

President's call for consensus at all levels

President Shahabuddin Ahmed has called for motivating the people to materialise the dream of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for Building a Sonar Bangla, reports UNB.

"For this, a peaceful working atmosphere should be created at every section of society and a consensus ensured at national level ignoring all ideological differences," he said in a message yesterday on the eve of National Mourning Day.

Paying a glowing tribute to the memory of the father of the nation on his 23rd Shahadat Day, the President said Bangabandhu had an invaluable contribution in establishing an independent Bangladesh.

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Transform grief into strength: Prime Minister

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called for taking a fresh vow to build a happy and prosperous Bangladesh, the Golden Bengal as dreamt by father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, to pay tribute to the great leader, reports UNB.

Paying her deep respect to the memory of Bangabandhu and other martyrs of August 15, 1975, Hasina appealed to all to make relentless efforts for the welfare of the unfortunate and deprived people.

"Let us transform our sorrow and grief of losing our great leader into an indomitable strength for the welfare of the people," she said in a message.

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Holiday

The offices of The Daily Star will remain closed today on the occasion of National Mourning Day.

Therefore, there will be no issue of the newspaper tomorrow.

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Nation mourns death of Bangabandhu



Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

By Staff Correspondent

The nation pays homage to the Founder of Independent Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, today on the occasion of 22nd anniversary of his death.

The day is being observed as National Mourning Day for the second time this year since Bangabandhu was assassinated in a military putsch on the night of August 15, 1975. The Day has been declared a public holiday.

August 15 was observed as National Mourning Day for the first time last year after the

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turn of Awami League led by Sheikh Mujib's daughter Sheikh Hasina to power.

On this day 22 years ago, the Founder-President of the country was killed along with his family members at his Dhanmondi residence in the city. His two daughters — Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Sheikh Rehana — were abroad at that time.

Bangabandhu's brother Sheikh Naser, nephew Sheikh Fazlul Haq Moni, and brother-in-law Abdur Rab Serniabat were also killed with their family members on the same night. In all 23 of his kins were killed that night.

Trial of the killers of Bangabandhu is now going on and some of the accused are under arrest.

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One-third of Thana Parishad members will be women

By Nurul Kabir

The Local Government Commission (LGC) has proposed that the third tier of the local government should be at the Thana level and called Thana or Upazila Council.

The proposed Thana Parishad (TP) will be headed by a Chairman elected directly by the voters of the unions comprising a thana and every union will send an elected 'general member' to the TP. One third of the total number of 'general members' of a TP will be women, elected directly.

Besides, the chairmen of the union parishads and municipalities in a thana, Chairman of the Federation of thana level cooperatives and Thana Commander of the freedom fighters will be members of the Thana Parishad by virtue of their respective posts. However, this category of members will have

no voting rights.

The Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) will work as the Executive Officer of the Thana Parishad, while Thana Officer-in-Charge (OIC) will be a member of the Parishad. They will enjoy no voting rights in the decision.

Third tier of local govt

making process of the Parishad.

The local Member of Parliament (MP) will act as adviser to the Thana Parishad.

All the thana level officers and employees, except those belonging to police and judiciary, will be put under the Thana Parishad. They will, however, be working in the Parishad 'on deputation' and receiving salaries and al-

lowances from the government, through the Parishad authorities. The Thana Parishad Chairman will give performance report about the officials, while their Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs) will be written by the higher authorities concerned.

The Thana Parishad will meet at least once a month to review its activities.

The Local Government Commission has proposed that the Thana Parishad will constitute separate committees on issues like 'Law and Order; Health and Family Planning; Agriculture, Irrigation and Environment; Education, Social Welfare, Women and Child Development; Sports, Culture and Youth Development; Fisheries and Animal Husbandries, and others.'

Each committee will be

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JS session from Aug 30

President Shahabuddin Ahmed has summoned the next session of the Jatiya Sangsad on August 30 (Saturday) at 4 pm, said a news release of the parliament secretariat, reports UNB.

This will be the 6th session of the 7th Jatiya Sangsad. The secretariat will receive various notices for the coming parliament session from August 17 during office hours.

JCD stages sit-in in front of DU VC's office

By DU Correspondent

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal staged a sit-in in front of the Vice Chancellor's office of the Dhaka University campus yesterday demanding arrest of the identified terrorists from the campus.

The JCD activists, protested, what they said, the partisan attitude of the VC.

JCD president Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anney, secretary general Habib-un-Nabi Shohel, Nasiruddin Asim and Selimuzzaman Selim, addressed the activists during the demonstration.

Meanwhile, none was arrested till last night in connection with the incidents that took place on the Dhaka University campus on Tuesday, police said.

The Dhaka University authorities filed two separate cases with Ramna thana in connection with the humiliation of the Vice Chancellor of the university and ransacking the office of the Proctor on

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Sectt employees stage fresh demonstration

By Special Correspondent

A section of government employees staged a 'silent' demonstration at the Secretariat yesterday to press for speedy implementation of the Pay Commission Report, change of office timing and other demands, employees' leaders said.

The employees belonging to class three, four and two came out of a meeting held at the Home Ministry Employees' Welfare Association office in the morning. Police did not intervene but kept a watchful eye on them.

The demonstration was organised by Sachibabala Karma-chari Samity and its allied bodies representing different

grades of employees led by Zafar Ahmed. Although it was a silent protest, some amongst the demonstrators raised a few slogans. But their leaders prevented them from raising slogans further.

Later they marched towards the office of the Cabinet Secretary. He, however, could not meet them at his office as he was going out. The leaders of different groups of employees later met the Establishment Secretary at about 11 am.

They apprised him of their grievances on the delay in implementation of Pay Commission Report, different specula-

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Exploration in 12 blocks

Evaluation of proposals to be completed tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

The evaluation of 36 proposals submitted by 20 foreign and one local oil and gas companies to carry out exploration in 12 blocks of the country, will be completed tomorrow, official sources said.

The negotiation process with each company or joint venture for each block will now begin and all final agreements will be signed with the competent companies by December 15 next.

Twentyone oil and gas companies had submitted their proposals to participate in the sec-

ond round block bidding for hydrocarbon exploration in 15 blocks of the country on July 15. They submitted 28 proposals for 12 blocks — 9 of them on shore and three off shore.

The 21 companies included: South Asia Oil & Gas (Australia), Total Exploration Production (France), Niko Resources Ltd (Canada), Chevron (US), Texaco (US), Maersk Olie (Denmark), Union Texas Murphy (US), Tullow Oil Plc (UK), Pangaea Energy LLC, Enron Oil

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Deadline expires

Repatriation of Rohingyas to take some time

By Reaz Ahmad

Resumption of repatriation of the Rohingyas refugees would take some time as a motivation drive is now on to make the refugees agree to go back home voluntarily, official sources said.

Anti-repatriation agitation by a section of Rohingyas in two refugee camps — Nayapara and Kutupalong — in Cox's Bazar was brought under control and some 21,000 refugees in the camps were now taking their weekly ration.

The August 15 deadline ear-

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Religious Ministry completes probe into Miladunnabi function incident

By Special Correspondent

The Religious Affairs Ministry has completed its probe into the untoward incident at the Miladunnabi function at Baitul Mukarram mosque premises on July 17.

The incident forced President Shahabuddin Ahmed to leave the function without delivering his speech.

The government constituted a three-member investigation committee headed by a Joint-Secretary of the Religious Affairs Ministry.

The Islamic Foundation also served a show cause notice asking the Khatib of Baitul Mukarram mosque to explain

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Rival factions of Khulna BNP expel each other's leaders

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 14: The two feuding groups of BNP district committee today expelled rival leaders of the unit blaming each other for 'anti-organisational activities.'

Seventeen leaders of the district committee of BNP have been expelled for anti-organisational activities and making insolent remarks against party Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, said a press release signed by one of the two Joint Convenors of the district committee, Shahrulzaman Martuza.

Another press release signed by the other Joint Convenor, Syed Isa, said that the Joint Secretary of Palkgacha unit of the district committee, Ghazi Mizanur Rahman, has been expelled from the primary membership of the party for anti-party activities.



Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal staged a sit-in in front of the office of Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University yesterday.
— Star photo

Salman Shah's death

CID to interrogate Samira, 9 others

By Staff Correspondent

The CID will interrogate all the persons who were named in Rezvi's statement regarding the death of the film star Salman Shah.

According to CID sources, at least 10 people would be questioned, including Salman's wife Samira, his mother-in-law Lucy, father Kamruddin Ahmed, brother Bilu and businessman Aziz Md Bhai.

Besides, the persons named as witnesses in Salman's inquest report would also be questioned by the CID.

Senior police officials said the CID investigation would also find out the persons, including policemen, responsible for any foul play, if there was any, regarding the revival of Salman case.

A CID official said yesterday they would cover all the sides of

the 'complicated' case of Salman's death. "We will also interrogate the police officials, if needed," he said.

Meanwhile, the CID interrogated a film producer yesterday. UNB adds: Industrialist Aziz Mohammad Bhai yesterday said he made up his mind to move to court to seek justice against those who implicated him with 'ulterior motive' in the death of filmstar Salman Shah.

"Truth has come out through the CID investigation and re-examination of the medical reports," Aziz Bhai said, adding some interested quarters wanted to damage the name of his family and his social status.

The industrialist told the agency that he was consulting his lawyers for filing a case.

Violent riot near tomb of Jinnah: Two killed

KARACHI, Aug 14: A violent riot erupted today in this southern port city after police fired on surging crowds celebrating Pakistan's 50th anniversary. A young boy and a paramilitary soldier were killed, reports AP.

Thousands of people gathered outside the tomb of the nation's founder Mohammed Ali Jinnah, in a colorful ceremony that quickly turned from jubilant to violent.

Soon after a speech by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, in which he appealed to Pakistan's people to put an end to violence racking the nation, police moved in with batons to disperse the crowd.

Enraged, several people took off their shoes and began throwing them at police guards, witnesses said.

One officer turned and sprayed bullets into the crowd, killing a young boy. Gunfire erupted soon after,

as both police and civilians carrying guns fired into the air to disperse the crowd.

A paramilitary Ranger, one of thousands deployed to quell violence on Karachi's streets, was critically injured in the firing, witnesses said.

He died later on the way to a nearby hospital.

The Rangers, backed by dozens of armored personnel carriers parked outside the

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mausoleum, took control of the area within 30 minutes.

But terrified crowds of people pushed into the surrounding streets, jamming traffic and blocking ambulances from reaching the wounded.

Pakistani leaders congratulated India today on the eve of its 50th independence day and renewed their desire to promote 'tension-free' relations between

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