



## Formal Pak offer to sell power to India

NEW DELHI, July 28: Pakistan has formally offered to sell power to energy-deficient India, a minister told parliament here today, reports AFP.

Junior power minister YK Alagh told the upper house the Indian embassy in Washington had received the proposal, which was supported by the World Bank.

He said the proposal was at a preliminary stage of assessment and scrutiny, adding no feasibility studies had been carried out.

Alagh said a 1,300 megawatt power project near the Pakistani city of Karachi, being funded by the World Bank and nearing completion, would give Pakistan a surplus of 1,000 megawatts during the monsoon. In May, Pakistan agreed to see Page 12 Col 1

## DU strike on: Examinations postponed

By DU Correspondent

No classes were held at the Dhaka University yesterday on the second day of the JCD-called indefinite strike at the university.

All administrative activities remained suspended due to the strike. The Central Library remained closed and the departmental seminars were postponed. Buses of the university could not ply.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) called the strike protesting 'capture' of the Surya Sen Hall by the activists of Awami League-backed Chhatra League.

## DMCSU polls BCL panel elected unopposed

The Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) panel was yesterday declared elected uncontested to the Dhaka Medical College Students' Union (DMCSU) election as all other organisations stayed off, reports UNB.

The election for 1997-98 term has been boycotted by major student organisations, including the opposition BNP-supported Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) which swept all see Page 12 Col 6

## Amir Ali new DG of Anti-corruption Bureau

The DG (additional secretary) of Bureau of Anti-Corruption, Mohammad Mokbul Hossain, has been made Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of Establishment with the same capacity, reports UNB.

A PID handout yesterday said the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Khan Amir Ali, has been appointed new DG of the Bureau.

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## Prosecution witness-4 tells court

# Major Noor, Capt Bazlul Huda shot Bangabandhu dead

An army guard yesterday told the court that Major Noor and Captain Bazlul Huda shot dead Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman with their sten guns, reports UNB.

Mohammad Qudus Sikder, a retired Havildar, who was a guard at Bangabandhu's house on the fateful night of August 15, 1975, made his deposition as fourth prosecution witness in the Bangabandhu murder case at the Dhaka District and Sessions Judge's Court.

He said Major Noor and Captain Huda from the stairs fired on Bangabandhu after "saying something in English" to Major Mohiuddin who with his force was bringing Bangabandhu

downstairs.

Major Mohiuddin and his force stood aside before Bangabandhu was shot by the two officers, Qudus said. "Bangabandhu fell dead on the stairs."

The witness said he was standing behind Major Noor and Captain Huda when they shot the country's founding father.

He further told the Court that Major Aziz Pasha and Risaldar Moslemuddin fired on Begum Mujib, Sheikh Jamal, wife of Sheikh Jamal and wife of Sheikh Jamal inside the bedroom with their sten guns.

The witness said after the killing, Major Farooque (accused retired Lt Col Syed Fa-

rooque Rahman) instantly promoted Captain Bazlul Huda and Subedar Major Abdul Wahab Joarder to Major and Lieutenant ranks by decorating them with rank pips on shoulders at the Bangabandhu house premises.

Pointing his finger to Col (ret'd) Farooque on the dock, the PW-4 said Major Farooque called Major Mohiuddin, Captain Bazlul Huda and Subedar Major Abdul Wahab Joarder to him at the gate.

He (Farooque) then took off the "stars" from Captain Huda's shoulder and handed it over to Joarder; then taking the "shapla" from Joarder's shoulder, he pinned it to Huda's

shoulder and called him "Major Huda", said the witness.

Thereafter, said Qudus, Major Farooque pinned up a "star" on Joarder's shoulder and mentioned him as "Lieutenant".

At the beginning of his deposition before the court, Qudus Sikder said he came to Bangabandhu's residence at about 5 am on August 15, 1975, from the guards quarter at road no 31.

As he was hoisting flag at the President's house to the tune of bugle before taking over charge from Havildar Abdul Gani, firing began from the southern side of Bangabandhu's residence, he said. Then he along see Page 12 col 6



The Paribahan Sramik Karmachari Oikkyo Jote brought out a torch procession in the city yesterday in support of tomorrow's strike called by the SKOP. —Star photo

## Deadline expires : No headway in govt-SKOP talks

By Nurul Kabir

The Sramik Karmachari Oikkyo Parishad (SKOP) and the government have so far been unable to make any headway in negotiations, although the SKOP deadline for meeting its 8-point charter of demand expired yesterday.

The SKOP, a conglomerate of 17 national-level labour organisations including those backed by the ruling Awami League, is scheduled to enforce a dawn-to-dusk 'industrial strike' across the country tomorrow to realise its demands. The demands include fixation of minimum wage for private sector workers at Tk 3,000 per month,

stoppage of disinvestment of public sectors industries and other establishments and reopening of the laid-off industries.

A meeting between SA Malek, political adviser to the Prime Minister, and the SKOP leaders yesterday failed to make any headway in the negotiation. According to meeting sources, Malek found most of the SKOP demands justified and opined that the problem should be resolved through discussion.

State Minister for Shipping Dharendra Debnath Shambhu, who was also present at the meeting, told this correspon-

dent last night that S A Malek requested the SKOP leaders to wait until Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and State Minister for Labour and Manpower return home. The SKOP leaders who had their lunch with the Prime Minister's adviser did not make any commitment to withdraw or postpone the scheduled shut-down.

The negotiation with the government that began on July 22 faced a set back on Sunday, when State Minister for Labour and Manpower Abdul Mannan left the country for Malaysia to discuss government-to-gov-

## Yasmin murder Judge dissatisfied at IO's lapses

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, July 28: The hearing of the sensational Yasmin rape and murder case resumed in the court of District and Sessions Judge, Rangpur here today.

The court heard the testimony of the investigating officer Afzal Hossain, Senior CID ASP, who had partially investigated the case.

The court also recorded the deposition of the police pick-up driver Abdul Khaleque.

BSS adds: In his deposition, IO Afzal Hossain said that he had correctly investigated the case. He said nine persons were charged in this case and 54 persons were named as prosecution witnesses.

Judge Abdul Matin, at one stage of the deposition, expressed his dissatisfaction against the investigating officer for his lapses in maintaining the necessary papers of the case properly.

The court will resume tomorrow. All the nine persons accused in this case were in the dock today.

## Youngman stabbed to death in city

By Staff Correspondent

An alleged snatcher was stabbed to death at Shampur under Demra thana in the city yesterday morning.

Anwar Hossain alias Black Anwar, 28, sustained fatal injuries when he was stabbed and seriously assaulted by a group of people near Dhaka Match Factory at Shampur at about 9 am. Police rescued Anwar and took him to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), where he died soon after admission. Police and hospital sources said.

Hospital sources quoting local people said, Anwar came under attack when he allegedly tried to snatch Tk 5,000 and a see Page 12 Col 4

## Savar N-reactor's operation suspended due to leakage

Star Report

Operation of the 3-MW nuclear reactor of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment (AERE) at Savar has remained suspended for the last 12 days as a leakage developed in its 'Cooling System' on July 17.

The reactor, installed in 1974-75 with technical assistance from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), is the lone atomic research reactor in the country run by the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC).

It produces Iodine-131, which is required for 'thyroid diagnosis' in the 10 nuclear medicine centres in the country. The reactor uses Tellurium Dioxide as raw material, imported from Germany. About 40 per cent of the home demand of

Iodine-131 is met from this reactor.

The leakage was detected in the cooling system, technically termed 'Decay Tank', during a routine inspection on July 17. It contains about 8,600 gallons of water to cool the reactor, said an AERE scientist.

Decay Tank, made of pure aluminium, has been kept in a 12 feet deep underground concrete 'beil' which is 40 inches thick.

All the valves which carry water to and from the reactor have been closed. A nuclear scientist found 27 Bq per litre radiation level in the water of the tank. However, the radiation level in the reactor pool, where the water goes to cool the reactor, is about 300 Bq per litre.

Although the valves are closed, comparatively high irradiated water was being poured into the Decay Tank, about 50 gallons per day, to ensure normal radiation level.

BAEC sources said the maximum acceptable limit of radiation, permitted by the IAEA, is 1,000 Bq per litre.

BAEC Chairman MA Quaiyum told The Daily Star last night that radio activity in the reactor remained well below the 'maximum allowable level'. Preparation for repairing the leakage was on. The reactor, which was closed on the time being, could be 'activated in low power' even before the repair, he added.

An AERE scientist said, 'We see Page 12 col 6

## BB preparing another list of defaulters

From Our Correspondent

The Bangladesh Bank is working on papers sent by banks to make another list of defaulting directors.

Competent sources told UNB yesterday that the banks in this phase are going to serve notices on some 30 of their directors, asking them to repay loans which remained overdue with banks other than their own.

The banks have already been asked to serve notices on 26 defaulting directors in last few days.

Meanwhile, a meeting at the Finance Ministry yesterday discussed Sunday's incidents in which Beximco Group owners ASF Rahman and Salman F Rahman allegedly threatened Bangladesh Bank Governor Lutfar Rahman Sarkar for identifying them as loan defaulters.

The meeting with Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria in the chair requested the central bank to submit a detailed report on the developments to his ministry.

The ministry would forward the report to the prime minister for necessary action, meeting sources said.

On Sunday, the central bank asked 11 banks to serve notices on 19 bank directors having overdue loans with other banks. Notices on seven other bank directors were served earlier.

The Bangladesh Bank gave the directives to the banks concerned under clause 17 of the amended Bank Company Act.

As per the amended law, the defaulters will have to repay or adjust their overdue loans or give a reply to the banks stating their position within two months of the notification.

Otherwise, they would lose their directorship and the central bank would confiscate their shares in the banks in order to recover the money.

According to the sources, IFIC Bank director Salman F Rahman and AB Bank director Iqbal Ahmed had been asked to repay Tk 3.46 crore overdue loans against Beximco Textiles to the State Bank of India.

Abdus Salam of the National Credit and Commerce Bank see Page 12 Col 4

## Alleged threat on BB Governor protested

By Staff Correspondent

Different political parties and organisations and the officers and employees of Bangladesh Bank demonstrated in the city yesterday protesting the reported misbehaviour of the owners of Beximco Group with the Bank's Governor.

They demanded of the government to take action against Sohel F Rahman and Salman F Rahman, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Beximco Group respectively for their alleged misbehaviour with BB Governor Lutfar Rahman Sarkar on Sunday.

The employees and officers of the BB held meetings and demonstrations on the bank premises demanding action against the two.

In a statement, the Bangladesh Bank Welfare Council said, the incident has shocked all officials and employees of the Bank.

The Bankers Club Limited (BCL), an organisation of the Managing Directors of com-

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## Govt to float Tk 1000 cr industrial bond

The government has decided to float a new bond to mobilise Tk 1,000 crore for industrial financing.

The Industrial Development Bond will be released in the market within a month, it was decided at a high-level meeting yesterday with Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria in the chair.

The sole objective of the government decision was to boost industrial development of the country and set up more industries. The move is likely to help further industrialisation of the country.

Also, the government will negotiate with the International Development Association (IDA), the soft-loan arm of

World Bank, and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for loans to be channelled to the private sector.

The government expects that an amount of 500 million US dollars could be available from the two multilateral donor agencies, the meeting sources told UNB.

The negotiations with the IDA and the ADB are likely to be finalised shortly.

Initially, bonds valued at Tk 1,000 crore will be issued in the first year. Later, the government may go for mobilising up to Tk 2,000 crore through the industrial bond.

The bond will be sold to the general public. No bank will be see Page 12 Col 3

## Ctg city areas without water, power for 20 hrs

By Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, July 28: Over 50,000 residents of Ghatfordhag, Kataphar, Hakim Ali road and other areas near Anderkilla in the city were without water and electricity for 20 hours till 7 pm today allegedly due to negligence of PDB personnel.

According to PDB sources the power supply was snapped at 11 pm last night due to line fault after rains.

But the power was restored at 7 pm today, PDB sources added.

Local residents said they lodged series of complaints to the concerned control room and other related offices last night but in vain.

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## TAP to boost SEC role begins next month

Star Report

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) will get a boost in its capital market supervisory role from next month with a short-term Technical Assistance Programme (TAP) financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the UNDP.

The SEC, limping with only 11 personnel, will get support under the short-term TAP to gear up its supervisory and monitoring role as market watchdog, according to highly placed sources.

Details of the TAP were finalised at a meeting of the officials of ADB, UNDP and SEC yesterday.

It will be followed by the 1.2 million US dollar second phase

of ADB's long-term TAP, beginning next month.

A technical appraisal mission of the ADB is now in the city, assessing the needs of the SEC and reviewing fulfilment of the pre-conditions set for the first phase of the TAP in 1994-95.

The vital components of the first phase of TAP — enhancement of manpower for the slurring SEC and the crucial automation for it and the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) — still remained a far cry.

Besides, enforcement of essential laws were not ensured, which sapped SEC's control mechanism. For instance, it waived the system of annual renewal of broker's licences and

the requirement of submission of their annual reports.

As the regulatory mechanisms were weak, irregularities plagued SEC and the capital market, the appraisal mission found.

It agreed that SEC needed long-term consultancy support, with the team leader being an experienced hand who could take care of the needed reforms. Under the reforms mooted, automation of the SEC, DSE and CSE would get priority and Management Information System would be developed for the bourses.

The mission found that licences for merchant banks were not issued as yet. Only the regu-

lations were made. The Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) could not be approved within 60 days as agreed by the SEC before.

It is also examining whether there had been any overlapping of responsibilities concerning the merchant banks between the SEC and the Bangladesh Bank.

Meanwhile, SEC is preparing a fresh organogram, having 47 personnel for it. The earlier organogram was sent back by the Ministry of Establishment. The Cabinet had earlier sanctioned four members for the SEC, besides the chairman. But experts suggested that at least two members should be drawn from amongst the SEC officials to make it more effective.

## Occidental's safety measures

# Drilling of relief well may start next month

By Staff Correspondent

Vice President of Occidental Gary Burtchell, who is now on a visit to Bangladesh, has instructed his company's operators at Magurchhara gasfield to immediately bring the rig — now kept at Fenchuganj — to drill the relief well for ensuring safety in the area.

The Occidental Vice President told the government that the work for the relief well might begin from mid-August.

According to a Petrobangla press release, Gary Burtchell, at a meeting with Energy Secretary Dr Taufiq-e-Elahi Sunday, said that according to data collected by 10 safety experts at Magurchhara, the present gas pressure there had no indication of a big disaster like that in the past.

Burtchell, who has come from the Occidental headquar-

ters in California, US said that although the area of gas emission increased in the last two weeks, the situation was not as dangerous as at the initial stage.

Magurchhara gas well exploded leading to a big fire on June 15 when Occidental's operators had reached a depth of 840 metres.

It was decided at the meeting that a final work plan for restoration of rail and road links disrupted by the explosion and fire would be adopted shortly at an inter-ministerial meeting presided over by the Energy Minister.

A site has already been selected for drilling of the relief well, through which the original well will be permanently sealed for safety reasons. Two see Page 12 Col 1

**ঋণ খেলাপীদের তালিকায় নাম অন্তর্ভুক্তির প্রতিবাদ**

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