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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina offering munajat after inaugurating a TV relay station at Gopinathpur in Jhenidah yesterday. — PID photo

Commission on local govt soon: Zillur

A high-powered commission on local government will be formed soon to make the grass-roots level institutions more powerful, effective and people-oriented, reports UNB.

The commission will propose a strong local government structure after reviewing the effectiveness of the past upazila system, said LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman, adding it will find out ways and means how to make the system effective, timely and welfare oriented.

The minister was talking to a delegation of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Dhaka yesterday.

He mentioned that role of local government institutions will be expanded further to set up a strong rural communication network and protection of environment.

The minister said Union Parishad would be in the centre of development programmes in the overall local government structure.

Members of the delegation informed that the UNDP is ready to give the local government commission necessary fund and technical assistance.

Besides, the UN organ has already taken economic assistance expansion programme for poverty alleviation in urban and rural areas, protection of environment and socio-economic development of rural women.

The meeting was told that an integrated and effective training programme will be taken up by the UNDP for skill development of the elected union parishad chairmen and members for rural infrastructure development and poverty alleviation.

The UNDP will also provide necessary assistance for the slum development programme in the urban areas.

The meeting was attended among others by State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Syed Abul Hossain, UN Resident Coordinator Eimi Watanabe and senior officials of the ministry.

Transport workers clash with police in Barisal: 50 hurt

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Aug 7: At least 50 persons including five constables, were injured in a clash here this morning.

The clash among the members of the Barisal Road Transport Workers Union, the Barisal Truck Workers Union and the police took place at about 10-30 am at the Nathulabad central bus terminal.

Witnesses said, the truck workers were planning to end their transport strike but they were resisted by a section of road transport workers. This led to the clash.

Later police came to the spot and lobbed teargas shells and at one stage baton charged the angry workers.

During the clash the office of the Barisal District Road Transport Workers Union was ransacked and 5 trucks were damaged.

Police arrested 18 persons from the spot.

PM: Jobs

From page 1 A large number of leaders and workers of BNP led by Jhenidah poushabha chairman formally joined Awami League.

UNB adds: In the afternoon the Prime Minister addressed the district officials at the Circuit House. She asked the officials to go all out to free the country from the grip of terrorism which she observed spread like disease all over the country.

She also directed the officials to take care of those who will surrender illegal arms within the deadline. "Rehabilitate them and give them opportunity to lead a normal life."

The Prime Minister asked the administration to maintain utmost neutrality in discharging their responsibility.

Newspapermen's memo to PM

A delegation of the central CCC of the newspapers and news agencies submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister yesterday, reports BSS.

Earlier The Central Coordination Committee held a rally at the Jatiya Press Club with Fazle Imam in the chair.

The speakers at the rally urged the authorities concerned to announce the tenure of the Fifth Wage Board and take steps to implement the dearness allowance in each newspaper and news agency. They also called for maintaining status quo in the Times-Bangla Trust.

After the rally a big procession was brought out from the Press Club and marched towards the Prime Minister's office. Police intercepted the procession at the Bangla Motor crossing near Sonargaon Hotel.

Tk 60cr US grant for 3 projects

Bangladesh will receive an additional aid grant of 14.55 million US dollars equivalent to Tk 59.65 crore from the United States for three on-going development projects, reports UNB.

The two countries signed three agreements to this effect in Dhaka yesterday. The projects are being financed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Officials said the three projects where the grants will be utilised are: Agro-based Industries and Technology Development Project (ATDP), Women's Enterprise Development Project (WEDP) and PL-480 Title III Food Programme.

The agreement for ATDP increased the total project amount from four million to 10 million US dollars. The private entrepreneurs who deal with the agri-inputs, agro-processing equipment, poultry and livestock will get assistance from the Agribusiness Credit Fund (ACF) under the programme.

The WEDP project, being implemented by Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation through a project agreement with USAID, will have an additional 1.050 million US dollars. The latest agreement brings USAID support to WEDP to 4.1 million US dollars.

The funds support training, credit for on-lending to poor women, technical assistance, commodity procurement and operational expenses, started in September 1992.

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The new food aid agreement under the PL-480 programme will provide 23,000 metric tons of food aid valued at 7.5 million US dollars to Bangladesh in 1996. Wheat will be used by the primary and mass education division for the Food for Education Programme.

Since 1991, PL-480 Title III agreements have generated nearly Tk 800 crore. Of the amount, about Tk 106 crore has been programmed for agriculture, Tk 314 crore for health and family welfare, Tk 15 crore for water and sanitation, Tk 279 crore for primary and mass education and Tk 15 crore for the Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation, an NGO-implemented activity for poverty alleviation.

Additional Secretary of the Economic Relations Division (ERM) Mohammad Shahidul Alam, Charge d'Affaires of US Embassy in Dhaka Nancy J Powell and Acting Director of USAID Lisa Chiles signed the three agreements on behalf of their respective governments.

Garments factory robbery: Tk 3 lakh recovered

By Staff Correspondent

Police yesterday recovered Tk three lakh out of Tk 25 lakh looted from a garments factory at Shewrapara in the city last month.

Tk 5 lakh 92 thousand was recovered earlier.

A special squad of the Detective Branch (DB) recovered the money from Noagaon village under Sarail thana of Brahmanbaria district early yesterday police said.

One assaulted, dies in hospital

By DMC Correspondent

A young man severely assaulted by an unidentified gang at Tejgaon in the city Monday evening, died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

The victim, Arif, 25, son of one Tofazal Hossain, was picked up by some five persons from near his house at the BG Press Staff Quarters in Tejgaon. A worker in an engineering workshop, Arif was severely assaulted by the gang, hospital sources quoting his relatives said.

But the BNP MPs are being deprived of chance for refuting the 'false and libelous' allegations being presented by the Treasury bench members, he regretted.

Mannan Bhuiyan further alleged that state-run TV was televising the entire statements and comments made by the Awami League while that of BNP MPs are being cast partially.

He said the BNP should have been given the opportunity to speak in the House and refute the allegations.



Outgoing students of the Philosophy Department, Dhaka University, brought out a colourful rally on the campus yesterday. — Star photo

Obituary ref on Sharifuddin

From page 1

Prime Minister and Leader of the House Sheikh Hasina also asked the Communications Minister, who was not present in the House yesterday, to construct the road immediately to honour the last desire of the late MP and name it after him.

In her five-minute speech, Hasina paid glowing tributes to the late MP and said his death caused an irreparable loss for the nation.

"He was a freedom fighter, a good teacher, a lawyer and also a sports organizer. He was an honest and sincere man and left his mark in crucial periods of history; during the six-point movement, '69 uprising and even in the last democratic movement for establishing peoples' franchise," Hasina said.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad also conducted a munajat for the salvation of the departed soul, before the Speaker adjourned the sitting at 7:40 pm to meet again at 4 pm today.

There was no other business in the House yesterday, according to precedence of the House.

Sharifuddin Ahmed, elected MP from Habiganj-2 constituency twice (1991 and 1996), died at the PG Hospital in the city at 10:42 pm Tuesday after a prolonged illness.

Sharifuddin Ahmed in a call attention notice on July 24 had drawn the attention of the Communications Minister for constructing the road.

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