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JCD president Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anney who was hit by tear gas shell during yesterday's clash on Dhaka University campus being taken to hospital. - Star photo

Transit trade with Central Asia Tehran urged to allow Dhaka to use its ports

TEHRAN, Aug 21: Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, now on an official visit here to-day held talks with his counterpart Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, reports BSS.

During the talks, both the ministers recalled the constructive and fruitful meeting which President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani had with Sheikh Hasina during his state visit to Bangladesh last year.

He called for the early implementation of the proposed Iran-Bangladesh oil refinery in Chittagong and assured the Iranian side of full support and cooperation.

The Iranian Foreign Minister fully reciprocated these views and offered full cooperation and support.

Later Azad called on the Majlis Speaker Hajjotolleslam Ali Akbar Nateq Nouri. He congratulated the Iranian Speaker's re-election and renewed the invitation to him to pay a return visit to Bangladesh as a part of on-going parliamentary cooperation between the two parliaments.

Earlier, on his arrival at the Dhaka Cantonment, Gen Kuli Fulin placed wreaths at the Shikha Anirban (the eternal flame) and paid homage to the members of the armed forces martyred in the War of Liberation in 1971.

The Chinese Deputy Chief of General Staff was then given a guard of honour by a smartly turned-out contingent of the Army. He took salute and inspected the guard.

Earlier reports quoting Rocky and some local people at the Meghan ghat said that Tareq, along with Rocky and another girlfriend Lubna had gone to the ghat in a private car at around 5:30 am on August 15.

All the three, according to reports, had climbed on a cargo vessel from which Tareq is said to have jumped into the river for a swim.

Lubna is out of trace since the incident, said police. Tareq's relatives, however, suspects that Lubna had already left the country.

DU battle

From page 1 could not however, be known immediately.

At one stage, police lobbed tear gas shells to disperse the JCD activists. Anney was hit and injured there. His supporters immediately took him to the DMCH. Police then chased the activists to the JCD-dominated halls in the northern part of the campus.

The agitated activists fired some 15 rounds while leaving the spot witnesses said.

Police followed the JCD workers and lobbed some 60 tear gas shells. The activists then entered the halls and locked the main entry gates from inside, hall sources said.

Later, police simultaneously raided the halls, witnesses said.

Sources in the halls alleged that most of the armed outsiders managed to escape from the halls before the raids.

The BCL activists from Zahurul Haq hall fired around 20 shots during the raids in the JCD-dominated halls only, witnesses said.

Agitated JCD workers set fire to the office of the provost of Mohsin Hall as he refused to come to the hall during the police raid, hall sources said.

Classes and examinations were not held for the second consecutive day yesterday at the university because of a two-day strike called by the JCD.

Meanwhile, at a press conference held at the DUCSU building in the evening, JCD alleged that police and BCL terrorists attacked a JCD procession, firing shots and tear gas shells, injuring at least 50 including the JCD president.

JCD will hold a protest rally on the campus today and similar rallies in all educational institutions of the country tomorrow, its leaders said.

PM tells memorial meet in city Repay Mujib's debt by building Sonar Bangla

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the people to take revenge of the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by translating into reality his dream for an exploitation and poverty free Sonar Bangla, reports UNB.

She was speaking at a memorial meeting at Engineers Institution in the afternoon.

Awami Jubo League, the youth front of the ruling Awami League, organised the meeting on the occasion of National Mourning Day commemorating the August 15 killing in 1975 of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib and his family members by some disgruntled army officers.

The Prime Minister said, 'The Father of the Nation did not leave behind any debt, but the people of the country are indebted to him. We'll repay the debt of his blood by bringing smile to the face of the downtrodden and establishing a poverty-free Sonar Bangla.'

She said the defeated forces of 1971 launched a series of attacks on the spirit of the Liberation War by killing Bangabandhu. 'August 15 is a stigma to the nation,' she added.

The anti-liberation forces killed my father, mother and the family of the Father of the Nation. They did not even spare my younger brother Rasel who was a kid at that time,' Hasina said in an emotion choked voice.

She said Bangabandhu was killed at a time when he tried to bring economic freedom of the nation and protect the interest of the downtrodden and exploited class.

After some days, she said, they killed four national leaders in jail, who had led the Liberation War in 1971 in the absence of Bangabandhu.

Those defeated forces destroyed the values and the spirit of the Independence War one by one and undermined the supreme sacrifices of 30 lakh

martyrs, she added. In last 21 years Hasina said the nation was kept hostage to an evil force which has now been replaced by a people-oriented government.

Addressing the meeting, German Ambassador in Dhaka Bruno Weber recalled the contribution of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and condemned the August 15 killings.

'Sheikh Mujib was a leading figure for us, for the whole world for his struggle for independence. He was an inspiration for the world, the German envoy said.

5 projects involving Tk 798.97 cr approved

The Executive Committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC) yesterday approved five development projects with an involvement of Tk 798.97 crore including Tk 569.69 crore in project aid, reports UNB.

The approval was made at a meeting held yesterday with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair in the Cabinet Conference room at the Bangladesh Secretariat.

The approved projects included Integrated Agriculture Development in CHT at a cost of Tk 30 crore, establishment of Hajee Danesh Agricultural College at a cost of Tk 34.99 crore and maintenance and extension of building of Thana Development Complexes at a cost of Tk 17.66 crore.

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Pandemonium in JS

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On insistence of the minister, the Speaker asked the Deputy Leader of the House Zillur Rahman to clarify on what ground the minister was seeking the floor.

Zillur Rahman told the Chair that the minister was asking for the floor on Rule 274 that allow a member to give personal clarification in the House.

The BNP members continued to protest loudly against giving floor to the minister as 'the speech of the BNP MP did in no way implicate the telecommunications minister,' but the Chair allowed the minister to speak.

With Mohammad Nasim getting the floor at 8:33 pm, the House drowned into a state of pandemonium as the BNP members, including some front benchers started shouting and banging files on desks. The minister spoke for 15 minutes, but his voice drowned in the deafening noise.

Earlier, when the House went into its afternoon session at 3:40 pm, BNP legislator K M Obaidur Rahman proposed that the house be adjourned for a discussion on the campus situation and the members be allowed to return to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital to see the injured students.

Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid declined the proposal. Deputy Leader of the House and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the House Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim, Jatiya Party MP Advocate Fazle Rabbi and Jamaat lawmaker Delwar Hussain Saidee took part in the acrimonious debate that prompted the Home Minister to give a statement on the Dhaka University incident.

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