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The World on Time

## Demra thana gheraoed

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Police said they seized the truck and took all the 35 persons, the driver and a contractor to the nearby thana at around 10 am in a bid to rescue them from the wrath of a mob.

Immediately, rumour of child lifting spread and several hundred people sieged the thana chanting slogans and demanding trial of what they claimed, the child traffickers. Police locked the main entrance of the thana compound as the mob threw stones and shoes in anger.

This created a traffic jam on the Sayedabad-Jatrabari road during the rush hours.

After repeated announcements through hand-mikes by police that those in the truck were workers, the mob withdrew the siege at around 1:30 pm.

The workers were then set free and police in a van escorted their truck upto Chittagong Road, some 8 kms off Demra Police Station.

Ziarul, 18, Tonna Mahmud, 40, and Abdus Salam, 50 — three of the workers told reporters that all the 35 workers hailed from Kishoreganj of Nilphamari district and they were going to their place of work, 'New Kabir Steel', a ship breaking industry at Bara Awlia in Chittagong.

Sadequul Islam, a labour contractor of New Kabir Steel said he rented the truck for Tk 8,000 to take the workers from Nilphamari to Chittagong. "We started at 5 pm on Sunday and were going to Chittagong. There is no question of child trafficking," he said.

Md Amanullah, driver of the truck, however claimed that initially, it was not the people who gheraoed the truck. Rather, a policeman stopped the vehicle and demanded toll. "As I refused to give toll, police took us to thana," he added.

Demra police, however, denied the driver's allegation.

## Interpol's help

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CID investigator.

Salman Shah reportedly committed suicide hanging himself from the ceiling fan at his Eskaton residence early on September 6, 1996.

But one Rezi mentioned more than a dozen people, including himself, as killers of Salman. He made the statement to the court after being arrested dramatically from Salman's parental house.

Meanwhile, the investigators yesterday handed over the reports of Salman's post-mortem and viscera to the three-member medical board.

The board, headed by Dhaka Medical College Forensic Department chief Prof M Shamsul Haq, has been constituted to re-examine the post-mortem and viscera reports.

However, there is no possibility of re-post mortem of his body, said ASP Khaleduzzaman, who is leading the CID team in investigation of the death 'mystery'.

In another development, CID yesterday sent letters to servants of Salman's house.

Dolly and Abul — for giving their statement regarding the death of Salman Shah.

Salman's father-in-law and former Bangladesh national cricket team captain Shafiqul Haq Hira has also been asked to make his statement to the CID investigators.

All of them have been asked to report to the CID office and give statement by August 8.

## 12 feared drowned as trawler sinks in Bay

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 5: Some 12 crew members were feared drowned as a fishing trawler capsized in the Bay at outer anchorage of Chittagong port at 2 pm today.

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## Ferry boat sinks in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 5: A passenger ferry boat capsized in Sonatola river of Halipur ferryghat under Kalapara thana of Patuakhali district due to high tide and gusty wind at about 11 am today.

Witnesses said, the passenger ferry boat with about 50 passengers on board sank soon after sailing from the ghat.

No casualty was reported as all the passengers managed to swim ashore.

## College erected overnight

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wants, we will reconstruct it according to their plan," he said.

Nasimul Hasan, a young man from the locality said the victims held several meetings with officials of Rajuk and the Works Ministry earlier in which they were assured that the plots would be allocated to the victims on priority basis. "We have lost trust in Rajuk because it has made us landless and then failed to keep its promise to rehabilitate us," Hasan said.

"In the original layout plan for this area, there is a school, a playground and a mosque. So before Rajuk turns those into plots we have taken our own initiative to move the school here from another place," said Abdul Hal Talukdar, a local leader of the 'Rajuk's eviction resistance committee'. Hai added that the people were ready to move the school in accordance with the layout plan.

When contacted, a top official of Rajuk, requesting anonymity said that between 1961 and 1968 Rajuk had acquired a total of 2,760 acres of land in Badda, Banani and Baridhara areas for development. "But Rajuk could not retain its development plans because the locals could not be evicted and eventually the Kaptrapkha is now left with 1,066 acres in these areas," said the official adding that Rajuk had plans to allocate 600 out of 1,000 plots from the Badda area for the rehabilitation scheme.

The official however admitted

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## Fresh tension at Surya Sen Hall

By DU Correspondent

Tension gripped Surya Sen Hall of the Dhaka University once again yesterday as the activists of Chhatra Dal and Chhatra League accused each other of disturbing their activists.

The trouble began when a room of the dormitory was damaged by some unidentified persons. The organisations accused each other for the incident, campus sources said.

The room is allotted against the name of an activist of Jatayatadhi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

The situation deteriorated further when an activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) who was not a resident of Surya Sen Hall tried to enter the dormitory.

Witnesses said that a JCD activist objected his entry into the hall and soon they were locked in a brawl. Both parties hurled abusive words at each other during the incident.

Earlier, an activist of BCL misbehaved with a house tutor of the Surya Sen Hall Monday night when the house tutor asked him to produce his identity card while entering the hall.

## Report on Shima

## Inqilab Editor, Publisher apologise

By SC Correspondent

A M Bahauddin, Editor of the Daily Inqilab, and A S M Baki Billah, Printer and Publisher of the daily, upon appearing in the High Court yesterday through their lawyer verbally begged unconditional apology for publishing a news item on a public meeting regarding the Shima showdhu rape case.

But the division bench of the HC, comprising Justice Md Mozammel Haque and Justice Md Hassan Ameen, directed the contemners to file written affidavits containing the statements they made verbally by August 12.

The court also directed the contemners to disclose the source of the news item.

Another contemner Professor Ananya Roy did not appear in the court and after the other contemners said that she resides in 35/A Laxmibazar, Dhaka, the court issued a rule afresh on her.

The Daily Inqilab on July 23 published the news item headlined, "No Hindu police raped Shima of Chittagong".

Quoting a press release on a public meeting, chaired by Prof Ananya Roy, the news item said that if the government fails to take action within December 15 against the responsible persons including a sitting Judge of the HC, the Hindu Nari Jagaran Samity will take law into their own hands.

Barrister Abdur Razzak moved for the two contemners.

## Indian Army Chief meets Chiefs of Three Services

Indian Chief of Army Staff General Shankar Roy Chowdhury called on Chief of Army Staff Lt General Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman at the Army Headquarters yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of mutual interest, said an ISPR press release.

Later, he called on Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Nurul Islam at the Naval Headquarters at Banani. Matters of common interest were discussed.

The Indian Army Chief also visited the Air Headquarters at the Dhaka Cantonment and called on the Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmed. They stayed together for some time and discussed matters of interest.

General S Roy Chowdhury arrived here yesterday morning on a week-long visit to Bangladesh. He is accompanied by his wife, Krishna Roy Chowdhury and a three-member Indian military delegation.

## Hartal

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of Sylhet for successfully observing the hartal and protested police action on a post-hartal rally.

In a statement issued in Dhaka yesterday, he urged the people of the district to make today's hartal in Sylhet town called to protest police attacks and repression, a complete success.

Bhuiyan said normal life in the sacred land of Sylhet was paralysed and economic activities were seriously disrupted due to government's "inefficiency".

He said the government would have to face the consequences for its attack on the peace-loving people of Sylhet.

## Rivalry for leadership

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sional headquarters of Khulna and Rajshahi where the party is gripped with long running rivalry over leadership, according to insiders.

Furthermore, the BNP is also facing internal conflicts in most of its 74 units on the question of local leadership of its front organisations, affecting smooth functioning of those units.

Internal conflict in BNP's Dhaka city unit also surfaced on Sunday when a meeting of the unit at the Opposition Leader's Minto Road official residence was marked with brawl, slogans and counter-slogans between the rival groups. Similar incidents also took place in many other places including Pirojpur where armed clash occurred over formation of committee.

In Khulna, two district convening committees — one backed by Khulna City Corporation Mayor Shaikh Toyebur Rahman and the other blessed by former Speaker Shaikh Razak Ali MP — are functioning simultaneously. The "authorised committee" is using the local BNP office while the "revived committee of the rebels" is operating outside.

Announcement of a new convening committee by the party high command on July 21 angered the followers of Shaikh Razak Ali and they later revived "their committee."

Members of the new committee were reportedly chosen by Shaikh Toyebur Rahman who managed to get it approved by

the party chief after he secured a better place in the BNP central leadership following his submission of resignation. The Mayor had resigned protesting conflicts in the Khulna BNP but later withdrew his resignation letter following requests by the party hierarchy.

The new convening committee in Khulna has been instructed to form an executive body through holding a district council session within three months. But the move is unlikely to succeed unless the long-running dispute over local leadership is resolved. The dissidents are desperate not to let the new convenor, Syed Issa, a close aide of the Mayor, become president of the Khulna district BNP.

Bickering in BNP's Rajshahi city unit is now mounting, ahead of the move for bringing fresh leadership in it. There also, two conflicting groups are operating — one backed by Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu and the other by former state minister Kabir Hossain, MP.

## BNP calls for

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BNP national executive committee at the Naya Paltan central office of the party in the city yesterday. Mannan Bhuiyan said AL's misuse and policy of appeasing India had pushed the country on the verge of ruination.

"The party was now attacking the nationalist and patriotic forces for its design to jeopardise the country's sovereignty, shatter its economy and destroy all other democratic institutions," he added.

The BNP secretary general also alleged that there was no rule of law and security of public life in the country. "A mass upsurge has become inevitable...the patriotic people will have to pull down the subservient government," he viewed.

Ahead of the local government elections, the ruling party was sending its possible contestants to jail through filing cases with false charges against them, he added. "But no repressive tactic will succeed. Rather such practice will bring its downfall."

The meeting chalked out elaborate programmes to celebrate BNP's 19th founding anniversary on September 4. A committee was formed at the meeting with Mannan Bhuiyan as its convenor and Sadek Hossain Khoka, MP, as the member-secretary. Besides, the meeting also formed two sub-committees — one headed by Abdullah Al Noman and the other by Haris Choudhury — for this purpose.

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## Boat capsizes

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30: of Shaoratoli village, Khaliur Rahman, 26, of Shahpur village, Hossain Ali, 45, of Khaliabangla village and Ali, 35, of Hatubhanga village.

Police said locals and fire service rescuers recovered the bodies from the river till this afternoon.

Two people were still missing, relatives said the rest swam ashore.

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## Bangabandhu Murder Case

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Major of their Regiment, came to Bangabandhu's residence and checked the guard.

"After checking the guard, Joarder took away my ammunition, saying he will change those with new ones. But he left the place in his vehicle without giving any ammunition," Gani said. "Havilder Abdul Qudus along with his guards came at around 4:45 am to replace my shift. I handed over charge to him and asked him to hoist the National Flag and also told him that Wahab Joarder Sahab had taken away the ammunition and that he would give those later," Gani told the court.

When Qudus started hoisting the National Flag with the tune of the bugle, bullets started coming from the southern side of Bangabandhu's residence, Gani said.

"The firing continued for about seven minutes and I went to the guard room on the southern side," Gani went on, adding that he came out of the room after the firing stopped.

"I saw Capt Bazul Huda, Maj Noor and some forces getting down from a vehicle which stopped in front of Bangabandhu's residence. Some of them were wearing black uniforms and some khaki."


He also told the court that Capt Huda asked him, "How are you Gani. What is happening? Then he started talking over the wireless set he was carrying."

"As he finished conversation over the wireless set, Maj Mohiuddin of Lancer along with his force reached in front of Bangabandhu's residence."

"Shouting 'handa up' and firing gunshots, they entered Bangabandhu's residence. I then went inside the sentry shed."

"I along with others in the sentry shed were encircled by

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## Madrasah teacher stabbed to death in Moulvibazar

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Aug 5: A madrasah teacher and leader of the Jamaat-e-Islami was stabbed to death allegedly by the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) this afternoon at Bhabaniganj bazar of Barlekha thana in Moulvibazar.

Amin Ahmed Tapader, 30, of village Hatlithag and teacher of Mansur Madrasah of Kulaura thana came under attack while he was returning home after attending a Siratunnabi (SM) mahfil at Juribazar at about 1:45 pm.

Tense situation was prevailing as the Islami Chhatra Shibir and Muktiyoddha Chhatra Command called Siratunnabi Mahfil and rally at the same venue at Juri bazar, this morning.

A case was filed against nine activists of pro-AL student front.

## Tk 3.5 lakh snatched in city

By Staff Correspondent

A gang of snatchers took away Tk 3.5 lakh from a marketing officer of Pakiza Dying & Printing Ltd at Dhanmondi in the city Monday night.

About six unidentified men intercepted a microbus of the company when it reached near its Dhanmondi head office on Road number 11A at about 9 pm, said police quoting the complaint filed with Dhanmondi thana.

The marketing officer, Md Reazuddin, was returning to the office in the vehicle after collecting the money from Patuati area in the old part of the city.

The attackers broke the glass of the microbus and took away a briefcase in which Tk 3.5 lakh was kept.

Police could not arrest anyone in connection with the incident till last night.

## Depression crosses West Bengal coast

Deep depression over north Bay moved slightly north-northwestwards and it was crossing West Bengal coast near Sagar island at 9 pm yesterday, reports BSS.

Maximum sustained wind within 48-km of the depression centre is about 50 kph rising to 60 kph in gusts and squalls. Sea will remain rough, said a Met office bulletin.

Maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla have been advised to keep hoisted local cautionary Signal Number Three.

Under its influence, a heavy to very heavy rainfalls accompanied by squally wind with a speed of 60-75 kph is likely to occur over the country's coastal districts of Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions.

The rest of the country may experience a moderately heavy to heavy rainfalls accompanied by gusty or squally wind.

## Law concerning US 'Green Card' not changed

The US Embassy in Dhaka, clarifying the current policy, yesterday said there has been no change in the law concerning the issuance of "Green Cards" reports UNB.

The clarification came in the wake of recent reports in some newspapers here regarding the possible cancellation of "Green Cards" in the possession of American legal permanent residents residing outside the United States.

A USIS special release said: The 1-551, commonly called a Green Card, is evidence of legal permanent residency in the United States, and holders of the Card are permitted to reside and work in the US.

Although Green Card holders can travel outside the United States, they are expected to maintain their US residency and are required to file tax returns listing income from all sources worldwide.

A Green Card holder who remains outside the United States for more than 12 months without obtaining advance permission from the US Immigration and Naturalization Service has abandoned US residency and cannot use the Green Card to travel back to the US.

Individuals in this situation should come to the Consular Section of the US Embassy on any Tuesday for information on options that may be available.

The US Immigration and Naturalization Service (USINS) Ctg mass killing

## High Court

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the Rangamati Hill District Local Government Council (Amendment) Act, 1997, Khagrachhari Hill District Local Government Council (Amendment) Act, 1997 and the Bandarban Hill District Local Government Council (Amendment) Act, 1997 under which ad interim local government councils were formed wherein the members of the councils were nominated by the government.

Barrister Moudud Ahmed and Barrister Ziaur Rahman appeared for the petitioners while Attorney General K S Nabi and Deputy Attorney General Shahabuddin Ahmed appeared for the government.

## Jigatala

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all of them were released later. The fish and vegetable vendors were also driven away from the road on Sunday but they rearranged their shops the same day.

Following the eviction, some of the vendors were seen operating at a nearby multi-purpose shopping centre.

In the evening, the evicted vendors held a rally at the spot protesting, what they said, the illegal eviction without prior notice.

Local people said the unauthorised bazaar was operating with the help of local mastans who collect tolls from the sellers.

## 5th plan: Businessmen

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tion of the plan, he suggested private sector capacity building. He also called for complete reorganisation of the Board of Investment (BOI) and the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB).

The FBCCI president suggested creation of a link between BOI, EPB, Foreign Ministry and the private sector for export growth. Selective support to some export sectors like leather and electronics was also suggested in the meeting.

Stressing on speedy liberalisation, Harun pointed out that the previous liberalisation efforts did not succeed because some sectors had failed to carry out necessary reforms.

"If we fail to reduce the cost of transaction, liberalisation would be disastrous for us. Liberalisation should go hand in hand with reforms in other sectors," he said.

The FBCCI chief said they are ready to play the leading role in the next five years, but "our hands should not be tied." He sought proper support from the government.

## Records tumble

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Jayasuriya through the two days, helped himself to 25 boundaries during his 551-minute knock.

The pair joined the illustrious company of West Indian greats Gary Sobers and Frank Worrell, who batted for two days against England in the Barbados Test way back in the 1959-60 season.

But the Sri Lankans outscored Sobers and Worrell, who put on 165 on the fourth day and 207 on the fifth. The current pair made 283 on Monday and another 265 today in a ruthless demolition of the Indian attack.

The total is Sri Lanka's highest in Test cricket, beating the previous best of 547 for eight against Australia at Colombo in 1992.

They start the final day's play on Wednesday 50 ahead of India's first innings score of 537 for eight declared, and set for more feats in a Test that is certain to end in a draw.

Records tumbled under the rampaging blades of Jayasuriya and Mahanama, who began their partnership on Monday morning after debutant Indian spinner Nilesh Kulkarni had removed Marvan Atapattu (26) with his first ball in Test cricket the previous evening.

Jayasuriya, 175 overnight, reached his double century within 35 minutes of the start when he pulled seamer Venkatesh Prasad for his 25th boundary.

He then surpassed his country's previous best individual score of 267, made by Aravinda de Silva against New Zealand in 1991, shortly before Tea.

Jayasuriya, who holds the world record for the fastest half-century in one-day cricket (17 balls), also became the leading Test scorer in 1997 when he was on 188.

He passed West Indian Lara's tally of 730 from nine matches, and now has 869 runs against his name from just seven Tests this year.

While Jayasuriya battered records and the Indian bowlers, Mahanama moved sedately from his overnight score of 115 past his previous best of 153, and reached 200 after tea.

"I have always wanted to play a long Test innings, so this one made me very happy," a tired Jayasuriya said later. "It's an honour to be the highest scorer for Sri Lanka."

"I have been told of Lara's record. But I am too tired to think of it now," he said.

A modest Mahanama added, "The wicket was slow, you had to graft for your runs. I am glad we could do it for two days."

Sri Lankan manager Duleep Mendis hoped Jayasuriya would surpass Lara on Wednesday to add another feather in the cap of the world's one-day champions.

"We aim to become the best Test playing nation by the year 2000, and this knock will have a long way in achieving that goal."