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Chinese Vice Premier Wu Bangguo called on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday. — PID photo

JSD factions to unite

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The activists of the Rab-led group believe that their counterparts in the Inu-led faction would eventually opt for continuing with the government of Sheikh Hasina, while the activists of the Inu-led faction maintain that Rab would eventually leave the government.

Meanwhile, the JSD's partners in the LDF are waiting for an official announcement about the unity for making a decision about the party's status in the front.

The JSD faction led by Hasanul Huq Inu is yet to officially inform the LDF that it was going to reunite with the JSD faction led by Shipping Minister ASM Rab, said Khalequzzaman, leader of BSD which is a component of the Left Democratic Front. The components of the LDF will take a decision about the fate of JSD in the front after the party officially informs us about its next course of action. What we can say now is that the LDF is critical about the government of Sheikh Hasina.

Since its birth on October 31, 1973 Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, which had eventually emerged as the country's most powerful opposition party at that time, faced many splits. The JSD faced its first split when Khalequzzaman Bhuiyan formed Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) in November 1980. A few months later the BSD was divided into two groups.

Rab and Inu separated from each other in 1984 following a political debate on the issue of supporting General Ershad. Rab preferred to cooperate the Ershad while Inu chose to remain in the opposition camp fighting military rule.

Voted to parliament in the last general elections, Rab joined the government of Sheikh Hasina, while the Inu-led faction has been active in the LDF, which is publicly critical about the government.

Police-BNP clash

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Police to start lobbing tear gas shells. Police fired scores of tear gas canisters at the stone-pelting BNP workers in front of the four-story building housing the BNP office and also inside the party office.

During the clashes, police also used batons to scatter several small processions including one by some female workers of BNP and at one stage police entered the BNP office and beat up the inmates. Several vehicles also came under attack by the agitated activists at that time. At the end of the day, at about 7.15 pm, plainclothes policemen entered the BNP office and picked up Tasdir Hossain Mohammad Jasim along with some party workers.

Earlier, police, in full riot gear cordoned off the Inner Circular Road in front of the BNP office from Fakirpool to Bijoygar. Two water cannons and a riot van were seen shuttling between Fakirpool and Bijoygar crossings during the clashes.

A DMP press release claimed last night that the BNP workers obstructed traffic on the road in front of their party office and later pelted stones at police. It also alleged that the BNP activists hurled crackers and bombs at the on-duty policemen, injuring a police constable.

The BNP workers also damaged two buses and an autorickshaw at the Bijoygar crossing and attacked on-duty police. Eleven persons were arrested, the DMP press release said. Situation in other parts of the city remained normal.

PM: Cooperatives law

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The Prime Minister also appreciated the initiative of National Rural Development Cooperatives Federation which has helped form one lakh 21 thousand Bittohin (assetless) Samities with 25 crore members.

She said the government will implement its development programmes related to farmers, women, landless people through the cooperative societies under Rural Development Board.

Hasina said her government will not compromise on the question of integrated rural development in the interest of agriculture and farmers. The government has taken a plan for the development of rural communication and electrification, she said.

"We want to build up a modern rural development complex with the help of all sections of people," she added.

Responding to various demands of the federation, the Prime Minister said steps have already been taken in line with the demands and added that the

Wu Bangguo calls on President, PM

The visiting Chinese Vice-Premier, Wu Bangguo, made a courtesy call on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Welcoming the Chinese Vice-Premier, President Shahabuddin said that his visit would strengthen the bilateral relations and enhance the scope of co-operation between Bangladesh and China.

The Chinese Vice Premier Wu Bangguo also called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office.

While talking to the visiting Chinese leader, the Prime Minister said the cornerstone of her government's policy is to strengthen relations with the countries of South and South-east Asia.

Mentioning the old relationship between Chinese Communist Party and Awami League, the Prime Minister said the representatives from both the government of Bangladesh and the ruling party attended the historic handover ceremony of Hong Kong.

The Chinese Vice Premier also recalled the visit to China of Hasina as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh.

PM leaves

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Queen Elizabeth, as head of the Commonwealth, will inaugurate the conference of the loose confederation of the former British colonies. The main themes of the CHOGM are good governance and human rights as well as trade development and investment.

The PM's entourage includes Foreign Minister Abul Kalam Azad, Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Principal Secretary to the PM Dr SA Samad and Foreign Secretary Mostafizur Rahman.

In Edinburgh, the Prime Minister is expected to seize an opportunity to hold bilateral parleys with heads of government of friendly countries.

She is expected to meet British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Commonwealth Secretary General Chief Emeka Anyaoku on the sidelines of the summit.

The Prime Minister will attend a reception to be hosted in her honour by Scotland Awami League. She will also attend a dinner to be thrown by Edinburgh Labour and business forum.

Hasina will fly to London on October 28 where she will have luncheon meeting with Asia House, the Asian community.

English

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million speakers, up from the 59.8 million now.

Arabic is set to shoot into third place, up from 39.5 million to 72.7 million. But English is expected to hold on to fourth place, with 65 million speakers in 2050. A sharp rise on the 51.7 million in 1995.

The number of Spanish speakers is expected to stagnate, rising from 58 million to 62.8 million but falling from third to fifth place.

But French, the linguistic rival of English for centuries, will drop from 9.7 million to 8.9 million. The number of young German speakers will drop from 12.2 million to 9.1 million, the survey showed.

The British Council said there was no imminent danger to the global popularity of English.

The number of people speaking English as a second language is even expected to exceed the number of native speakers in the next decade.

But the council said the dominance of English may start to be challenged by other languages.

To put it in economic terms, the size of the global market for the English language may increase in absolute terms, but its market share will probably fall," it said.

Federal govt withdraws decision to sack Uttar Pradesh Assembly

NEW DELHI, Oct 22: India's crisis-hit government backed down today deciding not to sack a key state assembly in the north of the country following a marathon cabinet meeting, the Press Trust of India said, reports AFP.

Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral's cabinet announced after five hours of talks that the Hindu nationalist Uttar Pradesh Assembly would not be dismissed.

The decision is expected to be endorsed by Indian President K R Narayanan, who asked the cabinet to reconsider its earlier decision to take over the running of the state following a mass brawl between politicians there on Tuesday.

Earlier a Hindu nationalist administration in India's most populous state of Uttar Pradesh was sacked by the federal government following a major political crisis.

New Delhi also clamped its direct rule over the northern state of 140 million people, hours after the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP, Indian People's Party) won a crucial confidence vote amid bedlam.

The decision was taken following two marathon rounds of meetings of the federal cabinet lasting seven hours, during which Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral cancelled his planned trips to Germany and France.

A government official said the cabinet discussed the violence which accompanied the confidence vote in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly in the state capital Lucknow on Tuesday.

BNP, smaller parties discuss political situation

A joint meeting of BNP, Jatiya Party (Z-M), Democratic League, JAGPA and PNP was held at 29 Minto Road, the official residence of the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament yesterday, reports UNB.

Presided over by BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, the meeting was attended, among others, by Oli Ahmad, Anwar Zahid, Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Rehena Pradhan, Sheikh Shaukat Hossain Nilu, Shamim Al Mamun and Mynuddin Bhuiyan.

They discussed the present political and law and order situation.

Ex-armyman

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BTB's programme director Munirul Alam, chief accounts officer Akmal Khan, administrative officer MA Siddiq and assistant photographer Feroz Qayyum.

No bail prayer was moved for the arrested accused at the court yesterday.

BNP programmes

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upto November 1.

BNP's demands include to put an end to conspiracy against Chittagong Hill Tracts, not to give corridor to India in the name of transit, make the parliament effective, immediate implementation of the peace commission and solution to the persisting water-gas-power crisis, introduction of voter identity card and reorganisation of the Election Commission.

Its demands also included steps against terrorism and toll collection, immediate installation of the pontoon bridge at the Crescent lake, withdrawal of false cases filed against BNP men, stopping politicisation and women repression, cancellation of 'undemocratic' Gram Parishad and improvement of law and order situation.

On November 2, BNP will observe 'Save the country and Save the Economy Day' nationwide, demanding fixation of jute price at Tk 500 per maund, fair price of jute, potato, sugarcane and reduction of prices of fuel, electricity and agri-inputs and protesting the slide in share market, stagnation in business and banking sector.

The main opposition will observe the National Revolution and Solidarity Day on November 7 as 'Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Day' to register its protest against the 'conspiracy' over CHT.

Meanwhile, the leaders of the main opposition party BNP yesterday dubbed government offer for dialogue an eyewash and charged it with making the situation volatile intention-

ally.

Instead of creating atmosphere for dialogue, the government made the situation further volatile through intensified 'repression' on the opposition, they told newsmen.

Addressing a hurriedly called press briefing at party's central office last night, they said when BNP was demanding creation of an atmosphere before the government-proposed dialogue, the government yesterday foiled the scheduled programme through 'unprecedented' police action.

"On the one hand, a government minister is making contact with the opposition for dialogue and on the other, the government has intensified its repressive measures and attacks on BNP," said Standing Committee Member Abdus Salam Talukder.

"If police action is an example of creating atmosphere, then how there will be dialogue," he questioned.

Talukder said though there is no ban on procession, the government foiled BNP's scheduled programme by resorting to indiscriminate lathi-charge, firing tear gas shells and spraying hot water that lasted about four hours in front of party office.

But, the ex-BNP secretary general said, the leaders and activists did not leave the street despite 'unprecedented torture'. Even MPs fell victim of police action, he added.

Salam Talukder said though BNP was avoiding clash and conflict with the ruling party, the government intentionally provoking the opposition.

Kibria: Economic regress

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have been facing the globalisation process.

Kibria expressed serious concern at the sluggish growth in flows of foreign direct investment to most of the developing countries while the official development assistance (ODA) is declining steadily.

He said that increasing conditionalities are further reducing the actual disbursement of committed aid.

The finance minister said that globalisation has culminated in the widening and deepening of the flows of goods and services across national borders but globalisation is not an unmitigated blessing.

He said that if offered a new frontier of dazzling opportunities for many and unknown perils and immediate threats for others.

Kibria said one of the main attraction of globalisation is that it directs the foreign private investment to areas with competitive edge. However, he pointed out that recent growth of foreign direct and portfolio investment flows has been restricted to a very small group of nations, with 90 per cent of FDI going to North America, Europe, Japan and China.

The finance minister regretted that rest of the world with 70 per cent of population gets less than 10 per cent of FDI.

Referring to the steady decline in the ODA to the developing countries, he said that until 1992, the share of overall ODA in the GNP of the highly developed countries was 0.33 per cent against the UN target of 0.7 per cent of donor countries GNP.

He pointed out that this percentage declined to 0.25 per cent in 1996 — the lowest in the last 50 years. Furthermore, he said,

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Tk 3.25 lakh snatched: 2 arrested

By Staff Correspondent

Muggers snatched Tk 3.25 lakh in cash from a microbus of Tabani Beverage Company at Mirpur yesterday.

Later, police arrested two of the alleged muggers.

The police said a gang of about four armed men riding on two motorcycles intercepted a microbus and snatched a big container Tk 3.25 lakh at gunpoint near the Edgah Math in Mirpur Section No. 1 at about 4 pm.

Chased by petrol police, the gang exchanged gunshots with police. Police arrested two of the muggers identified as Sohrab, 30, and Akash, 22, while their associates managed to escape with the money, police said.

Police recovered a revolver and a sawn-off gun with nine live bullets from the arrested persons.

CEC

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commissioners and police superintendents of the division, TNOs, and the district and thana level Ansar, VDP and election officials.

The CEC attached top most priority to maintaining law and order for holding a free, fair and neutral UP elections and underscored the need for constituting peace and disciplinary committees at district, thana and union levels involving local elites.

He said that name of any political party or personality as well as their photograph cannot be used in the election campaign as the UP polls will be held on non-party basis.

Eskander

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passport and allowing him to go to London immediately pending hearing of the rule.

Sayed Eskander, younger brother of Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia, was off-loaded from a Dhaka-London flight of Biman and his passport impounded on October 19.

In an official handout issued in the following night, it was said that Eskander was going abroad with the objective of 'establishing contacts' with the self-confessed killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The handout also said that Eskander's attempt to go to London on the eve of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit there was a "threat to her security".

Bangabandhu murder

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Abdur Rashid was Commanding Officer of the regiment while Major Muhiuddin commander of his battery — Papa.

We had a night parade on August 14 and fell-in at MT ground of the unit... Later we went to New Airport for the exercise," he said.

Harun said Papa Battery Commander Major Muhiuddin came to them while they were taking rest at about 3 to 3:30 am on August 15.

"He again brought us in a fall-in and ordered some of the soldiers to board a car." The witness said he with an SLR had boarded the car which was carrying Major Muhiuddin.

He said the Battery Commander brought them to Balurghat where there were 100 to 150 black-uniformed soldiers of 1st Bengal Lancer and 60 to 70 khaki-dressed soldiers of Artillery.

Then, the witness said, Major Muhiuddin told them that Rakkhi Bahini will attack the army. "Hearing it, we again boarded the vehicle of Muhiuddin in which a cannon was hooked."

There were also four to five artillery personnel in the vehicle, he said.

BCL-Shibir clash at Satkania: 15 injured

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 22: At least 15 persons were injured in a clash between the supporters of Chhatra League and Chhatra Shibir at Satkania College premises this morning, police and witnesses said.

One of the injured was admitted to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital in critical condition while others were rushed to the local health complex.

Police said the clash occurred at around 10-30 am today following political rivalry and both the groups used arms and lethal weapons.

Police were deployed on the college campus to prevent further outbreak of violence.

NCCHT meet

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refugees, displaced persons and members of the Shantibahini upon their surrender would be finalised in the meeting.

After approval by the NCCHT, the final draft accord and the work-plan for rehabilitation would be placed before Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

It would be sent to the PCJSS by the end of the month, the sources said.

At that time, Harun told the court that he also saw four to five vehicles with artillery guns, popularly known as cannons.

At about 4 am, we started from there and reached Mirpur Road beside Elephant Road after crossing MES Gate, Mohakhali, Farmgate, Green Road," he said.

He continued: We two or three people got down near the lake at Kalabagan and Muhiuddin saheb asked us not to allow movement of any vehicle on the road.

"We diverted one or two vehicles after being posted on the road there. But I don't know who were owners of the cars," said the witness.

He said: After 10 to 15 minutes, we heard huge firing of small arms from north-western direction. We also heard explosion of cannon shells.

"An army vehicle after the sun rise took us to Ganobhaban where I heard the radio announcement made by Major Dalim that Bangabandhu had been killed," Harun said.

He said after one or two hours the vehicles with cannons came to Ganobhaban. "After waiting for about an hour those were taken away at the order of Major Muhiuddin."

The PW said he also came to know that Majors Dalim, Farooq, Muhiuddin, Noor, Bazul Huda, Khandakar Abdur Rashid, Shahriyar, Rashed Chowdhury and Aziz Pasha had committed the killings.

"Then, we realised that the officer sahebs have bluffed the soldiers," he said concluding his brief deposition.

Among the prosecution lawyers, Mosharraf Hossain Kajal, Sahara Khatun, Nurul Islam Sujan, Kamrul Islam and M Towhidul Islam Bahar were present at the courtroom.

1.4 lakh phones

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good destination for relocation of Chinese industries, he said.

The Chinese Vice Premier said, "the facilities provided in the EPZ, impressed me very much and I am sure future bilateral cooperation would be strengthened through setting up of more industries by Chinese investors as land is inexpensive and labour cost is low here."

He also pointed out some other major projects for the development of Bangladesh-China economic relations. He also enquired about the export markets of the products in EPZs.

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