

Of the injured Bangladesh bank employees Mofizul Islam, 35, and Delwar Hossain, 36 and canteen boy Palash, 16, were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Medical sources said Palash received stab injuries.

The clash ensued when activists of the Karmachari Samity brought out a victory procession in the bank premises and their rivals belonging to three other unions protested, according to sources.

They chased each other and pelted stones creating panic in the whole area.

Four registered union of the Bangladesh Bank Employees had participated in the polls in which Md Habibur Rahman and Md Ashraf Ali belonging to the Karmachari Samity were elected President and General Secretary respectively.

Motijheel police said later at night that they did not know anything about the incident.

### PM: Foreign aid

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vast area of the country had been affected by the flood, but the government did not publicise it in outer world.

Only in 1991 when the devastating cyclone battered the coastal areas, the government, which just took over, sought foreign assistance. But all the other calamities were faced by mobilising the country's own resources, she said.

Pointing out the damaged seedbeds, Begum Zia said the farmers would be provided with seedlings free of cost and directed the district agriculture department to produce adequate seedlings and distribute those among the farmers.

She also instructed the district officials to visit every house and enquire about whereabouts of the flood-affected people and provide all-out assistance to them.

The prime minister also directed the officials to start the rehabilitation works to recoup the losses caused by the flood and told them to provide the poor people with jobs in the government's planned post-flood rehabilitation programme.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner of Feni AHM Nurul Islam briefed Begum Zia about the recent flood which affected some 2.70 lakh people in the district and claimed five lives.

**Suo motu rule to produce Eleada in court**

A High Court division bench yesterday issued a suo motu rule upon the secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, the deputy commissioner, Dhaka, and the DIG (Prison) Dhaka Central Jail, to show cause why the detenu Eleada Maccord, now detained in the Dhaka Central Jail should not be brought before the court to be dealt with in accordance with law and why her detention should not be declared illegal, reports BSS.

The rule is returnable by July 30, 1995 and the court fixed the date of hearing of the matter on August 2, 1995.

The bench comprising Justice Mohammad Mozammel Huq and Justice Mohammad Nurul Islam also directed the DIG (Prison) Dhaka Central Jail, to produce Eleada before the court at 10:30 am on August 2, 1995 positively.

The court has requested the ambassador of the United States of America in Bangladesh to engage a lawyer in order to defend the detenu and also to assist the court.

The court sent a copy of the order to the learned Attorney General to appear before the court either himself or through a senior law officer to assist the court at the time of hearing of this rule.

The bench issued this suo motu rule on a news item under the heading 'how is Eleada in jail' published in 'The Daily Sangram' yesterday.

The said news item said that Eleada, a US citizen, was found guilty under the Drugs Act and convicted and sentenced to suffer imprisonment for life for carrying heroin at the Zia International Airport.



President Clinton (L) at a meeting yesterday in Washington DC, discussing the situation in Bosnia upon Gen Shalikashvili's (R) return from London.

— AFP photo

## Search for hostages in Kashmir intensified

PAHALGAM, India, July 18: Kashmir's top security official searched Himalayan mountains in a helicopter today and dispatched 12 teams of police on foot, but no trace of the hostages of five Western captives was found, reports AP.

It was Saklani who rescued the one hostage who escaped from the militants, John Childs, 41, of Simsbury, Connecticut.

Childs fled his captors and wandered through the steep hills of the area for 14 hours before Saklani spotted him last week in his helicopter and picked up the exhausted American.

"Today I had no luck," Saklani said after his helicopter landed in Pahalgam.

### One shot in city

By DMCH Correspondent

One person received bullet wound during a clash between two groups at the AGB colony at Motijheel in the city yesterday morning.

The victim, identified as Anwarul Azad, 24, was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Earlier, Monday night one Liton, 23, a trader, received bullet wounds in his leg when he and his friend Reaz went to the AGB colony.

Sources said that there was a long rivalry between two groups of youths of the two colonies — the other is the Bangladesh Bank colony. Liton of bank colony was wounded as he tried to resist a group of young men who reportedly tried to kidnap Reaz.

**EC prevents**

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tion was started and up to August 31, 1995, the final voter list will be published.

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The court, accepting a prayer from Deputy Attorney General Mahmudul Islam, adjourned the hearing for one day but directed that the EC must come up with positive statements on the points raised by the petitioner's lawyer.

There were eight fishermen on board the trawler. Of them, five fishermen were rescued by nearby fishing trawlers.

Missing fishermen are identified as Salim, 24, Sobhan, 28; and Alamgir, 32.

## Lawyers differ on authority

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remediless? By-elections to the seats could be held, he pointed out.

Justice Khan agreed, but noted that holding by-elections was a difficult task.

Justice Kamal also noted that by virtue of the interpretation that Opposition members were not absent, the absenting MPs would remain members, draw salaries and other benefits. "If you want us to say that walkout or boycott is not absence, then tomorrow another case may come saying that absence is not absence."

He pointed out that being representatives of the people the absentee MPs were fully conscious that by-elections would follow and that they would have to face the constituents and that is the remedy for the subversion.

"Is it contemplated in the Constitution or is it the democratic norm to seek the court's directive to ask the Opposition MPs to go back to Parliament? Can you develop democratic culture with court directives?" asked the Chief Justice. "No use wailing here, wait at yourselves."

Justice Kamal said that the court would take into consideration that the country has to be run through democratic process reflecting the will of the people and that the Constitution is not subverted.

Barrister Iftiqaq Ahmed in his hour-long submission pointed out several principles which are: 1) The court is not bound to report any opinion but has a discretion in the matter. There is no precedence that any reference was returned unan-

swered; 2) The court is bound by the facts stated in the reference and cannot go beyond these facts; 3) The expediency and nature, political or otherwise or the bonafide of the reference cannot be looked into by the court; 4) President's satisfaction as to whether the question of law has arisen, would be taken into account and the question of public importance cannot be looked into; 5) The opinion of the court is not binding on the President unless it is a "declared law" and 6) the opinion is not binding on the SC itself and they can depart from the opinion in another case which they may decide in future.

He also pointed out that the court would not return a reference except for good reason. If the question is broad, general and vague or the question is beyond the power of the court that will not be answered, he added.

The court will decline to answer abstract or hypothetical questions, he also said.

On walkout and boycott, Syed Iftiqaq Ahmed said it can be gathered from the reference that walkout continued after Magura by-election while the boycott started from the date of the demand for a caretaker government. The dates of the end of walkout and the beginning of boycott are not indicated in the reference.

On en masse resignation by opposition members, he said that the Speaker informed the House of his views on February 23, 1995 but the reference did not state the operative ruling of the Speaker on the question of resignation.

While making his submission, Barrister Iftiqaq Ahmed cited relevant references from UK and India. He is expected to resume his submission today.

## The Midnight File

### Bosnian army threaten to use UN troops as human shields in Zepa

SARAJEVO, July 18: Muslim defenders of the enclave of Zepa surrounded a Ukrainian peacekeeping base today and threatened to use the UN troops as human shields unless NATO air strikes were called in against attacking Serb forces, a UN spokesman said, reports Reuter.

Manwar Ali, Salimuddin and Ruposhi, drowned in flood water Monday in village Bagoldi in Charpukhkhimari union under the sadar thana.

Meanwhile, the Brahmaputra recorded further fall at all points yesterday. The Ganges marked rise by 19 cm at Pankha, 11 cm at Rajshahi and by 13 cm at Hardinge Bridge while it receded further by 5 cm both at Goalundo and Bhagiyakul but was flowing 32 and 62 cm above danger levels.

The Gorai marked rise by 11 cm at Gorain Railway Bridge. The Kumar recorded a slight rise at Faridpur. The Mahananda also rise by 13 cm at Chapainawabganj while the Punarbhaba and Karatoya marked fall at Dinajpur and Panchagarh respectively.

## Mostafiz

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contact group countries is learnt to have been convened in Rabat on the same day to review the situation in Bosnia, deteriorating at an alarming rate. Bangladesh is likely to attend the Rabat meeting as an observer.

Nearly 10 lakh people have been slaughtered, about 20 lakh evicted and hundreds of thousands missing in Bosnia-Herzegovina since the ethnic war began there in 1991-92.

**3 killed in road mishaps**

By Staff Correspondent

Three people were killed in separate road accidents in the city yesterday.

A school boy Jewel, 10, son of Ismail Hossain, was killed when a speeding truck ran over him near Demra thana yesterday morning.

A rickshawpuller, Sujon, who was fatally injured when a jeep hit his vehicle on UN road at Baridhara Monday night, succumbed at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) early yesterday.

Gulshan police seized the jeep.

A 60-year-old man Dulal Akand, who was injured in a road accident Monday night, died at the DMCH early yesterday. A speeding truck hit Akand near Shampur Bazar in Demra.

## Hill students

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President of PCP, Khagrachari unit, who was arrested on July 16 in connection with a case.

Police resorted to lathi charge and lobbed tear-gas shells to disperse the unruly mob who attacked the police with brick-bats and lethal weapons.

Police arrested seven PCP activists from the spots during the clash.

A tense situation is prevailing in Khagrachari town. A large number of police have been deployed there to prevent further violence.

## Biogas

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and technology development, he said Tk 60 crore was allocated in the current budget to carry out scientific research. The allocation was Tk 32 crore in 1994-95 fiscal year and Tk 18 crore in 1993-94.

The ministries of science and technology and foreign affairs have organised the seminar being participated by some 40 representatives from SAARC countries including host Bangladesh.

## Fresh brawls

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dental elections it stipulates that the government is to control the process by which independent candidates raise signatures to qualify to run for president.

Delayed by the scuffle the article did not pass on Monday and is due to be debated again today, a parliament spokesman said.

Opposition legislators say that independent candidates should have the right to collect signatures free from the government's supervision.

It was the second brawl in parliament in less than a week, marking a further setback for efforts to clean up a legislature which has drawn increasing domestic criticism.