

## 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 Reuters.

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 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 totalling 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."

Matthaeus has 122 caps and has played in four World Cups, captaining his country in the 1994 finals. He will miss the rest of Germany's current European Championship qualifying games.

He first played for Germany in 1980 and was the star of their 1990 World Cup triumph. But he will need to make a remarkable comeback to return to top form in time to regain his place for next year's European Championship finals in England.

Although many observers believe Matthaeus will struggle to reach top form again for Bayern, Keyl said he felt his playing career was not over.

"If I know Lothar Matthaeus, he will put all his efforts into returning. It does not have to mean the end," the doctor said. "The operation went well. He just needs patience."

Bayern coach Otto Rehagel said the club would be patient. The German season starts in mid-August.

"Lothar should not set himself any dates," Rehagel said. "He must get healthy. That is the most important thing. It is not important when."

## 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.

Enrollment in these universities now stands at 60,000, a substantial jump from 20,000 in 1971. Besides, 350,000 students are receiving higher education in about 700 degree colleges throughout the country under the National University.

The prime minister said the National University has taken all steps to raise the standard of education while the Open University is awarding diplomas and degrees to working and rural learners through formal, non-formal and distance education.

## Dist EC officers to stage 2-day sit-in in city

District election officers will stage sit-in demonstration here on Saturday and Sunday to protest what they called anomalies in the recruitment rules of the Election Commission, reports UNB.

Some 75 election officers are expected to take part in the sit-in in front of the Election Commission Secretariat, said a leader of the Bangladesh District Election Officers' Association yesterday.

The association in a press release alleged that junior officers at the Commission Secretariat were being promoted over the field level senior officers under the 'discriminatory' rules.

Although a committee headed by a Joint Secretary of the Commission recommended some amendments to the Election Commission (Officers and Employees) Recruitment Rules, the original discriminatory rules are still in force, it said.

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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.

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vast area of the country had been affected by the flood, but the government did not publicise it in other 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 detainee 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 detainee 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 Shalikhvili'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 their five Western captives was found, reports AP.

"We know the militants are holding the hostages somewhere here," said Lt Gen DD Saklani, pointing at the high hills that surround Pahalgam, a resort town 100 kilometers south of Srinagar. It was from that area that the tourists were kidnapped about two weeks ago by a Kashmiri separatist group.

"We can not conduct an ambush or a full-fledged military operation because that would put the hostages at great risk," Saklani said in an interview with The Associated Press.

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 wounds 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.

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3 missing as fishing trawler sinks  
From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, July 18: Three fishermen are missing after a fishing trawler FB Lehajuddin sank in the bay, some 45 kilometers from Patharghata of Borguna district this afternoon.

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Lawyers differ on authority

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remedies? 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 absenting 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 walling 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.

## Foodgrains on OMS from Aug

The government has decided to launch an extensive open market sale (OMS) programme from August to keep the prices of foodgrains under control during the post-flood period, reports BSS.

It was decided at a meeting of food planning and monitoring committee held with Food and Agriculture Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in the chair at the food ministry's conference room in the city yesterday, an official handout said.

It was decided to supply wheat at Taka 8.00 per kg to the tea labourers from December next. It was informed at the meeting that so far one lakh 16 thousand 756 tonnes of rice, 23 thousand, six hundred 10 tonnes of paddy and 31 thousand, three hundred 39 tonnes of wheat were collected.

## Another faculty at DU

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University has introduced a new faculty named the 'faculty of pharmacy' from the current academic session (1995-96).

The Department of Pharmacy which won earlier under the Faculty of Biological Science will now be under the new faculty. Prof Nurun Nahar Rahman has been appointed acting Dean of the faculty.

Meanwhile, the DU Syndicate has approved the syllabus for the three-year 'Bachelor of Education (honours) course'.

## Tragic!

GAIBANDHA, July 18: A young mother succumbed to a stroke on hearing the death news of her two babies in Gobindaganj thana today, reports UNB.

Litu, 6, and his sister Nasrin, 7, drowned in the flood water at village Balguni in the thana this morning, police said.

As the news of death of her two children at the same time reached her, Golapi Begum, 25, also collapsed instantly of heart failure, police said.

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He said the matter is now pending before the Appellate Division and there is a stay. A few days before the President's reference, the government prayed unsuccessfully for vacating the stay. Since the matter is now pending before the Court, the Court can take notice of it.

Barrister Ishiaq said the Court has no jurisdiction to render opinion on questions of fact. In this respect, Article 106 is different from Article 143 of the Indian Constitution. Under the Indian Constitution, questions of law and fact can both be entertained by the court.

He submitted that questions 1 and 2 of the President's reference relating to walkout, boycott and vacation of seats within the meaning of Article 67 (1) (b) cannot be answered because of factual gaps in the reference, and the Court is not competent to answer them.

If questions 1 and 2 cannot be answered, nor, in such circumstances, can the question 3 regarding counting of inter-session period for 90-day provision be answered as it becomes an abstract question.

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

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"At his death, the country lost a prominent parliamentarian and a renowned politician," Begum Zia said in the condolence message, recalling his contribution to the party and people of his constituency.

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Earlier, the Prime Minister visited the BNP central office at Naya Palatan where the body of Muraduzzaman was kept. She placed wreath on the coffin.

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## 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 Reuters.

## Flood situation

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supply of polluted water, the statement said.

The Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief yesterday sanctioned more 475 mt of wheat, 525 mt of rice, Tk 4.75 lakh in cash and 100 tons of biscuit for the flood-affected people in different districts.

Our Narayanganj Correspondent reports: Water level of the Shitalakhyia at Narayanganj remained unchanged yesterday, flowing 6 cm above the danger level, according to BIWTA sources.

According to the Narayanganj DC, 36 unions out of 47 in the district have been affected by the flood. Acute crisis of safe drinking water in prevailing in the affected areas as most of the tubewells there are under water.

Local people have organised 10 shelters where about 10,000 people have taken shelter. But there was no supply of government relief in these centres. In Fatulla area, Narayanganj District Muktiyodha Sangsad distributed 200 bags of rice, 100 bags of 'chira' and 50 bags of potato in the flood centres at Kashipur, Dharmaganj, Bartabali and Panchabati yesterday.

Our Sherpur correspondent reports: Three children, 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.

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## Floods claim 8 more in Assam

NEW DELHI, July 18:

Eight people were killed today in rampaging floods in the far-eastern Indian state of Assam, taking the toll in a fortnight to 37, the Press Trust of India reported, says AFP.

Six people died in the oil-rich state's Nalbari district and two others elsewhere although the flood waters started receding throughout Assam, the news agency said.

Assam's swollen rivers have inundated hundreds of villages with a combined population of nearly 3.6 million, destroyed 1,500 houses and vast areas of farmland, and breached road and rail links.

## Hasina

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ings there, the AL leader demanded adequate supply of relief materials and medical services to the flood victims. She also urged the social and voluntary organisations and the affluent section of the society to come in the aid of the affected people and instructed her party workers to serve the victims round the clock.

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Manwar Ali, Salimuddin and Ruposhi, drowned in flood water Monday in village Bagoldi in Charpauchkhimari 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 Bhaigayakul but was flowing 32 and 62 cm above danger levels.

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## Mostafiz

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## 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 Dulu 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, Khagrachhari 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 Khagrachhari 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 brawl

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