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Labour supporters in John Major masks demonstrating outside Downing Street in London yesterday. — AFP/UNB photo

Bangabandhu murder

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The trial of the Bangabandhu murder case formally commenced at the court of District and Sessions Judge, Dhaka on April 8, with indictment of 20 people accused in the killing of the founder President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family in the early morning of August 15, 1975.

The case in this connection was lodged with the Dhanmondi Thana in October last by Mahitul Islam, resident PS of the then President.

Of those facing the trial five in jail custody were produced before the court during yesterday's proceedings. They were: Lt Col (dismissed) Syed Farooqur Rahman, Lt Col (relieved) Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan, Taheruddin Thakur, former minister of state for information; Lt Col Mohiuddin Ahmed, Acting Director, BNCC, Dhaka; Capt Hon Abdul Wahab Joarder, Zobaidda Rashid, wife of Lt Col (dismissed) A Rashid Khondaker, also an accused in the case was earlier granted bail by the Supreme Court.

The absconding 14 accused of the case, however, were facing the trial in absentia.

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The university authorities have announced appointments in three important posts removing the 'pro-Jamaat-Shibir' officials.

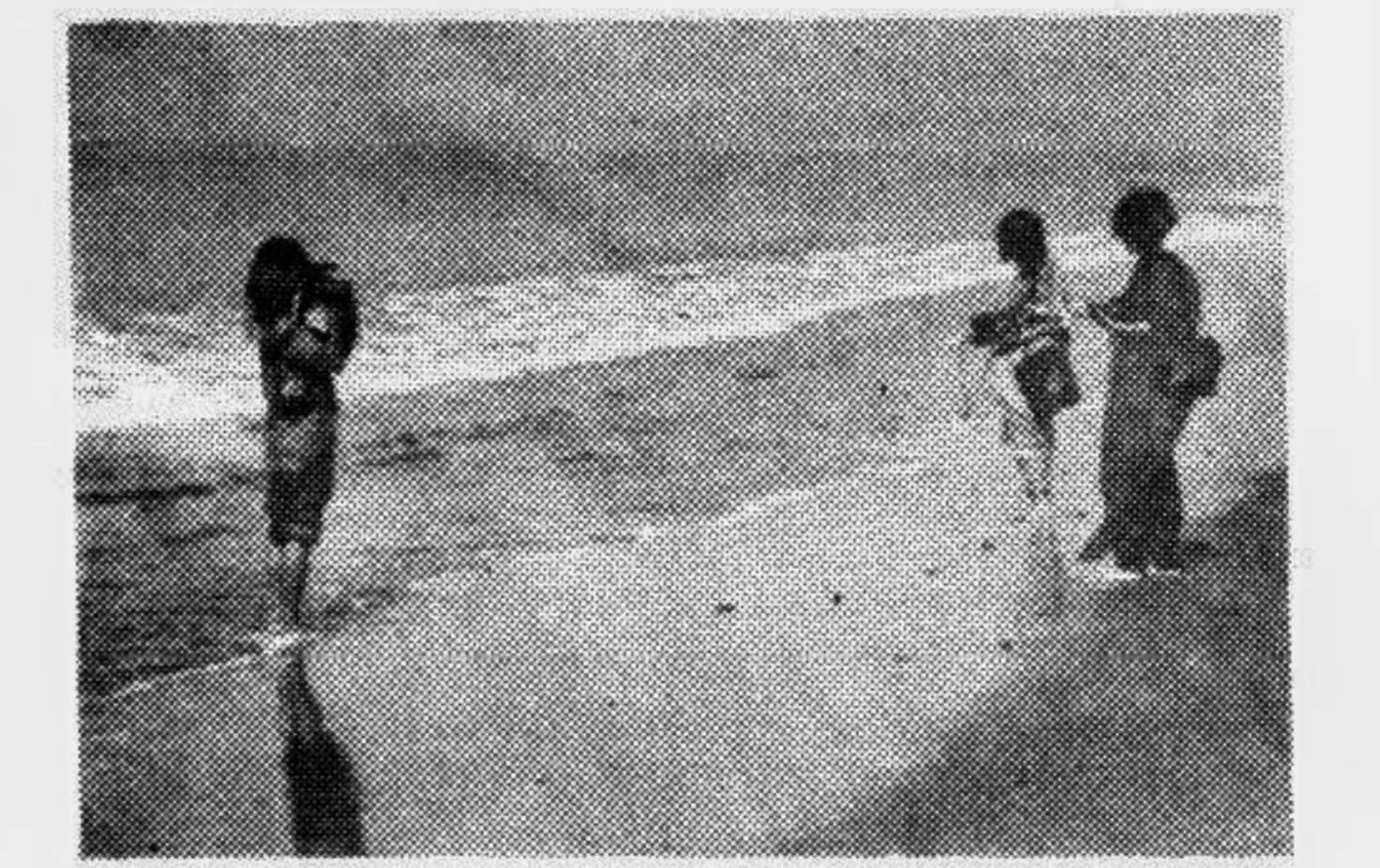
Prof Yunus of Economic Department has been appointed Registrar, Prof M Nurulhuda Treasurer and Associate Prof Faruquzzaman Administrator, Press and Public Relations.

Three pro-Jamaat provosts have also been replaced by Prof Abdur Razzaq in the Habibur Rahman Hall, AKM Abdul Mazid in SM Hall and Prof Khairul Anam in the Mother Box Hall.

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21 projects involving Tk 1411cr approved

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) yesterday approved 21 development projects involving Tk 1410.77 crore, including Tk 431.25 crore in project aid, reports UNB.

The approval was given at a meeting held at the National Economic Council Bhaban at Sher-e-Banglanagar with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

The projects are social empowerment in poverty alleviation through participation at grassroots level project, rural bittahen programme, rural development project 12 (2nd phase), strengthening of project formulation and implementation through participation of local people in poverty alleviation, formulation of participatory programme and creation of working capacity for poverty alleviation at local level and Dutch aided expeditious implementation project, final phase, group-2 and char development and settlement project.

The projects also include construction of 64 km double line of railway on Dhaka-Chittagong main line from Tongi to Bhairab Bazar, construction of

Hartal programme

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dents said.

Local people said some armed people attacked the Balaka Express train at the Mashkhali Rail Station in the morning. A good number of BNP workers and supporters were going to the meeting venue in the train. Passengers of the train were indiscriminately beaten up and most of them were forced to get down. People going to the meeting venue were also harassed and obstructed at some other places, witnesses said adding that most of the attacks took place at the Bhash-luka crossing. However, police dispersed the attackers before Begum Zia reached the spot, they said.

BNP leaders alleged that the attacks were made by the armed AL workers under the guidance of party MP Altaf Hossain Golan-daz while some local people claimed that the attackers also included activists of a faction of the local BNP and those of its front organisations.

Addressing the meeting, Begum Zia accused the ruling party of attempting to foil her public meeting "because it did not come to power with people's mandate". "Had the people been with them, they could have organised a counter meeting to

Talks with Ctg port users in city today

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Apr 29: Negotiations between the authorities and the Port Users Forum are going to resolve the issue of use of private equipment at the Chittagong Port, official sources said.

Officials of the Ministry of Ports and Shipping are scheduled to hold another round of meeting with the Port Users Forum tomorrow in Dhaka, the sources said.

Deputy Minister for Ports and Shipping also held a meeting with the CBA leaders of port workers on Sunday to resolve the issue.

The Port Users Forum, in an earlier letter to the shipping ministry had urged it to give a decision on the issue by tomorrow.

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Ali Zamil, Mizan Bhuiyan, Zahid Hossain and Mosharraf Hossain were among those who spoke at the rally.

They said the investors had lost confidence in the stock exchange leadership and as such the DSE Council should be dissolved immediately.

The DSE All Share Price Index rose by 36.14 points reaching 936.57 points yesterday from 899.38 points the previous day.

Out of a total of 121 traded issues, the prices of 102 companies' shares rose while 16 issues suffered losses and 3 remained unchanged.

More than 2.12 lakh shares and debentures, valued at Tk 3.81 crore, changed hands during the day.

Water resources

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BSS adds: Ramashwami Iyer, former water resources secretary of India and now a research professor of CPR, said that each of the GBM countries should undertake pragmatic programmes for necessary development of the respective peoples.

In this respect he referred to the Mahakali and Ganges agreements signed between India and Nepal and India and Bangladesh and said these two accords had led the situation towards a positive turn which could be used for exploration of areas for Further cooperation among the countries of this region.

Daman Nath Dhungana of IIDS said that a conducive atmosphere was now prevailing both in terms of bilateral relations among the participating countries and an environment for possible cooperation at the regional level.

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Sihanouk's promise

PHNOM PENH, Apr 29: Cambodia's King Norodom Sihanouk said today he would "talk no more of abdicating" his throne, to avoid "displeasing" some of his countrymen who are concerned at the prospect, reports AFP.

AL activist slaughtered in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Apr 29: Unidentified assailants slaughtered a ruling party activist at a village in Rajganj thana early today, reports UNB.

Police said a group of armed miscreants dragged out Hira Lal, 26, from his residence at Koljan village and killed him at a paddy field near Khirtola. The motive of the killing could not be ascertained.

Later, police recovered the beheaded body of Hira Lal from the paddy field. A case was filed with Rajganj thana.

3 JCD leaders sent to jail in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Apr 29: Three local leaders of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) were sent to jail hajat as they surrendered to a court here today, reports UNB.

The JCD leaders — Saidur Rahman, Emdad Hossain and Hilton accused of a BCL leader murder case — were sent to jail after Magistrate Georges Miah rejected their bail prayers.

But the court granted bail to 21 JCD leaders, including the three, wanted in four other cases. Among others who got bail in the four cases were Anisuzzaman, Nazmul Hassan and Munshi Kamaluddin.

Probe into arms recovery from orphanage

State Minister for Social Welfare, Women and Children Affairs Dr Mozammel Hossain yesterday directed the authorities to submit an enquiry report on arms haul from Sir Salimullah Muslim Orphanage at Azimpur, reports BSS.

The directive came when he visited different sections of the orphanage.

The minister expressed dissatisfaction over the 'mismanagement' in different section of the orphanage.

Arms recovery: 3 on remand

By Staff Correspondent

Three persons, arrested in connection with recovery of a cache of firearms and ammunition at the construction site of the Moon Sing-Parad Memorial Trust in the city on Monday, were placed on a day's remand yesterday.

Police said, the three — Rangon DAs, Japan Duty and To-lazal Hossain — were produced before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in the morning. The court granted the remand for further interrogation.

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Traffic jam for 10 hours at Dhaka-Ctg highway

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Apr 29: A massive traffic jam near the Kanchpur bridge on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway continued for over 10 hours yesterday, said witnesses.

Witnesses said two vehicles went out of order near the bridge causing the traffic jam from around 1:45 pm.

The vehicles, a passenger bus and a truck, could not be removed from the road till the writing of this report late last night.

Discussion on AL party constitution

A meeting of the Awami League's constitution and manifesto sub-committee was held last night at Ganabhaban with committee chairman Abdul Mannan MP in the chair, reports UNB.

Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina attended the meeting as chief guest, said a party press release.

The meeting elaborately discussed various clauses and sub-clauses of the party constitution and took some important decision to this effect.

Expulsion

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from the letter signed by Er-shad.

Giving his comments on the withdrawal of the expulsion order, Moazzem said, "the hurdle for a dialogue with the chairman has now been removed."

Asked about their stand on the joint press statement issued by the three leaders on April 10 and April 25 Moazzem said, "We still stand by those demands."

On April 10 the three leaders issued a joint press statement demanding that JP play the role of an opposition party, follow democratic values, Islamic principles and rid the organisation of all scandals.

The joint statement issued on April 25, appealed to all concerned for preparing for the council session of the party by May besides they also termed the decision of appointing Anwar Hossain Manju as the first vice chairman of the party undemocratic. Manju, who is also the secretary general of the party, holds a cabinet post in the Awami League government.

JCD: Syndicate

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their normal activities in those halls.

The decision to dissolve the DUCSU and the hall union committees was taken by the Syndicate on the basis of a recommendation of a committee which investigated the killing of a university student on March 13.

Talking to The Daily Star, Nasiruddin Asim the DU union convenor of JCD said, the report of the killing was politically motivated. It was submitted just to humiliate the JCD, said Mosarraf Hossain, JCD Vice President.

He also said the committee formed to investigate the killing of Arif Hossain Taj had no authority to recommend dissolution of the DUCSU and hall union bodies.

The general secretary of the Awami League backed Chhatra League Ishaque Ali Khan Panna has urged the Vice Chancellor to implement the decision of the Syndicate immediately and declare a schedule for DUCSU elections.

Talking to this correspondent, he said, the situation on the campus was now comparatively good and it could be made even better.

President of Bangladesh Chhatra Union Aslam Khan has also hailed the decision and demanded elections.

The secretary general of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front Saifur Rahman Tapan has also hailed the decision.

Next round of Indo-Pak talks in mid-May

NEW DELHI, Apr 29: The second round of the resumed foreign secretary level talks between India and Pakistan to resolve outstanding bilateral issues will be held after the SAARC summit in Maldives in mid-May, an external Affairs Ministry spokesman said here today, reports BSS.

Commenting on Pakistan Foreign Minister Gohar Ayub Khan's statement in Islamabad yesterday that his government had suggested that the next round of talks be held from May 1-3, the spokesman said "Pakistan had suggested these dates." However, for logistic reasons, they could not be accepted.

"We hope to bilaterally finalise mutually acceptable dates in the near future." The spokesman said adding that most probably the dates will be decided in the meeting between the prime ministers of the two countries at the SAARC summit in Male.

The first round of talks between the foreign secretaries of Pakistan and India were held in New Delhi from March 28 to 31 after a gap of three years.

However, the talks between the two foreign secretaries, Salman Haider of India and Shamsad Ahmad of Pakistan, were overshadowed by the political development in India when Congress withdrew support to the previous H D Deve Gowda government on March 30.

Chidambaram

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coalition was announced by Moopanar in Madras, Press Trust of India agency said. The move was taken in national interest, PTI quoted Moopanar as saying.

The decision by the party to rejoin could bring P Chidambaram, the pro-reform finance minister, back into the Cabinet. Gujral has not yet appointed a Finance Minister and has said he would adopt the annual budget that Chidambaram presented to Parliament in February.

The budget, praised by businesses for reducing taxes and further opening the economy, is scheduled to come up for approval in the new session of parliament that begins tomorrow.

With the Congress Party Tuesday promising to support it, the budget may be passed, but Gujral, who came to power after a 21-day squabble for leadership, will face new trouble when Parliament resumes.

His Janata Dal Party is likely to come under pressure to force out the party boss Laloo Prasad Yadav on charges of corruption.

Nasir group

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Chittagong Metropolitan police has announced reward for the informer who will be able to provide information about whereabouts of Nasir.

Police recently raided the hideout of Nasir Bahini at Parada corner and recovered a huge quantity of modern weapons, police said. But Nasir escaped arrest by opening indiscriminate fire, police said. Since then, police began a massive hunt for Nasir.

Gorai

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Barrage is constructed, the system will function on its own without heavy recurrent expenditure.

"The Ganges Barrage is a top most priority project of the government," an earlier report said. A Tk 60 crore project proposal for conducting the feasibility study and preparing design of the proposed Barrage will be placed before the cabinet shortly, it added.

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