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NEWS BRIEFS
**AU Ahmed joins
 BNP today**
 A U Ahmed, former treasurer of the Gano Forum, yesterday announced his decision to join the BNP expressing confidence in the politics of production and development of the present government. He will formally join BNP today, according to a press release, reports BSS.

**Bangladeshi troops
 in Bihaq safe**
 All members of the Bangladesh battalion and Bangladeshi military observers in the UN peacekeeping force at the Bihaq enclave in Bosnia are safe and they are in good spirit, according to the latest report received here yesterday, ISPR said. Bangladesh Army Headquarters is maintaining constant communication with the battalion commander in Bihaq, reports BSS.

**ROK parliamentary
 team in city**
 A five-member parliamentary delegation from South Korea arrived in the city yesterday on a three-day visit. Whip Mohammad Abdul Karim received the delegation at Zia International Airport. Senior officials and Korean Ambassador in Bangladesh Jong Kyon Byun were also present, reports UNB.

**Border trade with
 Yangon from Sept 1**
 COX'S BAZAR, Aug 7: Bangladesh-Myanmar border trade will begin on September 1, official said here today. Information and Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam and his Myanmar counterpart Lt General Thue Key, will meet at Teknaf to formally launch the crossborder trade, reports UNB.

**Erosion leaves
 2500 homeless**
 SIRAJGANJ, Aug 7: About 2,500 people in five thanas of the district were rendered homeless by the continuous erosion of the river Jamuna during the last 24 hours, reports UNB.

Tigers may declare separate state today 22 killed as bomb goes off in Colombo

COLOMBO, Aug 7: An apparent Tamil suicide bomber set off an explosion at a government building today, killing at least 22 people, police said, reports AP.

At least 50 people were reported injured, as a stream of cars and ambulances evacuated victims from the area.

Police arrested a Tamil youth, N Easwaran, who was hospitalised with injuries. He is suspected of being involved in the blast.

The suspected bomber was seen pushing a hand cart by military guards outside the building of state-run radio and television network, Rupavahini.

Moments later, the bomb went off at the adjacent office building of the chief minister of the western province, the regional government for the Colombo area, police said.

Susil Premajayantha, the chief minister, was in his office and escaped unhurt.

"All indications are that it was an LTTE attack," said a police commander, referring to the Liberation Tigers for Tamil Eelam, the main guerilla force fighting for Tamil independence.

"We presume that the bomb was meant for Rupavahini but went off prematurely," the officer, H M G B Kotakadeniya, deputy inspector of police, told the Associated Press.

The suspected bomber was a man in his mid-20s, said Kotakadeniya.

Eighteen bodies were picked up from the reception area in the building. Two bodies, including that of suspected bomber, were found outside.

On Mondays, the chief minister opens his door to the public without appointment. Most of those killed were waiting to see him, police said.

Reuters adds: Tamil Tigers fighting for a homeland in the north and east of Sri Lanka.

Directive to gear up post-flood rehabilitation

A high-level meeting of the government yesterday directed all concerned to gear up the post-flood rehabilitation activities to help the affected people recoup their losses, reports UNB.

Held at the International Conference Centre (ICC) with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair last night, the meeting reviewed the overall rehabilitation programmes and expressed its satisfaction over the performance of the agricultural sector.

The meeting was informed that the authorities had already supplied seedlings to the affected farmers who have also planted the aman paddy.

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These two extortionists, collecting tolls openly from a small trader in a rickshaw, were taken aback when this photograph was taken in Waizghat area yesterday. — Star photo

9 killed, 90 hurt in 3 road accidents

By Staff Correspondent

At least nine people were killed and 90 injured in separate road accidents in different parts of the country yesterday.

Our Cox's Bazar Correspondent says, four persons were killed and 40 injured in two road accidents in the district. Three persons were killed and 35 injured when a bus fell into a road-side ditch near Mirinja hill on Lama-Alkadam road, Nazir Ahmed, 70, Gulmeher Gogum, 68 and an unidentified 12-year boy died on the spot. Of the injured, 15 were admitted to Dulahajara Christian Hospital, while three others were sent to Chokoria Hospital.

One Rupesh Dhar, 32, was killed and five others were injured when a jeep turned upside-down at Islamnagar on Arakan Road in Chokoria.

UNB adds from Gaibandha: A truck crashed into a nightcoach on the Dhaka-Dinajpur highway in the early hours of yesterday killing at least five people, including the drivers of both the vehicles.

Most of the more than 50 passengers of the Nilphamari-bound coach of 'SA Paribahan', running from Dhaka were injured in the violent collision, police said.

Condition of 10 of the injured was stated to be critical. Ten of the injured were sent to Rangpur Medical College Hospital, two to Bogra Mohammad Ali Hospital and five were admitted to Gabindaganj thana hospital.

Police said the nightcoach collided head-on with the stone-loaded truck at Bakchoka village in Gabindaganj thana near the spot.

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Briefcase with Tk 4 lakh lifted from bank

A briefcase containing Tk four lakh was stolen in broad daylight from the local office of the United Commercial Bank at the city's Motijheel Commercial Area yesterday.

Azfar Inteha Chowdhury, Managing Director of ABM Fashion, a garments factory at Rampura, went to the bank to withdraw money for payment of salary to workers of his factory.

"I kept the briefcase beside a table while I was having business talks with a bank official. But a minute later, to my utter surprise, the briefcase vanished," Chowdhury told UNB.

He immediately raised an alarm and with the help of the bank employees launched a frantic search for the briefcase. But it could not be traced.

However, after a search for about an hour and a half, a plastic bag containing Chowdhury's business papers and bank cheque book was found on the staircase of the first floor of the bank.

A case was registered with Motijheel police.

Last week, police nabbed one of the briefcase lifters from a hotel room in the old town and recovered a briefcase and Tk one lakh from his possession.

Dhaka Board SSC exams results today

Results of the SSC examinations of 1995 under the Dhaka Education Board will be published today from the respective examination centres simultaneously, reports BSS.

The headmasters or headmistresses of all schools can collect the results of their schools from the 'centre secretary' of their respective centres after the publication of the results, an official handout said.

The examinees have been advised to collect their results.

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Parliament still legal, effective, says Rafiq

Star Report

BNP Standing Committee member Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia has dismissed Awami League's contention that the present Parliament has become 'illegal' after the vacation of 142 seats belonging to the Opposition.

Giving his reaction to the Daily Star on AL's resolution adopted at its central working committee meeting Sunday, Barrister Rafique said, "since the Opposition failed to perform the constitutional obligation by disregarding the public mandate and not going to Parliament, they are accountable to people for that."

Barrister Rafique, who is also Minister for Housing and Works, claimed that the BNP had majority in the House and was running the government constitutionally. "In a parliamentary system, the majority party will rule — the minority party can never dictate terms and conditions to the ruling party."

The AL, in its resolution, claimed that the Parliament became 'constitutionally ineffective' following the vacation of 142 seats and it was not capable of exercising its constitutional right to amend the Constitution and impeach the President.

Refuting the claim, Rafique said that two-third majority in the Parliament was required only for amendment to the Constitution and for impeachment of the President. "However, if the Parliament loses that two-third majority, by the voluntary act of the Opposition MPs, then the provision of Article 123 (4) will be applicable."

Article 123 (4) of the Constitution states that if the Parliament loses its majority, it shall stand dissolved and fresh elections shall be held.

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Extortionists collect tolls openly

By Staff Correspondent

A gang of extortionists are openly collecting tolls from small traders at Waizghat area in the old part of the city.

The extortionists mainly target the small traders carrying their goods in rickshaws or rickshaw vans after the purchase from the nearby wholesale markets.

The 'toll collectors' stop every rickshaw or van carrying various merchandise and force the traders to pay a 'tax'.

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Launch hits boat in Barisal: Two drown

By Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 7: Two passengers are feared drowned when a Dhaka-bound double decker launch MV Sagar-7, hit a boat at the Barisal launch ghat this evening.

According to witnesses, the boat capsized and sank in the river with seven passengers on board.

Five of them were later rescued by local people but two passengers remained untraced till the filing of this report.

Students gherao VC to reopen Rajshahi Varsity

By Staff Correspondent

RAJSHAH, Aug 7: More than two hundred students of Rajshahi University today gheraoed Vice Chancellor Prof M Yusuf Ali at his office and gave him a seven-day ultimatum to re-open the university.

In a memorandum submitted to the VC, the students also warned that they would launch a vigorous movement if the university is not re-opened by August 14.

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Manzur murder case records sent to Dhaka

By Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 7: All relevant records on Manzur murder case were sent to Dhaka Sessions Division from Chittagong District and Sessions Judge's court today, court sources said.

Chittagong District and Sessions Judge Iftekhar Rasool today issued an order for sending the case records following a decision of the Ministry of Law for shifting the case to Dhaka Sessions Division, the sources added.

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Jute, textile workers' strike from Sept 17

Jute and textile workers yesterday announced a 96-hour industrial strike along with road-rail blockade in September to press for their long-standing demands, reports UNB.

Addressing a press conference in the city, labour leader Abul Bashar said workers of both public and private jute and textile mills would enforce the country-wide programme beginning September 17.

The strike and blockade programme was endorsed Sunday at a joint convention of Patkal Sramik-Karmachari Sangram Parishad, Bangladesh Suta-Bastrakal Sramik-Karmachari Federation, Bastra Sramik League and Private Sector Jute Mills CBA Coordination Committee.

Demands of the workers include implementation of the Minimum Wage Award in private sector jute and textile mills, 30 per cent dearness allowance, regular payment and scrapping the tenders called for selling jute and textile mills and accord with the World Bank.

They are also demanding compensation for the workers killed and injured during their earlier agitation programme, release of the arrested labourers and reinstatement.

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Rayerbazar incident 3 more including main accused rounded up

By Staff Correspondent

Detective police yesterday arrested three more young men including the main accused Jahangir for allegedly attacking the Rayerbazar police outpost on Thursday. Four policemen were injured in the attack.

The total number of arrests made so far in this connection has now risen to six.

A special team by the A C Akhtaruzzaman arrested Jahangir and his two accomplices — Md Altaf, 20, and Alamgir, 25 from Basila area under Mohammadpur police station at about 6:30 pm.

The police were interrogating them till late last night, sources said.

Saidul Huq alias Alamgir, 25, was arrested on Thursday.

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BCL leader shot on DU campus

By DU Correspondent

A Chhatra League leader was injured with bullet, fired allegedly by activists of a rival faction in the organisation, on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.

Campus sources said some armed youths, allegedly belonging to 'Gopalganj group', shot the leader.

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Street urchins on rampage in N'ganj

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 7: A group of street urchins stunned shopowners in the DIT market in the town yesterday by blasting cocktails and ransacking a shop.

According to witnesses, some eight to nine street urchins armed with cocktails and sharp weapons attacked some shops all of a sudden at around 12:30 pm. The children, aged between eight to 12, damaged a show case of a cloth store and blasted four cocktails.

Shopowners at first pulled down shutters within minutes of the cocktail blasts.

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ON A CANAL NEAR LOHAJANG: Swelling flood water encouraged large production of small boats each costing up to Tk 3,000. By the time these arrived in the market, the water level in the area had registered a substantial fall.

Fresh fighting as Serbs violate truce Bosnian troops crush rebel forces in Velika Kladusa

ZAGREB, Aug 7: Bosnian government troops have crushed resistance by rebel Muslim forces in the north of the Bihaq enclave, ending their long revolt against the Sarajevo government, UN officials said today.

A UN official in the northwestern territory told Reuters by telephone the Bosnian government's 5th corps troops arrived in the rebel Muslim stronghold of Velika Kladusa, north of Bihaq town, around 2:30 pm (12:030 GMT) and fighting in the area died down.

The fall of Velika Kladusa ended one of the strangest sideshows in the ex-Yugoslavia wars, a Muslim revolt against the mainly Muslim Bosnian government, led by business tycoon Fikret Abdic, once a rival for Alija Izetbegovic's job as president.

Meanwhile, fighting resumed in Croatia today trapping thousands of fleeing civilians between frontlines, after the Croats accused the Serbs of breaking a UN-brokered accord for the withdrawal of Serb soldiers.

Croatia accused the Serb separatists of attempting to take hundreds of heavy weapons into neighbouring Bosnia, in contravention of the accord agreed just hours earlier.

Russia reacted immediately to the reports of renewed fighting in the Krajina, calling for sanctions against Croatia.

Earlier, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, launching a personal initiative to halt the

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Women's bodies protest nature of FP programme

GAZIPUR, Aug 7: Discussants at a national conference here today strongly protested the nature of current health and family planning programmes, reports UNB.

They observed that these programmes focus only on married women as clients of contraceptives and women are burdened with the sole responsibility of contraception.

On the second day of the three-day conference on women issues at the auditorium of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) at Joydevpur, the plenary session was chaired by Suraiya Haque of Phulki, a voluntary organisation.

Organised by Naripaksha, a Dhaka-based women's organisation, the conference is

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