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Some youths are being spoiled by party politics, says President

President Shahabuddin Ahmed deplored that a section of youths, college and university students in particular, are involved in various negative activities including party politics, reports UNB.

"Even they are indulging in terrorist acts," he said, "ruining their academic life."

The President regretted that they are being used for heinous political purpose making their future life murky.

"No conscious nation, government or socially-aware people can allow such a situation," he said addressing a function at Bangabhaban, organised on the occasion of dis-

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A three-member delegation of BNP called on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday. — PID photo

Acts adopted at Postal Union Congress okayed

The Cabinet has approved the proposal for endorsing the acts adopted in the Seventh Congress of the Asia-Pacific Postal Union, held in Singapore in 1995, reports UNB.

The approval was given at a meeting of the Cabinet, held at the PM's Office yesterday with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

Ministers, State Ministers, Cabinet Secretary and Secretaries concerned were present.

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Pay Commission report Review body may submit recommendations today

By Special Correspondent

The seven-member committee to review the Pay Commission report is expected to submit its recommendations on new pay scales for government employees and officials to the authorities today.

It is likely to trim the pay scales to a minimum basic salary of Tk 1300 to 1400 and a maximum of Tk 14,000 to 15,000, according to sources.

The committee, headed by Cabinet Secretary Ataul Haq was formed in June after the Pay Commission had submitted

its report to the Prime Minister, suggesting a 20-tier pay and fringe package with a minimum basic salary of Tk 1850 and a maximum of Tk 18,000.

The last Pay Commission award was given in 1991. The current minimum basic pay is Tk 900 and the maximum is Tk 10,000 (fixed) for the Secretaries.

But the size of the pay bill, estimated to be about Tk 4,000 crore to implement the Pay Commission report fully, put a dampening effect on the gov-

ernment.

The Finance Ministry opposed such huge increases amidst warning by the World Bank and other donor agencies, calling for downsizing the government and trimming the pay bill.

After four meetings, the committee ratiocated the report, drastically slimming the pay bill. Even then it is likely to cost the government more than Tk 700 crore this financial year. It has been earmarked for

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Two to die, 8 others get life term for killing UP chairman

BARISAL, Sept 29: Two people have been condemned to death and eight others sentenced to life term in jail for killing a union parishad chairman in 1995, reports UNB.

First Additional Sessions Judge of Barisal, Mohammad Momin Ullah handed down the verdict at the crowded court here today.

Of the accused, Golam Mor-taza and Shaha Alam Kazi were awarded capital punishment, court sources said.

Those given life sentences are Atahar Ali Hawlader, Bazu Hawlader, Poritosh Dhupi, Mofizur Rahman Nantu, Jasimuddin Babul, Montu Hawlader, Sekendar Ali and

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BNP team urges President Keep DCC ban order in abeyance till consensus

By Staff Correspondent

Abdus Salam Talukder. They also apprised the President of the party's grievances against the Mayor's decision and alleged police action while imposing the ban.

Yesterday's meeting was a follow-up of the September 21 talks between President and BNP chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Begum Zia when she called on him at the Bangabhaban, leading a 13-member party delegation. They had discussed 'pressing political issues' including the ban of street rallies in the city.

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AL public meeting in city today

By Staff Correspondent

The ruling Awami League will hold a public meeting at the Outer Stadium, formerly the Paltan Maidan, in the city at 3 pm today.

AL chief and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to address the meeting at the historic venue, used for many historic public rallies.

This will be the first public meeting of the ruling party after the city mayor banned street rallies and designated seven venues in the city for the purpose. The Outer Stadium is one of the seven venues.

Originally, the AL rally was planned for another designated venue for public rally — the Osmani Uddyan — but the venue

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Bangabandhu Murder Case Maj Muhiuddin ordered us to fire shells: PW-17

By Staff Correspondent

The seventeenth prosecution witness in the Bangabandhu murder case yesterday told the court that Maj Muhiuddin of artillery ordered troops to fire four rounds of artillery shells on August 15, 1975, when Bangabandhu and his family members were killed.

Havildar Gunner (ret'd) Shamsul Islam also said that he was among the artillery troops which assembled for 'night practice' on August 14, 1975 and one of the artillery gunners subsequently posted near Bangabandhu's residence where artillery guns were installed in early morning the next day.

"Maj Muhiuddin ordered us to install artillery guns near Rd No 32, Dhanmandi facing the residence of Bangabandhu and the headquarters of Rakshi Bahini," he said. "Our artillery guns were facing the residence of Bangabandhu."

He further said, "We were ordered to fire four rounds of artillery shells as we heard firing of small arms at the residence of Bangabandhu."

Earlier, in the day's proceedings cross examination of PW-16 Maj (ret'd) Shahidullah was also completed in the court of District and Sessions Judge Kazi Golam Rasul.

In his deposition Shamsul Islam told the court "on return to the barrack on August 15, 1975 the troops got frightened

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17 get life term for killing ex-UP relief chairman

SHERPUR, Sept 29: A court here today sentenced 17 people, including political leaders and elected public representatives, to life imprisonment for killing a former UP relief chairman in 1988, reports UNB.

They were also fined Tk 5,000 each, in default to suffer another two years' rigorous imprisonment.

District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Ismail Miah delivered the judgment in the Latif murder case at 4 pm, when more than 10,000 people from the adjoining areas thronged the Judge Court premises to hear the verdict.

According to the prosecution, Abdul Latif, the ex-relief chairman of Char Pakkhimari union, was hacked to death in Purauluka area on Sherpur-Jamalpur road during the night

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Privatisation of jute & textile units CBAs oppose move fearing bad deal for workers

By Shehab Ahmed and Inam Ahmed

Focus on CBAs

The government's privatisation programme in jute and textile sectors, the two loss-making leviathans among the State-Owned Enterprises (SOE), has been put on hold as it went for a temporary truce with trade unions.

The workers in turn announced withholding of their agitations to lay a siege around the Karim Jute Mills (KJM) which is up for sale.

It is part of the 115 SOE's the government has earmarked for privatisation in the current and next financial years. This year, 65 SOE's are to be privatised in a bid to gear up the programme to reduce state subsidy.

The government and offload shares of nine others to spur the privatisation programme.

The government and the workers unions went for a truce in June and again last week. But tender for sale of KJM has been approved by the cabinet and the file awaits final clearance from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). The workers, meanwhile, has chosen the union group backed by the main-opposition BNP to lead them as Collective Bargaining Agent (CBA) in the KJM.

For the moment, the uneasy truce is holding. The workers, led by Patkal and Bastrakal

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BNP to stage demonstrations in dists today

Main opposition BNP will stage demonstrations in all districts and divisional headquarters of the country, excepting the capital today, reports UNB.

The demonstration programme in Dhaka city, has been shifted to October 1 in the wake of ruling Awami League's public meeting today.

Earlier on September 15, BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia announced a series of street programmes, including nationwide demonstration and rail and road blockade on October 5.

As part of the programmes, leaders and workers of BNP will hold rallies and bring out processions in all districts and divisional headquarters today.

BNP will take out processions from in front of the party central office at Naya Paltan at 4 pm tomorrow.

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in a statement yesterday asked the party leaders and workers and the people to make today country-wide and tomorrow's programmes in Dhaka a success.

Young man shot dead in city

By Staff Correspondent

A young man was gunned down at Malibagh Chowdhurypara under Sabujbagh thana in the city yesterday afternoon.

Police said the dead, identified as Firoz, 22, was fatally injured as a gang of unidentified assailants fired on him from behind at about 4 pm.

Bullet hit Firoz, a resident of East Hazipara, was immediately rushed to the Holy Family Hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

The motive behind the killing could not be known immediately. None was arrested in this connection till filing of this report.

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7. In case any difficulty arises in the implementation of paragraphs 1 through 6 above, the Commission shall allow distribution in such a way as it deems fit that best protects the investors' interest.
8. This Notification supersedes the Commission's earlier Notification No. SEC/Section-7/95/22 dated 8th February 1995 as amended by Notification Nos SEC/Section-7/95-58 dated 30th March 1995, and SEC/Section-7/123 dated 28th November 1996; and Notification No SEC/Section-7/95-23 dated 11th February 1995 as amended by Notification No SEC/Section-7/96-121 dated 8th July 1996.
9. This Notification shall be effective from the date of its publication.

M A Syed
Chairman
Securities and Exchange Commission

Stringent laws against child repression to be enacted: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called for enacting stringent laws against child trafficking and child repression in the country, reports BSS.

"I hope that people irrespective of party affiliation would extend their support in the Jatiya Sangsad to get the law passed," she said while inaugurating the Child Rights Week '97 at the Osmani Memorial Hall.

Referring to the killing of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members including 10-year-old Russel, the prime minister said the people of Bangladesh were that the killers must be tried.

"The killers should get their due punishment under the law of the land," she said, adding, "They must get exemplary punishment so that nobody can dare to do the same in future."

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Repression can't halt movement: Khaleda

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday said the government will not be able to halt the ongoing people's movement against the killing, repression, arrest or any other undemocratic means, reports UNB.

"We will continue our movement for the interest of the country and its people because BNP is committed to ensure people's welfare," she said when some just released BNP leaders called on her at the party central office in the evening.

Begum Zia said, "BNP was with the people during their days of joys and sorrows, and will always be with them. Similarly, the people are very much with BNP."

Referring to the people's increasing support to BNP, the Leader of the Opposition said the ruling party has become

imbalanced seeing the popularity of BNP.

This is why the government has chosen the path of repression against the leaders and workers of BNP and its front organisations across the country, she added.

BNP leaders, including Rezi Ahmed and DCC ward commissioner Chowdhury Alam, narrated to Begum Zia the repressions they allegedly faced while in police custody and also in jail.

Begum Zia accused the government of resorting to repression on the opposition both in and outside the jail. Leaders, workers and supporters of BNP were being subjected to inhuman physical and mental torture inside the jails and hajatas after their arrest, she alleged.

In this regard, she referred to Ulema Dal convenor Syed Naz

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