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Govt to remove disparity from society: Hasina

KHULNA, Aug 1: Awami League President Sheikh Hasina today said her government would remove discrimination from society to ensure equal opportunity for all and balanced development in every sphere, reports UNB.

Addressing two electioneering meetings at Batiaghata and Dakope thanas of the district, she said: "We'll try to end discrimination to allow the people to enjoy equal rights and privileges."

Equal distribution of national resources will be maintained to ensure balanced development. Partisan attitude will not be followed, she added.

Hasina, the Prime Minister, flew in here in the morning and went to the meeting venues by private car folding the National and Prime Minister's flags.

During her electioneering trip she used the party flag and covered the Khulna-1 constituency (Batiaghata-Dakope) from where she was elected in the June 12 election.

Addressing the meetings, she thanked the people for electing her from the constituency. "You have elected me, so I have got the opportunity to serve the people by forming government," Hasina told the crowds.

"For the constitutional cause I had to vacate the seat, but I'll remain always with you. I'll work for you, for the development of the region," she assured.

The Awami League chief said it was not possible for the present government to heal the wounds created by 21-year "misrule and corruption" overnight. "We need time, united effort and cooperation from all."

She said her party does not want a one-party rule and that is why it had introduced the government of national consensus. But the BNP has rejected the concept.

"We have elected a neutral person as president of the country and the progress will

be accelerated by the government of the national consensus," said Hasina.

"Remarking in the chair of the Prime Minister will be meaningless if I cannot change the condition of the common people, cannot ensure economic freedom for them."

Reiterating her election pledge for eradicating illiteracy from society within ten years, Hasina said education would free the country from poverty. "It will not be possible to remove poverty without eradicating illiteracy."

She also mentioned her pledges to ensure healthcare, rural electrification and removal of corruption and terrorism from society.

'MPs should use seat belts in JS'

By Reaz Ahmad

A young BNP deputy yesterday proposed the use of seat belts during the Jatiya Sangad sessions as passengers of an aircraft.

Nazimuddin Alam noted that the way very often the discussion gets derailed from the main issue and hoped that yesterday's scheduled discussion on the supplementary budget would not end up in a crash landing.

Dipanker Talukder, a Treasury bench MP from Rangamati, described his district as "Switzerland of the East" and invited all lawmakers to visit the picturesque hilly region of the country. He offered the invitation while making an urge to the minister concerned to develop a tourist spot in Rangamati.

Many members appreciated BNP lawmaker Nazimuddin Khan's concern over the mosquito menace in the city as the MP gave a historic background of mosquito-prone Dhaka city.

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Memo to PM Take steps to find Kalpana Chakma

By Staff Correspondent

Chittagong Hill Tracts National Coordination and Peace Council (CHTNCPC) yesterday handed over a 10-point memorandum to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament for restoration of permanent peace in the hill tracts.

It urged the government to bring back Chakma refugees from Tripura, India and initiate a realistic peace talks with the Shantibahini by forming a committee in which the CHTNCPC should be included.

The memorandum urged the Prime Minister to take steps to find out Kalpana Chakma who has been missing since June 11 as well as 35 other tribal and non-tribal women kidnapped by Shantibahini from the hill tracts recently.

The CHTNCPC held a seminar at the Jatiya Press Club and brought out a "peace procession" before handing over the memorandum.

Buddhist Welfare Trust recast

The government has reconstituted the 7-member board of trustees of the Buddhist Religious Welfare Trust for next three years with effect from yesterday, reports UNB.

State Minister for Religious Affairs Moulana Nurul Islam has been made chairman of the trustees as ex-officio while Rakhil Chandra Barua, President of Bangladesh Bouddha Samitee and World Fellowship of Buddhist Bangladesh Regional Centre as Vice-Chairman.

WASA staff

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Hossain, to immediately settle the matter through discussion with the officers and the employees.

Accordingly, the State Minister discussed the matter several times with the leaders of liaison council of the officers and employees and finally decided to provide pension facilities to them.

Backlog

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printing. People can buy the copies for their reference, the official said.

"The reporting Section has sent the proceedings upto July 23 this year to the Editing Section. But piles of these public documents are left untouched," he said.

When contacted, officials of the Printing Department of the Parliament Secretariat refused to give any information about the matter. "An official order forbids us to provide any information to the press," one official said.

Parliamentary Secretary Abul Hashem when asked said, "It is not really the time to discuss such a thing."

It was reported in November, 1995 that the department could not print the parliamentary proceedings due to lack of equipment and manpower. A top official had then said that a project was underway to print the backlog. It could not be ascertained whether the project ever got a start.

As per law, printed copies of the parliamentary proceedings must be available to the people for reference and the responsibility is vested with the Parliament Secretariat, sources concerned said.

Sales agents

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UTA in London, Asha Travels in London, Neel Akash in London, Sylhet Travels in Manchester, TWTT in Geneva, Fly Worlds in Karachi, Walice Travels in Germany and Padma Enterprises in Germany.

Food target

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were identified as environmental polluters in 1994 and 1995 following a survey of the environment department and was asked to submit their plan to check pollution in the units within 30 days. But only 196 units respond while the government has served showcause notices to the rest demanding answer as to why legal action would not be taken against them.

Begum Chowdhury said before serving the notices, open discussions were held between the owners of the units, local elite and business community leaders and these were aimed at making all aware of the impact of pollution and the legal provisions in this regard.

Begum Chowdhury said the action plans to check pollution were sought from the units as per decision of a meeting of the national environment committee in 1994 chaired by the then environment and forest minister in the chair.

She informed the house that the meeting also decided to allow three more years to the units to check pollution. Accordingly, the concerned department served another notice to the units, seeking their action plan but the response was little.

The Midnight File

US presses China, India to okay proposed N-test treaty

GENEVA, Aug 1: The United States today pressed China and India to approve the proposed Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty in its current form, warning that any renegotiation would mean the collapse of 40 years of efforts by the international community, reports AFP.

Election tribunal

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pur-5, Chandpur-1 and Chandpur-3 constituencies were allegedly burnt.

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam had returned from Chandpur-5 with a margin of 450 votes over his rival Abdul Matin, a candidate from Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

Following a public commitment made by Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hena, the probe body was constituted on July 25 with a joint secretary and a deputy secretary as its members.

According to sources concerned, the members of the committee visited Chandpur and met officials concerned on July 30 and prior to submission of their report the next day, the committee was dissolved by the Election Commission.

Asked about this, Mush-taqe Ahmed said, "After filing of the petition with the tribunal, the inquiry committee was dissolved as its findings could have prejudiced the decisions of the tribunal." The petition with the tribunal was filed on July 30 after office hours and the committee was dissolved the next day, he added.

PIA passengers

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The passengers had arrived at 11:30 am and 19 of them were sent back by the return flight of the PIA, airport sources said. Nineteen of them were sent back in the return which took off at 2:14 pm yesterday, sources added.

PM's directive

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cooperation of all in building a terrorism-free Bangladesh.

Later, the Prime Minister also discussed with government officials and employees the imperative of maintaining law and order to continue the development activities in the districts.

"You take up development projects and the centre will not make any delay in giving decisions in this regard," she told them, seeking cooperation from all in eradicating poverty from society.

The Prime Minister said the country has limited resources. All-out development is possible by using this limited resources if corruption can be removed from society.

She asked the officials to fight against corruption to stop its spread and ensure a balanced uplift in all sectors.

The Prime Minister also assured that the Rupsha bridge would be constructed with rail provision and communication infrastructure of the region be developed.

Surat Miah

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he reached the customs hall where he allegedly made an objectionable comment about a female customs personnel. He was then severely assaulted there by some customs personnel. He was taken to the DMCH where he succumbed to his injuries within a couple of hours, according to reports.

A murder case was lodged with Cantonment Thana in this connection. The CID police took over the investigation later.

College student

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stabbed him indiscriminately while he was talking to his friends in the playground.

Later on the youths exploded several crackers to re-join Sahel's friends from counter attack and left the scene unharmed, they added.

Seriously wounded Sahel was rushed to Bogra Mohammad Ali Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Local people said the murder could be a sequel to previous enmity. Police arrested four youngsters in connection with the killing.

Jail escapee

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from a house in the village and was going to sell it in Halu-aghata bazar.

They took him to Dhoabaora police station and handed him to police as thousands of people thronged there to see the fugitive prisoner.

Shamsul Islam, who was sentenced to life term, is the son of one Kashem Ali of North Itakhoia village in frontier Haluaghata thana.

Olympics

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The IOC decided only to reprimand Irish 5,000 metres runner Maria McMahon after her positive dope test.

Irish officials said traces of a painkiller were found in McMahon's urine but they asked Olympic chiefs not to disqualify her because she had taken a banned substance by mistake.

Today's 200 metres clash could produce one of the classic finals of the Games, with Namibia's Fredericks apparently the only athlete standing in the way of an historic Olympic double for 400 metres champion Johnson.

Johnson holds a 15-8 advantage over the Olympic 100 metres silver medalist Fredericks since the pair first met seven years ago but believes the Namibian is his main threat.

Three other track and field finals will be decided today including the women's 200 metres where Jamaica's Merlene Ottey attempts to win the first Olympic gold in a career stretching back to the 1980 Moscow Games.

There was joy at least in Lagos where Nigerians poured on to the streets to celebrate their stunning 4-3 win over favourites Brazil in the soccer semifinals.

Nigeria, who have never won an Olympic gold in any event, play Argentina in Saturday's soccer final.

Carl Lewis, a man who knows all about Olympic triumph, briefly lost his record ninth gold medal after Monday's historic long jump leap.

With her right leg heavily bandaged, she jumped 21 feet, 11 3/4 inches - exactly the distance needed to automatically qualify for tomorrow's final. Joyner-Kersey, who set the world record of 24.7 in 1994, is competing in her last Olympics.



Prof Rehman Sobhan cutting his 60th birthday cake at the BIDS conference room yesterday. Director General Abu Abdullah (extreme left), Prof Muzaffar Ahmed, Prof Nurul Islam and Prof Yunus are also seen in the picture. — Star photo

Rehman Sobhan honoured on his 60th birthday

By Staff Correspondent

Some 100 noted citizens gathered in a special meeting at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) conference room yesterday to pay special tribute to Prof Rehman Sobhan for his lifelong achievement in the field of economics.

The special reception was organised on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

A book, jointly edited by Prof. Nurul Islam and Prof. A. R. Khan, and published in honour of Rehman Sobhan, was officially launched on the occasion. Several noted economists from home and abroad contributed articles in that book.

BIDS Director General Abu Abdullah chaired a formal discussion on "Rehman Sobhan: Now and Then" which was participated by noted economist Anisur Rahman, Prof. Nurul Islam, Prof. Muzaffar Ahmed, Prof. Nurul Islam, Prof. Wahiduddin Mahmud, Mahfiz Anam, M. Saiduzaman, Hasnat

Abdul Hai and Mohiuddin Ahmed also spoke at the function.

Anisur Rahman termed Prof Sobhan as one of the greatest development economists of the day. He said as an economist, Rehman Sobhan was always committed to the social justice.

Prof Muzaffar Ahmed said, Rehman Sobhan was always able to provide intellectual leadership in his field, even though so much changed in the global economic scene. Other speakers emphasized the patriotic role played by Rehman Sobhan in the struggle for autonomy of East Pakistan and later the birth of Bangladesh. Speakers paid

tribute to Prof. Sobhan saying that he created a whole generation of economists who are playing important role in our struggle for development. They pointed out that Prof Sobhan was always active, and was showing us new ways of contributing to our country's development.

Prof Sobhan in his thanksgiving speech said, "I feel honoured at your reception." He urged his colleagues, friends and students to restore the goodwill of BIDS and other similar institutions of the country. Recalling his early days he said, "We have shared many struggles and adventures. I express my gratitude to all those who worked with me."

Some changes in admin

By Staff Correspondent

The government has made some changes in the administration, said a PID handout yesterday.

Agriculture Secretary M Akhtar Ali has been transferred to the Ministry of Industries. He has been replaced by Jute Secretary Dr. AMM Shawkat Ali.

M Abdul Hannan, Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs has been transferred to the Jute Ministry.

General Editor of the District Gazetteer (additional secretary) A B M Abdus Sakur was appointed acting Additional Secretary of Religious Affairs Ministry.

District Judge of Jessore Amin Ullah, Member, Administrative Tribunal, Khandaker Mohammad Abu Bakar and District Judge of Khulna Mohammad Hasan Amin have been appointed joint secretaries of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.

The services of Rafiqul Islam Bhuiyan, MDS, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre at Savar have been placed at the disposal of the Ministry of Land for his appointment on deputation as member, Land Appeal Board.

Dilip Kumar Biswas, Member, Land Reforms Board has been appointed on deputation as chairman of the Bangladesh Handloom Board.

JS debate

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original budget for 1995-96, that some sectors would require more allocation," said Abu Lais Mohammad Mobin of the Jatiya Party. Referring to the supplementary allocation for the public sector transports, the JP legislator strongly opposed the idea of maintain the "white elephant" like the BRTC.

Dwelling on political issues, the ruling party MPs said that all the members of Parliament should recognise "Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as the father of nation". But referring to the fact that the AL secured 34 per cent of the total votes cast in the June 12 election, Mashbir Rahman of the BNP said, "sixty six per cent of the voters are yet to accept the idea."

Some 12 MPs including five from AL, three from BNP, and two each from JP and Jamaat-e-Islami took part in the debate.

State Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khashru introduced a bill in the House seeking amendment to the Representation of People Order, 1972.

Earlier the House witnessed an hour-long question-answer session.

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury who chaired the session after Maghreb prayer adjourned the session at 10:05 to resume again at 3:00 pm on Saturday.

CEC calls on Khaleda

The Chief Election Commissioner yesterday called on BNP chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia and discussed with her various aspects of June 12 general election and the forth coming by-polls, reports UNB.

Mohammad Abu Hena, during the courtesy call on the former Prime Minister, apprised her of the preparations for the September 5 by elections.

Refuting the objections, the State Minister for Law appreciated the opposition lawmaker's statement and said further scrutiny on the Bill would be done in the Special Committee on Bills.

Referring to ID card issue, he said the Awami League government, which established the voting rights through the caretaker government provision, does not want to abolish the system.

On defaulter issue, Abdul Matin Khashru said, "Let's work on it. We are ready to accept any good suggestion from anyone. Let's discuss the Bill in the Special Committee for its further improvement."

After the statement of the Law Minister, the Speaker allowed him to place the bill in the House.

Abu Hena

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changed his views this way.

Hena, who was earlier an Awami League, joined BNP just a few days before the June 12 general elections.

Taking the floor on a point of order, ruling Awami League lawmaker Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim referred to clauses 124 and 301 of the JS Rules of Procedure (ROP) and urged the chair to expunge that part of Hena's statement which was political.

Opposition Chief Whip Khandaker Delwar Hussain then referred to Clause 307 of the ROP and said there was nothing in Hena's statement which deserved to be expunged. He also mentioned that during discussion on the supplementary budget on Wednesday, many lawmakers made political statements.

Abdus Shahid of AL, however, contested Hena's statement, saying that Zia was engaged in receiving arms brought for the use of Pakistani forces in 1971, but AL leaders including Abdul Hannan had made Zia to read out the declaration of independence for the second time from the radio station in Chittagong on behalf of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.



A colourful procession in the city yesterday marking the World Breastfeeding Week. — Star photo

Contractor assaulted

By Staff Correspondent

A contractor was assaulted by a group of unidentified persons as the administrative building of Dhaka University yesterday.

Mokbul Hossain, who has got a contract for construction work on the university campus, was assaulted for not paying Tk 25,000 to the attackers, police said.

Alleged appointment of non-engr as BWPDB chairman criticised

By Staff Correspondent

The alleged appointment of a non-engineer government servant of the rank of joint secretary as chairman of the Bangladesh Water and Power Development Board (BWPDB), was severely criticised by the organisation's association of engineers.

A meeting of the association, presided by its president AKM Anisur Rahman was held at the WAPDA auditorium yesterday. It was attended by Md Iqbal, Selim Bhuiyan, Ibrahim Miah, Md Nurul Huda, Iskander Azam, ANM Rizwan, ANH Akhtar Hossain, Aziruddin Ahmed, Sajjadul Karim, Shahid Ahmed and Enamul Huq, according to a press release.

The leaders of the association demanded that the most qualified engineer of the organisation should be appointed as BWPDB chairman, the release said.

'Tk 2000 cr annual economic value of breastmilk'

The economic value of breastmilk in Bangladesh is over Taka 2000 crore per annum, Rolf C. Carriere, UNICEF Representative in Bangladesh, said yesterday, reports BSS.

He said breastfeeding contributes more to the development of a country than does oil or petrol and also has great economic value.

"In this country, the estimated economic value of breastmilk is 500 million US dollars per year based on calculations of the equivalent cost of cow's milk to produce infant formula and contraceptives," he told the inauguration of the campaign for breastfeeding in the city.

Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Zillur Rahman inaugurated the campaign at a function held at the Osmani Memorial Hall.

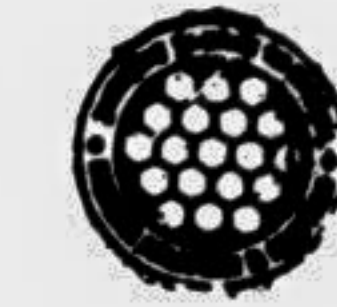
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its embankments.

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