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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina offering munajat at the monument to the unknown martyrs of the Liberation War at the East Bengal Regimental Centre in Chittagong Cantonment yesterday. — PID photo

PM seeks all help to establish rule of law

CHITTAGONG, Nov 5: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday made a fervent call for all to extend cooperation to her government in flourishing democratic culture and establishing the rule of law in the country, reports UNB. She sought all help from the people irrespective of party and opinion in ensuring the welfare of the country and in its journey towards development. "Progress is our target, consensus is our ideal, public support is our strength and people's love is our capital. From this standpoint, we want to work unitedly and place mutual understanding and harmony above all," Hasina said while addressing the inaugural function of the Chittagong Anjibee Samity. Hasina paid rich tributes to 24 people who were killed in police firing on January 24, 1988 in the port city's Laldighi and Bangladesh Bank area. The Prime Minister sanctioned Tk 20 lakh for completing the construction of Chittagong Anjibee Samity Bhaban and Tk 5 lakh for the Lawyers Welfare Fund. She also urged Chittagong Development Authority to help in undertaking a housing project for the lawyers in the port city.

Sheikh Hasina assured that the reconstruction work of the court building situated at Paris Pahar in the city would start soon. She informed that the government had already approved a Tk 2 crore plan for its reconstruction. She also said the government would take initiatives to complete the construction of the multistoreyed district court building to the north of the Court Hill. The construction started 10 years ago, but remained incomplete. The Prime Minister inaugurated the centenary celebration of the bar association by unveiling a plaque in the court building premises. Munajat and offering fatha marked the opening of the celebration.

Briefing newsmen at the opposition conference room in the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban after his party's walk-out, Prof Chowdhury said it was expected that the Prime Minister would express deep concern for the attack and convey her sincere sympathy. Instead, the Leader of the House, speaking on the incident, made provocative statement, which he apprehended would encourage the terrorists.

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'We are proud of our army'

CHITTAGONG, Nov 5: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today refuted the allegation against her Awami League government of reducing facilities for the Armed Forces and reiterated the determination to build up a modern and disciplined Army, reports UNB. "Killers of August 15 created controversy among the members of the Armed Forces and rooted suspicion in the Army in a planned manner. They launched a propaganda that if Awami League comes to power, it would curtail facilities for the Army," she said.

The Prime Minister was addressing officers and troops of the Bangladesh Army at a ceremonial parade at Shaheed M R Chowdhury Drill Square of the East Bengal Regiment at Chittagong Cantonment in the morning. The Prime Minister lauded the glorious role of the East Bengal Regiment in the War of Liberation and during emergency situations, including natural disasters.

The Prime Minister handed over national standards to the Roaring Nineteen and the Jagrata Bish as a mark of their laudable services to the nation. Hasina also distributed gallantry awards — Bir Bikram and Bir Protik — among six officers of East Bengal Regiment for their outstanding performances during professional duty in combating terrorist activities of outlawed Shantibahini in Chittagong Hill Tracts, and in anti-smuggling and anti-terrorism drives.

Nayek (ret) Shahjahan Sharif of East Bengal received Bir Bikram award. Those who received Bir Protik are: Lt Col Mohammad Saidur Rahman, Major Mirza Harunur Rashid, Major S M Sahahuddin Islam, Nayek Subedar (Rtd) Abdul Wahab and Habidlar (Rtd) Zahurul Hoq Bhuiyan.

Earlier, the Prime Minister reviewed the parade and took salute at the impressive march past. The Prime Minister then visited the ZBRC commandant's office and addressed a regimental commanding officers conference.

JP: Nov 7

From Page 1 cluding HM Ershad, who formed the party in 1986. JP secretary general Anwar Hossain is a cabinet minister in the Awami League government, which was formed following the June 12 elections.

AL government formation of the AL government, Ershad was allowed to attend the sessions of the Seventh Jatiya Sangsad. Meanwhile, the Jamaat-e-Islami in a press release last night urged the people to observe the 'National Revolution and Solidarity Day' on November 7.

BNP programme

From Page 1 Party Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan will inaugurate a blood donation programme at the BNP central office at 11 am on the day. Lions and Leo Club of Dhaka Paradise will organise the programme, said a press release.

Pandemonium

From Page 1 House is not being allowed to function. "Everyone should abide by the rule of the game. This House is not a place to enter with arms," said Azad. Suranjit was given the floor once again. Referring to the incident of firearm he said "it was a ploy to kill the Prime Minister".

JCD-BCL clash on JU campus: 20 hurt

By JU Correspondent

At least 20 people were injured in clashes between the activists of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on the Jahangirnagar University campus yesterday. When contacted, the Savar police refused to give any details but said, tension was prevailing on the campus for the last two days.

The Vice Chancellor of the university talking to The Daily Star said, "We will try to settle the matter through talks with the rival groups." He, however, added that the classes would continue. The clashes between the two groups started when the BCL chased a JCD procession near the Bhashani Hall.

Biddut, a second year student of Economics and the JCD activist received bullet injuries during the chase and counter chase between the two rival organisations. He was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College while the other injured were given first aid at the university hospital. At least ten rounds of gun shot were fired and several cocktails exploded. During the chase and counter chase the BCL activists took position at the gates of the Salam Barkat Hall, Kamaluddin Hall, Bhashani Hall and MH Hall.

They locked the gates of all these halls and the inmates were not allowed to go out or get inside the halls. According to witnesses, about 40 rooms belonging to the JCD activists were ransacked while 50 JCD activists were also ousted from the halls. BCL activists were seen guarding the halls when this correspondent visited the area. In retaliation, JCD workers later, locked the gates of all academic buildings and went on the rampage in the arts faculty building at around 10 yesterday morning.

They also snatched the keys to the university buses disrupting the transport service. They later brought out processions. No classes or examinations were held. A good number of students left the campus fearing fresh violence.

The Bangladesh Chhatra Union and the Samaitantrik Chhatra Front brought out separate processions on the campus protesting the terrorists activities on the campus. Council sessions of city AL units by this month. By Staff Correspondent Ten teams have been formed for smooth holding of the council sessions at the ward and union level units of the Dhaka city Awami League.

The teams were set up at a meeting of the working council of the city AL held last night at the party's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue. The city AL president, Mohammad Hanif, was in the chair. Talking to The Daily Star last night, Hanif said the council sessions at 90 wards and 19 unions would be held by this month.

BUET teachers' memo to PM

By Staff Correspondent Some 150 teachers of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) were intercepted by police near Sonargaon Hotel when they were proceeding to the Prime Minister's office to hand over a memorandum yesterday. But later some representatives of the teachers were taken to the Prime Minister's office in police vehicles.

They handed over the memorandum to the DG (Administration) in the absence of the Prime Minister, who was in Chittagong. The teachers in their memorandum urged the Prime Minister to remove the VC, Prof Shahjahan and appoint a new VC from among the three senior most teachers of BUET.



BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan addressing a discussion on 'National Revolution and Solidarity Day' organised by the city unit of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Jubadal at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. — Star photo

Benazir under house arrest

From Page 1 der included detailed allegations that could be used to bolster such a move. The President accused Ms Bhutto's government of: (1) Sanctioning "extra judicial killings, which is an evil abhorrent to our Islamic faith and all canons of civilised government," in Karachi, where police have been accused of targeting Ms Bhutto's political opponents as well as criminals.

(2) Undermining the judicial system with her opposition to a Supreme Court ruling that gave the President the power to appoint judges rather than her and Parliament. (3) Allowing corruption and nepotism to "become so extensive and widespread that the orderly functioning of the government in accordance with the constitution and the law has become impossible."

(4) Tapping the phones of judges, political leaders, military officers and senior civil servants. (5) Implicating the President in the shooting death of her brother, and interfering with investigations into the killing. Leghari had earlier accused her of financial mismanagement. Only recently did she give up the post of finance minister, which she had held since her election in 1993. Ms Bhutto has denied the charges against her. She recently warned of "a conspiracy against democracy in Pakistan," and had vowed to complete her term due to end in 1998. Ms Bhutto's first term ended abruptly in 1990 after only 20 months in office — then, too, she was accused of runaway corruption and incompetence. She used mass demonstrations to orchestrate the early dismissal of her successor, Nawaz Sharif, and regained office in 1993. Nawaz Sharif said today that the sacking of Bhutto government was "deliberance for the people", and expressed confidence he would win general elections set for February. "This day today is a day of deliverance for the people of Pakistan. The mismanagement of this government is itself responsible for the situation which has arisen today", Sharif told Reuters. Sartaj Aziz, Secretary General of the Pakistan Muslim League (PML), also praised the President's action.

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Ershad gets bail in Janata Tower Case

Former president Hussain Muhammad Ershad has been granted bail by a High Court division bench of the Supreme Court in the Janata Tower Case, reports BSS. A press release issued by Advocate Yusuf Hussain Humayun yesterday said that the "High Court division of the Supreme Court consisting of Justice B I Chowdhury and Justice Hasan Amin granted bail to former president H M Ershad in the Janata Tower appeal case. There is no reason to refuse bail to Ershad since all other appellants accused in the case are on bail, the court observed during allowing bail to Ershad. Khondaker Mahabub Hossain and Yusuf Hussain Humayun conducted the case.

Dredger purchase Ershad acquitted of charge

CHITTAGONG, Nov 5: District and Sessions Judge, Chittagong, Muhammad Sahul Hossain today acquitted five accused persons including former president Hussain Muhammad Ershad of the charge of reaping financial benefit from the purchase of a dredger for Chittagong Port in 1982, reports BSS. The judge delivered the judgement on receipt of final report of the investigating officer where it was stated that the anti-corruption department found the case on the report of gross mistake of facts. Others acquitted of the charge were former shipping minister A K M Moyeedul Islam, chief of the infrastructural division of Planning Commission Omar Hadi, former Chittagong Port Authority (CAP) Chairman S Y Kamal and former NPA chairman Shahad Hossain.

ICB MD Huda made OSD

By Staff Correspondent The Managing Director of the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) Khairul Huda has been made an Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of Establishment with immediate effect, sources at the Finance Ministry said. He has been replaced by Sirajuddin Ahmed Chowdhury who was holding charge of Managing Director of Bangladesh Shipila Rin Sangstha (BSRS) and Deputy Managing Director of Agram Bank. Aminur Rahman, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance has been appointed Acting Managing Director of BSRS.

Americans vote to elect President

WASHINGTON, Nov 5: Boosted by a robust economy, Bill Clinton was the clear favourite to win a second term as Americans voted today, reports AP. Republican challenger Bob Dole pressed his attacks on Clinton's character up to the last minute, insisting he could still win in an upset. Whatever Dole's prospects, Republican leaders seemed cocky about retaining control of Congress for only the first time since Calvin Coolidge occupied the White House six decades ago.

5 killed, 25 hurt in road accidents

By Staff Correspondent Five people were killed and 25 others injured in separate road accidents in Jessore, Barisal and Dhaka districts yesterday. Our Correspondent from Jessore says: Three persons died and 20 were injured in a road accident on the Jessore-Sathkhira highway near Ulaishi Bazar yesterday morning. According to police and witnesses, the accident occurred when the driver of a bus lost control of his vehicle while giving side to an autorickshaw. The three deceased identified as tempoo driver Abdu Samad (30), Abu Bakkar Siddique (22) and Maroof Hossain (25). Six of the injured — Munoor Rashid (40), Abdul Zabbar (35), Safura Khatoon (30), Manik Mia (50), Chand Mia (25) and Masuduzzaman were admitted to the Jessore general hospital and Buraj Bagan health complex. According to our staff correspondent in Barisal: A minor boy was crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck in Barisal at about 3 yesterday afternoon. Kotwali police and witnesses said, Rubel, a seven year old boy was killed on the spot when he was hit from behind by a truck that was on way to Faridpur from Barisal. BSS adds: An unidentified person was killed and five others were injured in an accident on the Rajendrapur bridge under Keraniganj police station yesterday morning, hospital sources said. The victims were travelling in an auto-rickshaw which was hit by a truck.

Obituary ref on Serniabat

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday unanimously adopted an obituary reference condoling the death of former minister Abdur Rab Serniabat who was killed on August 15, 1975, reports BSS. The House stood in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the late leader and prayed for the peace of the departed soul. Moving the obituary reference, Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury said, "Mr Abdur Rab Serniabat was killed brutally on the same night when father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was killed by some misguided conspirator and assassins."

Gunfight over harvesting paddy in Cox's Bazar: 35 injured

From Our Correspondent COX'S BAZAR, Nov 5: A gun-battle between two groups of villagers over harvesting paddy at Uttar Mehermanan under Chokoria thana today left 35 people injured, said police and witnesses. Some of the injured were rushed to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital while others admitted to the thana sadar hospital, according to hospital sources. The clash started when one group came to harvest the standing crops in a disputed area of 100 acres of land at around 10:30 am. During the clash that lasted over two hours, the rival groups used guns and lethal weapons, said police and witnesses. The circular, issued on October 12 noted serious irregularities in discharge of duty by officials and specifically mentioned that attendance become thin after lunch break. The circular was sent to every section of the Administrative Building where there are about 470 officers and employees.

Civil courts

From Page 1 the night of August 15, 1975 in a military putsch. Later, on the night of November 3 the same year, four Awami League stalwarts — Tajuddin Ahmed, Syed Nazrul Islam, Kamruzzaman and Mansur Ali — were killed inside the prison cell of the Dhaka Central Jail.

BNP: Bloodbath

From Page 1 and culprits punished. "But why did they leave the House? What do they want? Do they want to jeopardise Parliament and push the country towards chaos and blood-bath?" she asked. Citing recent public warning by BNP leaders "to kill" the Prime Minister, Hasina said: "I'm not afraid of death or killing. I've faced death warrant several times. I know my death lies in the hands of Allah. But now will be able to thwart my service to the people by issuing death threats." The Prime Minister also mentioned the BNP's fresh call for sepoxy-people uprising and said they (BNP) now were out to stage another massacre of army officers and jawans for an orgy of bloodbath. She alleged that late President Gen Ziaur Rahman killed hundreds of army officers and sepoys on November 7, 1975 to consolidate his power. Families of the victims are still mourning the loss of their kith and kin in the "so-called revolution".

The Prime Minister also mentioned Begum Zia's call for sepoxy-people uprising while in the Opposition, she said, none had responded to her call. "People who have restored democracy by shedding their blood will protect it foiling all conspiracies," Hasina said. She urged the opposition to return to the House and help smooth functioning of Parliament and democracy for the betterment of the people. BSS adds: The Prime Minister said the private secretary of Leader of the Opposition entered the Parliament building defying bans and endangering the security of the Jatiya Sangsad. "But they would not allow us to talk about the security of the House and they would walkout", she said. She said the BNP has resorted to a reign of terror across the country. Recent incidents, including the setting on fire the Comilla Ajit Guha College, proves that BNP wants to destabilise democracy. That is why they are saying that there is no necessity of Parliament", she said.

Sheikh Hasina said whenever any corruption case is filed by the Anti-corruption Bureau against BNP leaders, they threat to shut down everything.

Sharjah

From Page 1 according to informed sources. Syed Ashraful Haq, vice-president of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) left for Sharjah yesterday evening to attend a meeting of the technical committee of the Cricketers' Benefit Fund Series (CBFS), the organisers of the championship. The meeting will be held today at 6 pm Sharjah time. The other members of the committee are Sunil Gavaskar, Imran Khan, Geoffrey Boycott and Asif Iqbal, who is an ex-officio member being the coordinator of the CBFS. The meeting will be attended by the umpires, match referees, captains and managers of the participating teams.

Yeltsin

From Page 1 advised on the operation, said the surgery was a complete success and Yeltsin should recover quickly and resume his full duties. Yeltsin was confident and joked with doctors before the surgery, which was carried out by a team of 12 top Russian doctors, including four surgeons, under Dr Akchurin. Shortly before going under the knife, Yeltsin transferred power temporarily to Chernomyrdin, including control of Russia's vast nuclear arsenal.