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Announcement

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The Star Weekend Magazine this week carries an in-depth story on the polluted Dhanmondi Lake. And the regular columns apart, read a feature on the sufferings of single women of our society.

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Student allegedly knocked down from bus, dies Two killed at Bogra as police, students clash

BOGRA, Aug 22: Two persons were killed and about 50 others injured in armed clashes between police and students after a bus ran over a college student in the town today, reports UNB.

Witnesses said Khairuzaman Hiru, a student of Azizul Haq Government College in the town, was knocked down from a bus allegedly by its conductor in front of the college this morning. He fell under the wheels of the bus and was crushed to death.

On hearing the death news, agitated students of the college went on rampage damaging several buses and setting them afire. Fire fighters rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire.

Police fired about 40 rounds of tear gas canisters to disperse the students who pelted brickbats at them in front of the college at around 11 am.

Witnesses said they became violent when S I Abdul Wahed received injuries from brickbats. Police opened fire on the students killing Mohammad Rafiq (20), a BA examinee, on the spot. A police constable, Babul Mia, was also shot dead during the clash.

Students claimed that three students and a policeman were killed in police firing and bodies of two students could not be traced.

Police said Babul was killed in firing by the students while 17 policemen, including OC of Kotwali thana Farooq Ahmed, were injured by bullet or brickbats.

Hospital sources said 11 students with bullet injuries were admitted to Bogra Mohammad Ali Hospital. Many students received treatment from various clinics to avoid arrests.

Students of the college brought out a mourning procession in the town this afternoon. A tense situation was prevailing in the town.

Union Parishad polls early next year

Elections to the Union Parishad will be held early next year, State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Advocate Abdul Matin Khasru informed the parliament yesterday, reports UNB.

Responding to Nurul Amin Talukder, he said there is no plan to prepare new voter lists before the union parishad election.

The tenure of union parishad chairmen will expire in March-April, 1997.

In reply to Nizamuddin Khan (BNP), LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman said a bill concerning Zilla Parishad will be introduced in the Parliament soon. Steps will be taken to hold Zilla Parishad elections immediately after the passage of the proposed bill, he added.

Four leading jurists say Indemnity Ordinance can be annulled by simple majority in JS

By Staff Correspondent

Four leading jurists of the country have expressed the view that the ordinance indemnifying the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from trial can be repealed by a simple majority.

Substantiating the view, they argued that the ordinance was not part of the Constitution and as it was just protected by the Constitution through a mere ratification, it could be easily annulled by parliament by a simple majority.

Former chief justice Kemaluddin Hussain, former attorney general Barrister Rafique-ul-Haq, Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed and Barrister Amir-ul-Islam were speaking at an orientation programme organised for the ruling Awami League lawmakers yesterday.

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Chowdhury inaugurated the orientation programme on "Indemnity Ordinance and Rule of Law", held at the Sangsad Bhaban. Suranjit Sen Gupta, Parliamentary Affairs Advisor to the Prime Minister, was in the chair.

The four legal experts also said even if the ordinance is not repealed, there is still no bar under the present circumstances to prosecute the killers.

After the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on August 15, 1975, the then self-proclaimed President Khandaker Moshaque Ahmed had promulgated the Indemnity Ordinance on September 26, 1975, putting a legal bar on the trial of the killers.

The jurists suggested that after the annulment of the ordinance it should be given a

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DSE MARKET

DSE price index 1156.79(+0.70%)
Market capital Tk 7956.74 cr
Transactions in volume 839619
Transactions in value Tk 14.62 cr

CSE MARKET

CSE price index 478.20
Market capital Tk 4357.46 cr
Transactions in volume 24280
Transactions in value Tk 666805

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JS session adjourned till 3pm Saturday

The Jatiya Sangsad session was adjourned till 3 pm tomorrow. Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury announced the adjournment at 9:42 last night, reports UNB.

New director at PM's office

Chowdhury Muniruddin Mahfooz, Law Officer of Vested Property Management Board, Housing and Works Ministry, took over as Director on deputisation at the Prime Minister's Office yesterday. His job has been placed under the Establishment Ministry, reports UNB.



Police deployed in front of Suryasen Hall of Dhaka University yesterday. — Star photo

BCL factions at DU clash, one captures Mohsin Hall

By DU Correspondent

Gunshots rocked the Dhaka University campus for the second consecutive day yesterday as two rival factions of the Awami League backed Chhatra League (BCL) clashed over gaining control of Jagannath Hall in the morning.

The larger faction of the BCL also took control of the Mohsin Hall which was dominated by Jatiyatadabi Chhatra Dal (JCD) till yesterday morning. The BCL succeeded in capturing the hall as some activists of JCD joined BCL, according to residents of the hall.

During the half-an-hour long gunfight the two factions of BCL exchanged some 100 rounds of gunshots, campus sources said. Police lobbed some 10 tear gas shells to bring the situation under control.

The Gopalganj faction of the BCL entered into Jagannath Hall at about 11 am yesterday through the north gate of the hall firing gunshots, the sources said.

At the time, the Faridpur faction of BCL, which controlled the Jagannath hall, were at the Mohsin Hall to celebrate its victory in that hall, witnesses said.

At about 11:15 the Faridpur faction entered the Jagannath hall through the south gate firing gunshots. The Gopalganj faction then left the scene and

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SC Bar hands over draft bill on separation of judiciary

By SC Correspondent

The Supreme Court Bar Association proposed in a draft bill on the separation of judiciary from the executive that the Judges of the Supreme Court shall not hold any office of profit in the service of the Republic after retirement.

The association yesterday handed over the draft bill to State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khasru at a brief discussion.

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Farooq taken on police remand

Col (Rtd) Farooq was taken on a six-day police remand from Dhaka Central Jail yesterday morning, police and prison sources said, according to UNB.

Police personnel received him at the jail gate at 7:50 in the morning. He was driven to Police Control Room at Shahabagh in a white microbus under tight plainclothes security.

According to police, the Control Room was selected to interrogate the former army officer, said to be a mastermind of the August 15 bloody coup, considering it as most secure place in the city.

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Minister tells JS Anti-Corruption Bureau submits reports of 5335 cases so far

The Bureau of Anti-Corruption has so far submitted enquiry reports of 5,335 cases out of 5,617 since 1991, parliament was told yesterday, reports UNB.

Replying to Moulana Delwar Hossain Sayeedi of Jannaat, Minister in charge of the Prime Minister-office Tofael Ahmed

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Dhaka seeks foreign investment to attain 7pc GDP growth

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday sought foreign investment for raising the country's investment level from the current 16 per cent to 25 per cent to attain a minimum GDP growth of seven per cent per annum.

"We seek support of the foreign investors — those who will make direct investments and those who will invest in the stock market," said Hasina while addressing a luncheon meeting of the businessmen organised by the American Bangladesh Economic Forum at a city hotel.

"We will further open our economy to foreign investment," the Prime Minister added.

Noting that the Awami League government's economic policy focuses on export-led growth to provide finance exchange needed to finance rapid growth, the Prime Minister said that her government's policy thrust on foreign investment will be both on those who will invest in export-earning industry and those who will produce for our domestic market.

Indicating a changed foreign assistance climate, the Prime Minister said, "While we will expect continued support, this will not be sufficient to finance rapid growth."

Stressing the need for effective use of foreign assistance, Sheikh Hasina said that her government would soon set out policies in that area. "But it is the inflow of foreign private investment that we must increase immediately and sizeably," she added.

She said her government hoped to overcome the current account deficit with increased foreign investment since export would alone not be able to close the gap immediately.

She also said that her government intended to maintain an export growth of at least 20 per cent and expected that the import growth rate would be as rapid.

She said that her government's macroeconomic management would be geared to limit inflation and avoid excessive government deficit.

Underscoring the need for political stability, the Prime Minister said, "political stability is connotive rule of law, protection of human rights and governance based on people's consent." Expressing her party's desire to follow the path, she urged the opposition to work within the rules of the democratic system.

She assigned three main reasons to the last government's failure in attracting foreign investment. The average inflow over the last five years has been less than 30 million US dollars a year, she said.

She identified the reasons as: Policies of pervasive regulation including the control of foreign exchange; non-supportive tax regime including higher

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Division vote in JS over tabling pvt member's bill

By Staff Correspondent

The present Jatiya Sangsad yesterday witnessed for the first time a division vote on the tabling of a private member's bill.

Placing of the bill titled "Services (Special Provisions) Act, 1996" by Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury of the opposition BNP was rejected by 128 votes against 53.

The bill sought legal provision for "protecting people's right to government service in proportion to their religious".

A total of 128 members belonging to the ruling Awami League and the Jatiya Party and JSD (Rab) opposed placing of the bill while 53 lawmakers of the BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami supported it. Two members of the JP — Begum Raushan Ershad and Abu Lais Mobin Chowdhury — abstained from voting.

Speaker Humayun Rashid Choudhury proposed placing the bill to division vote.

JP chief H M Ershad, Secretary General Anwar Hossain Manju and JSD member A S M Rab, the latter two members of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Cabinet stood up and sat down several times after the Chair requested those opposing the bill to stand up. Finally, they along with all but two lawmakers of the JP remained standing to support the AL on the issue.

Earlier, the lawmakers of

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BNP cooking up conspiracy: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday accused opposition BNP of cooking up a "well planned conspiracy" to disrupt democracy, peace and economic progress of the country, reports UNB.

"They (BNP) have taken up a secret programme to disrupt law and order situation by launching attack on police and keeping the people hostage in their hands," she told the House last night.

The Prime Minister urged the opposition to refrain from "hatching conspiracy" and backing the terrorists in the greater interest of the people.

"Put an end to terrorist acts. Don't kill the democracy. This will not bring any good for the nation," she urged the opposition.

Hasina took the floor after the House plunged into a total chaos as the opposition MPs raised uproar over the present law and order situation, including the incidents in Dhaka University and Bogra.

The Prime Minister questioned the opposition's role in parliament and said proceedings of the House were being disrupted by creating uproar and making unparliamentary gestures. "It's a planned move to hamper the business of the House."

Referring to the recent events on the Dhaka University campus and in other educational institutions, Hasina alleged that the JCD activists were involved in armed terrorism and disrupting normal academic atmosphere.

In support of her contention, she read out newspaper reports from different national dailies on violence and various social crimes like hijacking and dacoity by JCD workers in and outside the campuses throughout the country.

As Hasina read out a long list of such reports, members from both the opposition and treasury benches listened to her

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WB suggests immediate appointment of ombudsman

The World Bank has suggested immediate appointment of an ombudsman to ensure an effective civil service and public sector management in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

In its annual report on "Bangladesh Annual Economic Update, Recent Economic Developments and Medium-term Reform Agenda," the bank also proposed formation of a "national commission for reforming government" in addition to the existing efficiency unit of the government.

The commission would lead the efforts and mobilise support

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British minister sets 2 conditions Probe Siraj murder, reform ZIA

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladeshi community in Britain reacted sharply to this killing. There was a discussion in the British House of Commons and two motions were moved on the issue. The House then asked the Secretary of State to ask for an explanation from the Bangladesh Government on the death of Siraj Miah.

Dr Fox said it is at the airport that one gets the first impression of the country, but British nationals were subjected to extortion and harassment there.

He told newsmen that all the ministers he had talked to, were aware of the issue. Quoting the Home Minister, the British Under-Secretary said two supplementary chargesheets might be given in the Siraj Miah murder case. Earlier, the CID had given chargesheets against two Customs officials in connection with the murder of Siraj Miah.

The member of the British community in Britain are relatively affluent and many of them want to invest in Bangladesh but they are discouraged by the unacceptable behaviour at the airport, he pointed out. Dr Fox said the Bangladesh government had given the assurance that 'reforms would be brought in.

The Under-Secretary said steps should be taken at the ZIA so that an individual could pass through the airport unhindered. He added that the British government wanted better relations with Bangladesh.

He said there should be a thorough investigation into the Siraj Miah murder case. Then, he said, the law might take its own course.

Replying to a question about alleged harassment of Bangladesh citizens at Heathrow airport, the Under-Secretary said if there is any specific allegation against an

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Khaleda at election rallies Govt has done nothing for people so far

RANGPUR, Aug 22: BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia today said the ruling party wants to turn the country into a "bottomless basket" again, reports UNB.

"The present government has done nothing for the people in last two months," she said while addressing a number of public meetings in the district during the day.

Begum Zia addressed three big public meetings at Taraganj, Badarganj and Pirganj on the first day of her 5-day election campaign in greater Rangpur and Bogra districts.

Addressing the meetings, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament alleged that the ruling party started the process of reviving one-party rule in the country as it had done in 1975.

She said: "During the last two months, Awami League had killed at least 50 workers of opposition parties and created a reign of terror across the country."

The former prime minister said that the budget placed by the ruling party was replete with tall promises. "There is nothing in the budget for the welfare of the people," she said.

Begum Zia said her government had imposed VAT on a few sector during its rule. "But the present government imposed VAT on every sector. This will only increase prices of essentials and sufferings of the people."

Prices of some commodities have already shot up causing misery to the low-income people, she said.

The BNP chairperson said the activists of pro-government Chhatra League fired gunshots at the general students, but police arrested some innocent students from the Dhaka University campus on Wednesday.

Accusing the ruling party of failure to face the recent flood,

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