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NEWS BRIEFS

Indian envoy
meets Speaker

Indian High Commissioner in Bangladesh Dev Mukharji called on Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury at the Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. They exchanged views on the system and functioning of the parliamentary standing committees of the two countries, reports BSS.

Medicine seized
at ZIA

The Customs authorities at ZIA International Airport yesterday seized foreign medicines worth Tk 3.76 lakh from two unclaimed luggage in a home coming flight of Biman. The contraband medicines (tablets) are: Buscopin - 34,200 pces; Melleril - 26,000 pces; Motil - 13,440 pces; Desider - 166 pieces, reports BSS.

Zakirul Islam PS
to Khaleda

A senior assistant secretary of Economic Relations Division, Zakirul Islam has been appointed as the private secretary to Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia, party sources said yesterday, reports BSS.

Ershad joins budget
discussion today

Leader of the Jatiya Party Parliamentary Party Hussain Mohammad Ershad will participate in the general discussion on the current budget in the Jatiya Sangsad today. Jatiya Party Whip Advocate Fazle Rabbi said yesterday. Former President Ershad, who has been elected to parliament from jail from Rangpur is attending the budget session on parole, reports BSS.

Two crushed under
wheels of train

CHITTAGONG, Aug 26: Two people, including a minor boy, were crushed under the wheels of a speeding train at Sitakundu Railway Station today. Witnesses said Miru Rahman, 18, and his four-year-old nephew Shohag, met the tragic end of their lives while crossing the rail track, reports BSS.

Khaleda tells Bogra rally

BNP may boycott JS sittings
under partisan Speaker

From Reaz Ahmad

BOGRA, Aug 26: Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia threatened today that her party may boycott the sittings of the House chaired by the 'partisan' Speaker.

BNP lawmakers are contemplating boycotting JS sittings to be chaired by Humayun Rashid Chowdhury and will attend only those the Deputy Speaker will chair, she said.

The ruling Awami League is making the parliament ineffective, Begum Zia alleged.

The former prime minister was addressing a citizens' rally this noon at the Bogra Circuit House auditorium. Leaders of local professional groups gathered

tors and journalists.

The BNP chief said that when her party was in power, 70 per cent time of the JS sessions was allocated for the then Opposition. But, she alleged, "this Speaker is not at all giving us floor to speak on various issues including the law and order situation at Bogra and at the Dhaka University".

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Mourning day
observed
at BograFrom Staff Correspondent
BOGRA, Aug 26: Normalcy returned in this trouble-torn northern town today after two days' hartal on Saturday and Sunday.

The All Party Students' Unity (APSU) had called the hartals for the two consecutive days to protest killing of at least four students in police firing during police-peoples clashes in the town since August 22. A police constable was also killed in the violent incidents that ensued after a degree student of Azizul Huq Government College was run over by a bus near the college on Thursday last.

Vehicles have come out on the streets in large numbers but there are no traffic police. Traffic jams were seen at some intersections in the town.

As the situation continued to remain tense and anti-police sentiment was very high, no

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A party resorting to terrorism
to disrupt peace: PM

eral people are being subject to sufferings for that," she said citing the recent incidents in Bogra, where several people have been killed in student-police clashes.

The Prime Minister said it is unfortunate that they had masterminded a sad incident even after immediate action taken out of the sense of responsibility and sincerity of the government.

"While all parties signed a peace accord in Bogra, they violated that peace deal and enforced hartal after the Leader of the Opposition reached there,"

These activities will not bring peace and welfare to the people and the country, she said, adding that her government is determined to establish a terrorism-and-poverty-free Bangladesh.

The objective of the government is ensuring the economic freedom of the people. Hasina said calling upon the Diploma Engineers to cooperate with her government for reaching its goal.

"You will have to contribute for the economic advancement of the country by innovating new technology," said the Prime Minister hoping that they would play a vital role rendering service to the people.

About the problems of the Diploma Engineers, she said a committee was going to be formed for administrative reforms which will consider their administrative problems.

Referring to the other demands of the DES, the Prime Minister said the government would try to consider other problems of the institution.

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erected at the rally to voice their protest against the incidents of killing here over the last five days.

She left for the capital at 2:30 pm.

Earlier, Begum Zia arrived at Bogra yesterday afternoon on the last leg of her by-election campaign tour of northern districts. In view of the killing of students at Bogra, she left the town without holding scheduled election projection meeting here this afternoon.

With Bogra district BNP president Advocate Mahbubur Rahman in the chair, the citizens' rally was addressed by a number of representatives of various sections of people including lawyers, traders, doc-

tors and journalists. The BNP chief said that when her party was in power, 70 per cent time of the JS sessions was allocated for the then Opposition. But, she alleged, "this Speaker is not at all giving us floor to speak on various issues including the law and order situation at Bogra and at the Dhaka University".

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Have You Seen This, Mr Mayor?



The above scene in Gulistan area in the heart of the city is a familiar scene, and has been so for months. Mr Mayor, you must have seen numerous times, and yet have done very little, knowing fully well that traffic jams like the one above, have made city life unbearable. While we understand that managing traffic is not under your control, yet it is to you that people do, and will turn for solutions because you are the top elected representative of Dhakaites.

Star photo

Budget discussion continues
Top priority to poverty alleviation: AL
NGOs running rural economy: BNP

Opposition MPs found fault with the current budget as it lacks future direction while the ruling party members hailed it as people-oriented, as general discussion on it continued yesterday.

Taking the floor first in the morning session, Awami League MP Bir Bahadur said presentation of such a people-oriented budget in a short time by the new government is a historical event in the country.

The ruling party lawmaker from Bandarban suggested that a parliamentary committee be formed to take effort for the solution of the staggering problems in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

Speaking next, Habibur Rahman Swapan of Opposition BNP (Sirajganj) feared that the budget would be a case of failure as it does not deal with the prevailing problems of the important agriculture sector.

He said Awami League, which once criticised the value

added tax (VAT) system, extended the VAT net which will not be good for the nation.

Shah Alam Advocate (Awami League-Brahmanbaria) concentrated his deliberation on criticising the BNP rule. He showered flowerly praises on the

Two young men
murdered
in city

By DMC Correspondent

Two youngmen were allegedly murdered in the city yesterday.

A young man was stabbed to death at Nakhalpara under Tel gaon thana in the city yesterday.

The body of Shah Alam, 22, son of Khorshed Alam was found lying between two rail way tracks near Boro Masjid at Nakhalpara at about 10am, po-

present budget, saying it is the first people oriented budget in post 75 era.

Shamsuzzaman Dudu, a BNP lawmaker from Chaudanga, said the Awami League talked about agricultural subsidy before election, but in reality it allocated only Tk 100 crore for the subsidy.

Castingigate the Awami League rule during 1972-75 period, he said the government of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had killed 30,000 opposition activists during its rule across the country.

Emdadul Haq Bhuiyan (Awami League Narayanganj) termed unfortunate the remarks and behaviour shown by some opposition MPs on different occasion in the House.

They should think whether the country could achieve independence if Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was not born," he said.

Speaking first in the after-

court said.

Chun, 65, was also found guilty of "amassing illegal wealth to the tune of millions of dollars" by milking businesses.

"Although while in office, he contributed to stabilising the economy and leaving a precedent of peaceful transfer of power, these deeds cannot offset his crimes," the judge said.

The slow-paced coup was capped by an insurrection in the following year that led to the massacre of more than 200 pro-democracy protesters in the southern city of Kwangju.

But the court cleared Chun and four others of the charge of "manslaughter" in directly ordering the bloodbath, citing lack of evidence.

The court fined Chun 222.3 billion won (279 million US dollars) and Roh 283.8 billion won (349 million US dollars), representing bribes received while in office, Chun from 1980 to 1986 and Roh from 1988 to 1993.

There is speculation that incumbent President Kim Young-Sam may commute the death sentence.

The accused, Chun, committed very serious crime, in which he mobilised military troops, disrupted the chain of command and destroyed the constitutional order, chief judge Kim Young-il of the Seoul district

court said.

JS tidbits

By Nazmul Ashraf

Education Minister ASHK Sadeque, while making a statement in the Jatiya Sangsad on the recent incidents at Dhaka University, ridiculed the outgoing Vice-Chancellor Prof Enazuddin Ahmed, for his comment to the press: "I don't want to see bloodshed in my old age."

Citing a series of "terrorist" activities that took place at the DU during Prof Enazuddin's tenure, the minister said, "If he (the VC) is unwilling to see bloodshed in old age, then the question remains whether he liked it in his young age."

The Education Minister mentioned several "terrorist acts" including the one that occurred only 10 days ago and said the VC played inactive role during those incidents.

Perhaps, the VC was then not old and he could see the blood shed on the campus, the minister remarked.

Opposition BNP lawmakers were shouting at the minister

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JCD-BCL clash on 15
campuses in 2 months

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pledge to root out terrorism from the society, the educational institutions in particular.

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