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**5 teams to go on study tour of foreign parliaments**

By Mizan Ali

Twenty-five MPs and officials, split into five teams would visit UK, India, Singapore, Australia and Canada to study the working of parliaments, including the committee system and support services, according to official sources.

The teams comprise six MPs who are in the Jatiya Sangsad Task Force, 12 MPs who are members of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and seven officials of the Parliament Secretariat. They would begin their study tour in the third week of this month, under the Preparatory Assistance Programme of the UNDP and some other donor agencies, the sources said.

Each of the five teams would visit two countries and on their return submit reports relating to reform measures for strengthening parliamentary system in the country, the sources noted.

"Substantive aspects of the study tour of other parliaments would be video taped for the benefit of all other MPs here," said one source.

Public opinion on the reform initiatives would be sought through the media and workshops would be organised

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President Shahabuddin Ahmed being adorned with a sash after he took oath as the Chief Scout of Bangladesh at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday. —PID photo

**MOU with Japan signed to bolster economic ties**

Entrepreneurs from Japan and Bangladesh yesterday agreed to remove the impediments and identify the areas of trade and investment to bolster bilateral economic cooperation, reports UNB.

"It's the beginning, I think the Japanese investors would come forward in a bigger way," said FBCCI President Yusuf Abdullah Harun, after signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to boost trade and investment.

He said the Japanese delegation that took part in the meeting identified three impediments standing as the stumbling block towards their prospective investment and enhancing trade relations with the country.

These are absence of political stability, lack of necessary infrastructure and lack of quick decision from the government. Harun said. He hoped the last two problems would be solved as political stability had already been restored.

In the MOU, initiated by Harun and Uwatoko, both the sides agreed on a five-point agenda after holding elaborate day-long discussion in three working sessions on "the hard realities of matters connected with investment and trade."

The points are: a) In order to increase Japanese investment in Bangladesh and trade between the two countries, the Joint Committee should establish an appropriate forum for exchange of information and pursuing implementation of decisions.

b) In order to bring the business community of both the countries closer to each other, more frequent exchange of visit between them should be arranged.

c) The activities of the Joint Committee would be enlarged to cover more areas of commercial and economic cooperation between the two countries.

d) It was further arranged in the meeting that Japanese new investment will be examined more seriously by the Japanese side. In this context, the Bangladesh government would try to remove the bottlenecks already identified, such as power supply, communication problem etc.

e) Study should be undertaken to identify which sunset industries can be profitably relocated from Japan to Bangladesh and after that the Japanese side would take the next steps.

Both sides resolved that the agreed decisions would be seriously pursued henceforth and the ninth meeting of the Joint Committee would be held in Japan at a mutually convenient date next year.

**Gen Mahbub meets Jiang Zemin**

Chief of Army Staff Lt General Muhammad Mahbub Rahman called on Chinese President Jiang Zemin in Beijing Friday, according to a message received yesterday, reports UNB.

The Chinese President hoped that the visit of Bangladesh's Chief of Army Staff would further enhance the good understanding and cooperation between the two countries.

Jiang Zemin recalled the recent visit of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and thanked Bangladesh for her support to China on various international issues.

Mutual cooperation between the two countries was of utmost importance, the Chinese President said adding that both the countries confronted with serious population problem and suffered natural calamities frequently.

General Mahbub expressed his deep sense of gratitude for the generous support China had rendered to Bangladesh. He also conveyed good wishes of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to the Chinese President.

**204 bottles of phenysdil seized at Sylhet**

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Nov 9: Kotwali police recovered 204 bottles of Indian Phenysdil and other medicines worth about Tk two lakh from a pharmacy at the Hasan Market here this afternoon.

Earlier on Wednesday night, police recovered 250 bottles of phenysdil and medicines worth about Taka five lakh from a cloth store in the same market.

Both the shops are owned by one person, who is absconding. Police said cases have been filed against him under the Liquor and Narcotics Act and the Special Powers Act.

**Dr Kamal, 5 others express concern at granting of bail to Ershad**

Leaders of six human rights and professional organisations, including Dr Kamal Hossain and Advocate Sigma Huda, in a statement yesterday expressed concern at granting of bail to former President H M Ershad MP.

"We feel strongly that if Ershad is allowed to evade trial particularly in serious charges of corruption and murder, it will undermine credibility of the system of justice in Bangladesh and would be a violation of the constitution, they said.

"The statement further said: "Upholding the rule of law and strict enforcement of the law against all who are charged with crime and regardless of their political standing is a constitutional duty. Any action which indicates that the commitment of the government to discharge this duty has been weakened due to political or extraneous considerations undermines the rule of law and is a negation of the constitutional principle that are equal before the law and no one is above the law."

Signatories to the statement are Salma Sobhan of Ain-o-Salish Kendra, Abul Haseeb Khan of Odhikar, Adilur Rahman Khan of Jatiyo Ainjibi Parishad, Dr Kamal Hossain of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust, Farida Yasmin of Madaripur Legal Aid Association and Sigma Huda of Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights.

**Ershad gets bail**

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Ershad's lawyers are expected to pray for bail in one more case today (Sunday), and two others on Monday.

On November 16, they are moving a bail petition in the General Manzoor murder case.

Khandaker Mahbub Hossain and Yusuf Hossain Humayun, counsels for Ershad, moved the prayers for bail while Public Prosecutor Altaf Hossain represented the state.

JP sources said they are hopeful that their leader is coming out of his sub-jail soon.

Earlier, Ershad had threatened to withdraw support from the Awami League government unless he was enlarged on bail by November.

The source said after his freedom on bail, he is planning to visit his home town Rangpur. Later he would proceed to the United Arab Emirate on way to Saudi Arabia to perform Umra. From there he will go to London for medical check-up.

**400 Zairian refugees die in boat capsized**

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania Nov 9: A boat packed with Zairian refugees fleeing to Tanzania capsized in Lake Tanganyika, killing an estimated 400 people, a newspaper reported today, says AP.

Kalulu, published in the lake port town of Kigoma, quoted refugees arriving there as saying the boat from Uvira, 150 kilometres (90 miles) northwest across the lake, was overloaded and went down in high winds yesterday.

The newspaper said another boat carrying an undetermined number of Zairian refugees lost its way, and its fate was unknown.

An estimated 12,000 Zairian refugees, including some soldiers, have arrived in Kigoma since fighting between Zairian rebels and the army erupted three weeks ago.

Three eastern Zaire towns, including Uvira, have fallen to Zairian rebels.

**Draft report on Rules of Procedure discussed**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure was held at the Sangsad Bhavan last night with chairman of the committee Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed the draft report prepared by the committee for amending the Rules of Procedure of Bangladesh Parliament. Discussions were also held on the minutes of the last meeting of the committee held on October 31 last.

**Powell ready to join Clinton admin**

ORLANDO (Florida), Nov 9: Nearly four years after bowing out of the first Clinton cabinet, retired Army Gen Colin Powell said he would consider being a part of the president's second term if an offer came his way, reports AP.

No offers have been made. Powell told The Orlando Sentinel in a story published today. But he said: "You always have to listen to your president."

The former national security adviser and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has been mentioned as a possible successor to Secretary of State Warren Christopher or Secretary of Defence William Perry.

The White House on Friday would not say whether Powell, a Republican, was being considered for a cabinet position.

**Islamic University reopens**

JHENIDAH, Nov 9: The Islamic University reopened today after 43 days' unscheduled closure.

The two hostels for male students and the other for female students also reopened yesterday.

The Islamic University was closed since September 26 following a clash between Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir activists in which one student was killed and at least 150 were injured.

Talking to The Daily Star, Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof Enamul Haq said adequate law-enforcing personnel have been deployed to maintain law and order on the campus. Stern action will be taken against anybody found disturbing peace on the campus, he said.

**Kashmiri leader killed**

SRINAGAR (India) Nov 9: A senior leader of an organisation of former Muslim separatists was abducted and murdered by rival guerrillas in the northern Himalayan state of Kashmir, police said today, reports AFP.

Nabi Azad, leader of the pro-Indian Muslim mujahideen group, was abducted by rival militants Friday night and his body was found in the town of Achabal, 67 kilometres from Srinagar today, the police said.

**PM: Japanese investors**

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Hasina said: "It may be because of the failure of our previous government in giving adequate attention to projecting our country abroad rightly."

She acknowledged that the country suffers natural calamities, but said she believed that natural calamities do not restrain direct investment by the foreign entrepreneurs in the private sector in any country.

"I think the image problem is more imaginary and far from reality," she said mentioning that during her recent visit to China and Hong Kong, she noticed that formation of the new government brought changes in the mindset of investors about investment opportunities in Bangladesh.

Listing the pro-investment steps already taken she said the Board of Investment, which is being strengthened, had been asked to take the role of facilitator for promotion of investment, especially foreign investment.

Instructions have been given to provide power, tele-links and other infrastructural facilities to the foreign investors while issuance of visas to foreign investors has been made easier, she said.

Hasina said the government had given high priority to development of infrastructure, including gas fields, power and ports, telecommunication network, roads and bridges.

"I have also directed the authorities concerned to frame standard contracts for production-sharing in field of power, gas and oil to process the private investment proposals expeditiously," she said.

"Apart from these specific measures, we are also working for maintaining macroeconomic stability, keeping inflation rate low containing fiscal deficit within reasonable limits, maintaining adequate foreign exchange reserve and restoring financial convertibility of the taka."

Referring to the Japanese assistance in the nationbuilding activities in Bangladesh, the prime minister said the bond of friendship between the two nations is historic and the friendship has withstood the test of time.

She said the visit of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to Japan ushered in a

**Sherpur businessmen begin hartal**

SHERPUR, Nov 9: An indefinite hartal called by Sherpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry, began in the district town today in protest of the deterioration of law and order, reports UNB.

The businessmen kept their shutters down on the first day of the hartal also protesting attacks on them by students. Vehicles also remained off the road and educational institutions were closed.

Angry pro-hartal pickets damaged two buses on the Sherpur-Jhenaihati road. No bus left.

**39 degree examinees expelled in Kushtia, 11 in Chandpur**

From Our Correspondent KUSHTIA, Nov 9: Some thirty nine degree examinees were expelled from six centres of Kushtia district on the first day of the examination today for adopting unfair means.

Eighteen of them were expelled from the Islamia College centre, one from the Govt University College centre, 3 from the Daulatpur College centre, 9 from the Bheramara College centre, 5 from the Mathurapur College centre and 3 from the Kumarkhali College centre.

Our Chandpur correspondent adds: Eleven students of Chandpur Govt University College were expelled on the first day of the degree examination being held under the National University One person was arrested allegedly for supplying answer scripts.

**Murtaza's wife sues Karachi police chief**

KARACHI, Nov 9: The widow of Benazir Bhutto's slain brother filed murder charges today against the Karachi police chief and senior policemen in connection with the shooting death of her husband, the state-run news agency said, reports AP.

The court ordered district magistrate to take necessary measures regarding her division as per provision of jail code. It also asked the jail authorities to form medical board, if necessary.

**Noor Hossain Day today**

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then opposition leader Sheikh Hasina.

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed in his message yesterday called upon the countrymen for realising the coveted desire of the people through consolidating and strengthening the hard earned democracy.

Paying tributes to Shaheed Noor Hossain, President Shahabuddin said the nation remembers with gratitude the supreme sacrifice of Noor Hossain for the restoration of democracy in the country.

He prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul of Shaheed Noor Hossain.

In a message on the occasion, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday paid rich tributes to the memories of the martyrs of the democratic movement in the country. She termed the day a memorable one in the country's history of democratic movement. The supreme sacrifice by Noor Hossain had inspired the nation with a new spirit to struggle for democracy, she said.

"We recall the sacrifices of all martyrs and contributions of all others in the struggle for democracy with gratitude," she said.

Various socio-cultural and political organisations have chalked out programmes to observe the day. Shaheed Noor Hossain Sangsad's day-long programmes include, hoisting of black flag atop the Sangsad Avenue and wearing black badge at 6 am, offering *fateha* and placing wreaths at Hossain's grave at Jurain in the city at 7 am, placing wreaths at Noor Hossain Square at 8 am, discussion at Awami League central office at 11 am.

Prominent political figures, intellectuals and father of Shaheed Noor Hossain will take part in the discussion, says a press release.

Dhaka city unit of Awami League will hold a discussion meeting at the AL central office at six pm, a party press release said.

**Savar Jubo Dal chief**

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The assailants fled the scene after hacking Moznou. He succumbed to his injuries on way to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Hearing about the killing of Moznou, several thousand agitated activists of the BNP went on a rowdy protest putting barricade on the Dhaka-Aricha highway and attacking scores of vehicles.

At least 100 people, including passengers and drivers, were reported injured and 150 vehicles damaged in the melee.

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party called a half-day hartal in the thana tomorrow to protest the killing of Moznou.

Road communications of 36 districts of the country's south-western part with capital Dhaka remained disrupted due to the barricade since 2 pm. Thousands of vehicles were stranded as traffic on the busy highway remained blocked.

The BNP leaders blamed the ruling Awami League for the killing of the Jubo Dal leader.

The body of the deceased was not sent for autopsy and no case was filed till filing of the report as the protest continued.

**Killing condemned**  
Meanwhile, BNP Secretary

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**Sylhet JCD**

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All activities of the district unit have also been suspended while the town and thana committees will continue to functioning party, sources said.

The dissolution of the JCD's district committee was announced by the president of the central body, Shahid Uddin Chowdhury, here.

A workers' meeting of the district JCD began at the Shahid Soleman Hall in Sylhet town this morning. When the meeting was on, a group of JCD activists reportedly belonging to the Jaman group reached the venue. Then the clash started, the sources added.

**Council session**

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Star that council sessions of Banderban, Natore and Pabna are in the offing.

Mannan hoped that with everything set for holding of council meets of various district units, the national council session could be arranged by late next month.

"There is no scope for further rescheduling the national council session as the holy month of Ramadan is nearing," said Abdul Jalil, who is busy in helping organise sessions of district and thana units with 'problems'.

Both Mannan and Jalil said that six teams comprising AL central leaders were now making shuttle trips to districts for successful holding of district units sessions.

It is gathered from party insiders that a proposal for inviting prominent political figures and delegates from major political parties in 15 countries to the national council sessions is now under active consideration of party chief and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Over 5,000 party delegates are likely to attend the session.

Meanwhile, President of city AL and DCC Mayor Mohammad Hanif told The Daily Star that the city unit's council meet would be held a few days ahead of the national council session and for this preparations were going on for council meets of 90 ward units and 19 union units by the end of this month.

**Daewoo**

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On completion, the unit will have the facilities of yarn spinning and dyeing and sweater knitting.

The factory, which will be set up with fully Korean financing, would create employment opportunities to about three to five thousand workers.

The unit is expected to start work on sweater knitting in May 1997, yarn spinning in August and yarn dyeing in October the same year.

The state minister assured the company of all possible cooperation from the government for setting up the industry as well as other units.

**Samad Azad**

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Deve Gowda and other top leaders.

The Bangladesh Foreign Minister will go through a busy schedule when he begins formal talks with Indian leaders on November 11 and continues through November 13.

On arrival, the Foreign Minister was given a warm reception at the Indira Gandhi International Airport here.

The high-level delegation includes, among others, Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan.