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**India ready to face any
consequence over CTBT**

NEW DELHI, July 1: India is prepared to face whatever consequences arise from its refusal to sign a proposed global treaty outlawing nuclear test blasts. Foreign Minister Inder Kumar Gujral said today, reports Reuters.

"We will face whatever comes," the United News of India quoted Gujral as saying when asked whether New Delhi's refusal could trigger isolation and sanctions.

Gujral said India's space and atomic energy programmes would not suffer because they were driven by indigenous re-

search and technology.

The Foreign Minister stressed India would not compromise on national security interests by signing the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), which New Delhi regards as a flawed and discriminatory nuclear arms control measure.

Last month India said it would not sign the CTBT because it would allow the declared nuclear powers to refine their arsenals through scientific experiments while effectively barring non-nuclear nations from developing nuclear weapons.

India, which exploded a nuclear device in 1974, says it has no nuclear weapons programme.

Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda's new government reaffirmed New Delhi's commitment to retaining the option to arm itself until universal disarmament was achieved.

Wedged between nuclear power China and Pakistan, which experts believe has the capability to build nuclear weapons, India says it does not plan to hold another test.

Last week delegates to the conference on disarmament in Geneva failed to wrap up a test ban treaty by Friday's deadline. Instead they were handed a final draft and given a month to sort out differences.

Asked what India's strategy would be when talks resumed in July, Gujral was quoted as saying: "We will see what positions nations adopt when they reassemble and what type of situation emerges."

**Pakistan to help
secure release
of hostages**

ISLAMABAD, July 1: Pakistan said today it would provide full cooperation to secure the release of four western nationals abducted last year by a separatist group in the Indian held part of Kashmir, officials said, reports AFP.

Pakistan fully shares the anguish and anxiety of the family members of the hostages, Foreign Minister Asif Ali Zardari told a four-member German parliamentary delegation.

The German MPs arrived here to seek Islamabad's assistance. An American Donald Hutchings, two Britons Paul Wells and Keith Mangan and a German Dirk Hasert, were abducted in July last year by the Al-Fran group of Kashmiri separatists.

Moudud joins BNP

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Awami League.

Moudud's return to the BNP was announced at a simple ceremony held at the BNP's Kakrail office in the city yesterday afternoon, attended by BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia and other central leaders. Seated beside Begum Zia, Moudud read out a statement announcing his comeback to the party. "It seems to me that I've returned to my own home," he said. Earlier he was welcomed by BNP leaders and workers at the Kakrail office.

Moudud lost the June 12 parliamentary elections to BNP candidate in Noakhali-1 Jomil Abedin Faruk and to AL candidate Obaidul Kader in Noakhali-5. He is now expected to contest the by-election in Laximpur-2 constituency which Begum Zia is likely to vacate, party sources said.

"It's a matter of decision by the party," Moudud told a questioner when asked if he would contest the by-election with BNP ticket from any of the seats Begum Zia would vacate.

Asked to comment on Jatiya Party, Moudud said, "I prefer not to comment on the party I've left."

Most of the central leaders of the BNP including Prof. AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury,

Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar, Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia, Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Barrister Nazmul Huda, M Shamsul Islam, Tariqul Islam, Abdullah Al Noman, KM Obaidul Rahman, Mir Shawqat Ali, A M Zahiruddin Khan, Hris Chowdhury and Salahuddin Kader Chowdhury were present on the occasion. However, the newly-appointed secretary general of the party Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan was absent.

Moudud said he had relations with the BNP for a long time. "My contributions to the founding of the BNP on the basis of Bangladeshi nationalism under the leadership of late President Ziaur Rahman is known to all."

"The BNP is passing through a critical period. I've joined a party in the opposition to stand by you. And I hope my return would help consolidate the party."

Moudud expressed his firm belief that the BNP leadership would succeed in strengthening the nationalist forces.

Commenting on Moudud's comeback to her party, Begum Zia told newsmen that it was part of the process of the nationalist forces coming under the umbrella of BNP responding to her call. "Moudud's joining will strengthen the BNP," she said.

Floods: Khagrachhari

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Tk 32 lakh on the river Chengi in Swanirbarh area in the town, was washed away by the onrush.

Besides, the sluice-gate, constructed at a cost of over Tk 72 lakh, over Khagrachhari canal was under threat as breaches developed into its wall due to heavy pressure of water.

Official sources told BSS, three unions — Kullagara, Gaokandi and Birichi — under Durgapur thana of Netrokona were inundated.

Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) of Durgapur told the agency that flash flood caused extensive damage to standing crops and other property in the affected areas.

He said crops on about 500 acres of land and more than 500 kucha houses were damaged due to floods in three unions of the thana.

Besides, he said, road communications between the Netrokona district headquarters and Durgapur thana were snapped as a portion of Durgapur-Netrokona road was damaged by the onrush of water at Suknamuri point.

According to Water Development Board, the water level of Jamuna rose by 27 cm in last 24 hours till yesterday noon, submerging some 3,000 acres of land in 25 unions of Kaziapur, Sadar, Shahjadpur and Chauhan thanas under Sirajganj district.

Meanwhile, Sirajganj Launch Ghat has been shifted as the river erosion intensified due to the flash flood.

Our Jamalpur Correspondent adds: The overall flood situation in the district has de-

teriorated. More than 12 unions out of 67 unions have now been flooded. The mostly affected unions are Battajur, Dhanuakamalpur, Parrampur, Chinaduli, Kulkandi and Noapara. Crops over 1000 acres of land has gone under flood water.

Road communication between Jamalpur and Sarishabarh snapped as the division road near the Kendua bridge collapsed yesterday.

Ferry communication between Jamalpur and Sherpur also disrupted yesterday due to rise of water level in the Brahmaputra.

Meanwhile, flood situation remained unchanged in the bordering Bakshiganj thana.

Meanwhile, almost all rivers in the four basins of the county continued to rise, some of them sharply, amidst an active monsoon that caused floods in many areas.

According to a bulletin of the Flood Information Centre, none of the rivers, however, crossed danger level till 6 am yesterday although a number of them flowed almost touching the red mark.

The rain-fed Teesta at Dalia, Brahmaputra at Bahadurabad and Aricha, Ganges at Goalando and Bhagyakul, Haida at Narayan Hat, Matamuhuri at Chiringa rose near to their danger levels.

Water level of 37 rivers in Brahmaputra, Ganges, Meghna and South Eastern Hill Basins marked rise while nine rivers registered fall during the last 24 hours.

Of the swelling rivers, Sangu at Bandarban, Matamuhuri at Lama and Chiringa, and Feni at Ramgarh marked sharp rise during the period.



Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina interviewing party nomination seekers for 30 reserved seats for women in the Jatiya Sangsad at the party's Dhanmondi office yesterday.

AL interviews

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the galaxy.

Also among the aspirants are Prof Panna Kaiser, social worker and widow of Shaheed Shahidullah Kaiser, Razia Matin Chowdhury, wife of former Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Late Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Mrs Jamil, wife of Shaheed Brig Shaikat Jamil, Lily Islam, wife of noted architect Mazharul Islam, Anima Chowdhury, wife of ex MP late Shankar Gobinda Chowdhury, and Bela Nabi.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina did not keep any official programme yesterday, in order to select her party nominees for the indirect elections.

The interview session began at 9 in the morning and continued in the evening.

Hundreds of people along with their candidates, braving drizzle, waited hours together to reach the interview board.

Nominations of the woman MP candidates will have to be submitted to the returning officer tomorrow and scrutiny of nomination papers will take place the same day. Last date for withdrawal of candidature is July 4.

Polling will take place on July 7 from 8 am to 4 pm without break in the conference room of the Election Commission secretariat. Newly elected members of parliament will vote for electing the 30 lady MPs.

**US rejects Iraq's food
distribution plan**

UNITED NATIONS, July 1: Iraq's resumption of oil exports to buy food and medicine for its people hit a major snag today when the United States said it opposes Baghdad's plan for distributing goods bought with the profits, reports AP.

Iraq accepted a UN offer in May that would allow it to export 2 billion dollars worth of oil to buy humanitarian goods to alleviate the effects of six years of UN sanctions imposed after the 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

But before the oil can flow, the United Nations must approve an Iraqi distribution plan and draw up a separate list of procedures governing exports.

Last week, Iraq submitted a 700-page distribution plan.

On Monday, however, US spokesman James Rubin said the United States finds the Iraqi distribution plan 'unacceptable because it contains several provisions that make it clear Iraq is not serious at this point as far as implementing' the oil deal.

He accused the Iraqis of 'trying to backtrack' on provisions of the May agreement and to trying to turn this humanitarian exception into a partial lifting of sanctions.

UN diplomats said the Iraqis wanted to import computers, oil-drilling equipment, telecommunications, spare parts and other supplies not specifically authorised in the agreement.

In addition, the Iraqis wanted food and medicine earmarked for dissenting Kurds in the north to funnel

**Shahabuddin wins
Tk 25 lakh HF
lottery prize**

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET.

July 1: Shahabuddin, 30, of village Dharradharpur in Sylhet sadar has won the Tk 25 lakh first prize in the Heart Foundation lottery.

Mr Shahabuddin in a letter to the Deputy Commissioner, Sylhet today said, he had won the first prize. He also deposited the lottery ticket (Uma-0409016) with the DC and requested him to inform the Heart Foundation authorities.

Shahabuddin son of Haji Naimullah was in Kuwait for about 7 years and returned to the country during the Gulf War. Owner of several rickshaws, he runs a small business near his village home.

While talking to this correspondent, he said, he hopes to start a new business with the prize money.

**Form task force
to ensure smooth
ferry services at
Aricha: Rab**

Shipping Minister ASM Abdul Rab yesterday advised the authorities to form a task force for ensuring smooth ferry services at Aricha ghat in the current rainy season, reports UNB.

The minister gave the advice while addressing the officials and employees of the Shipping Ministry at Bangladesh Secretariat.

He also instructed the officials to properly examine the fitness of motor-launches to avoid marine accidents.

Rab said the officials and employees of the republic have to be loyal to the people and the state by rising above any partisan interest and have to work as the servants of the people to fulfil their hopes and aspirations.

He also underscored the need for ensuring participation of all concerned in establishing a pro-people administration in the country.

The Shipping Minister said short-term plans would have to be taken soon alongside long-term ones to give a boost to the shipping sector.

The present government of national consensus aspires to materialise the ideals of great liberation war, Rab said.

He called upon them to work unitedly with a common goal of economic uplift of the country.

Earlier, the Shipping Minister was accorded a grand reception by a large number of employees of the secretariat.

**Merrill calls
on Kibria**

US Ambassador in Bangladesh David N Merrill called on Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting, they discussed the matters of mutual interests, said an official handout.

It said incentives to the agriculture sector, financing the rural loan activities in Bangladesh, reformation and privatisation of the public sectors, including energy, came up in the meeting for discussion.

The Finance Minister said that the government would give subsidy to the country's largest sector for development of agriculture and the sectors where the farmers would be benefited.

Kibria underscored the need for extending all possible cooperation to the private sector and creating a congenial atmosphere to increase foreign investment in the country.

**LDF for trial of
'corrupt' ministers**

By Staff Correspondent

The Left Democratic Front (LDF) yesterday said it was waiting to see whether the new government was sincere about trying the criminals and corrupt ministers, businessmen and bureaucrats.

At a central executive council meeting of the Front in the city, its leaders observed that like Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia had promised to uproot terrorism and corruption. But in reality corruption and terrorism increased in the last five years, they said.

The left leaders pointed out that corrupt people should not be exempted from punishment, no matters whether they had helped in forming a government of national consensus or they were elected by the people.

Presided over by Convener Dilip Barua, the Front leaders said, there was an attempt on the life of Rashed Khan Menon during the BNP rule but the criminals went unpunished. Similarly, no actions were taken in connection with other political murders.

Pirates

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Items worth Tk 3 lakh.

Some 10 to 12 fishermen jumped into the river. They were rescued later by other fishermen.

The deceased fisherman has been identified as Kamal Kazi, 35. The seriously injured — Sattar Howlader, 25, and Rab Bayati, 36 — were admitted to the Tajmuddin Thana Health Complex.

BNP rules out

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In the 12 polls.

Asked when would she take oath as a member of the new parliament, she said, "very soon."

Begum Zia was elected from five seats and she did not take oath yet as she could not decide which of the five seats she would retain.

Except Begum Zia, all the MPs had taken oath.

BNP sources said yesterday that she had now decided to retain the Feni-1 seat. The oath-taking might take place in a day or two, they added.

The Midnight File

**Hundreds of paper mills
ordered shut in China**

BEIJING, July 1: Hundreds of paper mills situated along the Huaihe river in east China were ordered shut by the state bureau of environmental protection, the official Xinhua news agency said today. As many as 999 mills with annual production capacity of under 5,000 tonnes are to be covered by the order aimed at curbing pollution in the Huaihe river, Xinhua said, reports AFP.

**CMC clash: Case against
Noman, 21 others**

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, July 1: A case has been filed with Panchalash thana accusing 22 persons including former minister Abdullah Al-Noman of launching attacks at the Chittagong Medical College Hostel.

A leader of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Abul Hasanatul Mozammelak Rezaul received severe bullet wounds in the attacks, police said.

His father filed the case.

According to hospital sources the condition of Rezaul was improving.

Rezaul received bullet wounds during a clash between the supporters of the JCD and the BCL over the occupation of hostel seats.

Police arrested two persons in this connection.

UNB adds: The district units of Chhatra League, the student wing of ruling Awami League, and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal today blamed each other for Sunday's gunbattle.

Addressing a press conference at the local press club ZM Mahfuzur Rahman, acting general secretary of Chittagong district unit of BCL, demanded immediate arrest of JCD terrorists and expulsion of its activists Biplob, Mahbob, Azmir and Maksud from the college.

He also called for immediate police raid on the Medical College and its Staff Quarters and the city BNP office to recover illegal firearms.

Witnesses said some 15 homemade bombs were exploded outside the Press Club during the BCL press conference at about 6 pm.

In another press conference at the BNP office at about 7 pm, JCD leaders blamed the activists of BCL for Sunday's incident at the college and demanded arrest of the BCL 'stormtroopers.'

JCD leaders condemned the BCL men for launching attack on the college hostel over any provocation, leaving many of their supporters injured.

They also demanded immediate reopening of the medical college and expulsion of BCL 'terrorists' from the college.

Another Shibir bid

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When the news spread on the campus, around 2000 male and female students came out of their dormitories and gathered at the Kamaluddin Hall.

A clash ensued. The ICS activists fired at least 125 shots and exploded about 200 hand bombs.

At one stage, police intervened and conducted a 'risky' operation at the Kamaluddin Hall, firing teargas shells and rubber bullets.

On November 9, last year 37 ICS activists were arrested with arms following their failed bid to capture the hall. They were released from jail on bail a few months back and the same persons were arrested yesterday.

The general students, under the banner of the All-Party Student Unity (APSU) also brought out a procession on the campus.

Police also lobbed several teargas shells to disperse the general students when they demonstrated and demanded hand over of the arrested ICS activists to them while police was taking them to police vans.

The APSU demanded exemplary punishment of the Shibir activists, both JU students and outsiders, who tried to capture a hall twice within eight months.

They demanded of the university authorities to take punitive action against the Shibir workers who are students of the full-fledged residential university.

They also declared six pro-Jamaat teachers of the university persona non grata on the campus. They are Mir Akramuzzaman and Azharul Islam of Physics, Abdullahul BAKEE of Zoology, Kawsar Hossain of English and Mahfuzur Rahman of Botany.

The VC later talking to the students condemned the terrorist activities on the campus and assured the students of effective measures against the terrorists.

The JU Syndicate and the Disciplinary Board held emergency meetings and condemned the terrorist activities on the campus. After reviewing the situation, both the bodies decided to take disciplinary action immediately against the terrorists as per the university rules. Police have been deployed on the campus.

No class and examination were held and university transport service remained suspended.

DU hall

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With this, police recovered six illegal firearms and 21 bullets from different parts of the city in last 24 hours till 8 am yesterday. These include one pistol, one revolver and two pipe guns.

Some 189 people were arrested on various charges from different parts of the city during the period.

WB: Corruption

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Reforming these institutions includes reshaping entire professions, like banking and accounting, as well as major organisations, it says and suggests to develop ways to replace rule by powerful individual or institutions with a rule of law that can inspire public trust and respect.

Laws are being drafted, but enforcement lags behind. Governments also need to be credible, law-abiding entities, the report says, adding that the government's credibility is closely linked with long-term economic growth.

It points out that countries with well-developed financial systems grow faster and more consistently than those with weaker systems and are more able to adjust to economic shocks.

But efforts to reform the financial system cannot proceed without fundamental structural reforms, especially macroeconomic stabilisation, enterprise sector reform and the development of supporting legal institutions.

Emphasising that the government should play a leading role for the successful transition, the report says that the state must be reassembled and reinvented for transition to succeed.

Governments must recognise themselves to focus on doing fewer things as well as strengthen tax policy and administration. Some are still very large relative to those in market economies at similar income levels, it says.

**Erosion makes 100
families homeless
in Lalmonirhat**

LALMONIRHAT, July 1: Some one hundred families became homeless in Sadar thana of the district following erosion of Teesta river, reports UNB.

The erosion grabbed about 500 feet areas in 12 hours till 6 pm today affecting the families in six villages of three unions, Khuniagachh village was the worst affected, local people said.

Erosion was till continuing in Rajpur, Tajpur and Gokulla unions of Sadar thana.

Of the affected families, 40 were given shelter at Juangdara High School. Others were living under the open sky.

The century-old Khuniagachh Eidgah was totally devoured by the river this afternoon. Later, the Khuniagachh union parishad office also went into the river.

**Thunderbolt kills
2 farmers**

BARISAL, July 1: Two farmers were killed by a thunderbolt here at Shrirampur village under Guarekha union of Pirojpur district at noon on Sunday. The thunderbolt struck the two farmers Hashem Ali, 62, and Yakub, 38, while they were working in the corn field, reports BSS.



Palestinian women holding pictures of their imprisoned relatives shout slogans demanding a right to visit them in Israeli prisons in Ramallah City, West Bank yesterday.

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