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The memorial committee for four National leaders brought out a procession in the city yesterday to mark the Jail Killing Day. — Star photo

Jail Killing Day observed

The Jail Killing Day was observed across the country yesterday with a renewed call to try the killers of four national leaders, reports BSS.

Tributes were paid to the Liberation War heroes for their contribution to the cause of freedom.

Awami League and its front organisations organised a day-long programme. Black flags were hoisted atop all its offices across the country.

At the Bangabandhu Bhaban, party leaders and workers garlanded the portrait of the Father of the Nation in the morning. Later, they placed wreaths at the graves of the national leaders at Banani.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also placed wreaths at the Banani graveyard. A *mildab* was also held there.

A number of socio-political and cultural organisations had also paid tributes to the four na-

tional leaders.

Bangabandhu Parishad members placed wreaths at the Banani graveyard and offered prayers. The Supreme Court unit of the Parishad demanded of the government to try the killers of the four leaders.

Islamic Foundation organised a special *mujqat* at the Baitul Mukarram Mosque for the salvation of the souls of the great leaders.

Bangladesh Islami Biplobi Parishad has also held a *mujqat* at the Baitul Mukarram mosque.

Housewife killed in Manikganj

MANIKGANJ, Nov 3: Singair police today recovered the body of a young house-wife from South Jamsha village under the Singair thana this morning. reports BSS.

The victim was identified as Rahima Khatun, 24, wife of Aziz Khan of the village.

Police said, Rahima, mother of two children, was slaughtered by sharp weapon last night at her residence.

A case has been registered with Singair police station in this connection.

Today's DU exams postponed

Dhaka University authorities have postponed all the examinations scheduled for today due to unavoidable reason, reports BSS.

The fresh schedule of the examinations will be announced later, said a press release yesterday.

However, other examinations will be held according to earlier schedule.

Albright

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During her brief stay here, Madeline Albright will call on President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

She will hold official talks with the foreign minister, covering the entire gamut of bilateral relations as well as regional and international issues of common concern.

During the parleys, Dhaka is learnt to be seeking huge American investments and an increase in its aid to Bangladesh which has been substantially decreasing over the last few years.

President Clinton's planned visit to Bangladesh early next year is likely to figure prominently in discussion.

PM accuses BNP chief

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misappropriating public money while in power, the Prime Minister said, "They are unhappy because now they can't loot people's wealth any more."

She said her government was trying for peace in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT). She bitterly criticised the BNP chief for "opposing" the move and accused the Opposition leader of "spreading falsehood and confusion on the matter."

While the people including those living in the CHT are eager to see peace in the area, the BNP chief seems to be unhappy over the move. I don't understand why peace exists in Opposition leader's mind while the people of the country live across the border and her peace diminishes when they return home. Smugglers should feel so. Why the Opposition leader?"

Referring to Khaleda Zia's claim that plans were underway to withdraw the army from the CHT, Sheikh Hasina once again said her government never spoke for withdrawal of the army and was not going to sign any treaty to do so. "We even don't want eviction of the Bangladeshi from the hills areas."

Refuting the BNP allegation that it was kept in the dark about the CHT peace process, the Prime Minister said, "Had the two BNP lawmakers partic-

Salman Shah

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parently ended following DB's report revived again when a young man identified as Rezvi Ahmed allegedly trespassed into Salman's parents house in Cantonment thana area in July last. Later, the CID took up the case July 29 last.

CID sources said Rezvi was one of the six persons to face legal action.

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SC begins contempt of court proceedings against Sharif

ISLAMABAD, Nov 3: Pakistan's Supreme Court today began contempt of court proceedings against Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif over his handling of a row with the judiciary which appeared to have been settled last week, reports Reuters.

The court also served contempt notices against 10 members of parliament, three newspapers and the state's television network for allegedly bringing the court into disrepute.

The order instructed all those cited to appear before the court next week in a move which showed that the two month tussle between Sharif and the judiciary was not yet finished.

Karachi's stock exchange continued to feel the fallout of the government-judiciary row and had shed 1.06 per cent by the end of the morning session after climbing sharply at the opening.

Sharif, in power for nine months, performed an abrupt U turn last week by agreeing to the

Chief Justice's nomination of five more judges to the top court whose appointment he had blocked in a two-month row which paralysed politics.

The contempt proceedings arise out of remarks Sharif made to the National Assembly in which he was sharply critical of the behaviour of the Supreme Court.

There was no immediate reaction from Sharif about the latest twist in his uneasy relationship with the country's top court and Chief Justice Sajid Ali Shah.

On Friday night, Sharif told parliament in an address broadcast live on television and radio that he would agree to Shah's appointment of five more judges to fill vacancies in the Supreme Court and bring it up to a strength of 17.

He told the nation that he was dropping his objection to Shah's appointment in the interest of the nation and to concentrate on the political and economic stewardship of this nation of 140 million.

Bangabandhu Murder

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gence agencies working at Dhaka cantonment at that time. Besides DGFI, the Army, Navy and Air Force had also their separate intelligence networks.

The office of DGFI, comprising all armed forces, was inside the Dhaka Cantonment, but I didn't know whether the Field Intelligence Unit (FIU) office was situated only 300 yards ahead of Lancer unit," the PWS said.

He said army intelligence might have been posted at the old airport. But he expressed his ignorance about new airport where the night parade of the artillery was scheduled as it was not functioning at that time.

Replying to defence lawyer Khan Saifur Rahman, the then senior-most JCO of 2 Field Artillery told the court that he at his unit had seen his CO Major Khandakar Abdur Rashid and Major Syed Farooq Rahman together many a time.

Seminar for MPs

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mer Indian Minister Pranab Mukherjee, CPA Secretary General Arthur R Donahoe and Principal Clerk of overseas office of the House of Commons of London Robert Wilson.

CPA team calls on president

After arrival in the city, the five-member delegation of CPA made a courtesy call on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban.

Welcoming the delegation, the President hoped that the members of our present parliament would be highly benefited from the deliberations of the seminar.

President Shahabuddin lauded the role of the CPA in arranging seminars and meetings in different Commonwealth countries and said this would help exchange ideas and views among parliament members of various countries.

Truck carrying rice hijacked in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 3: A rice-laden truck was hijacked by a gang of dacoits near Gurkha Belta in Raigong thana on Bogra-Nagarbari highway Sunday, reports UNB.

Policemen said the armed miscreants numbering 5 to 6 in an empty truck intercepted the rice-laden Dhaka bound truck from Naogaon. They tied the helper of the truck with a tree and hijacked the vehicle at gun point at about 1 am.

A case was filed with the police.

Chakma Raja for peaceful co-existence

From Staff Correspondent

RANGAMATI, Nov 3: Chakma Raja Devashish Roy today called upon both the settler and tribal communities in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) to share the benefit of the proposed peace treaty and live with a spirit of peaceful co-existence.

He said his government wanted to build a terrorism-free society but "whenever a terrorist is caught, the BNP claims him to be its worker and calls the legal action a political harassment."

He also criticised the major opposition party for "destabilising the investment atmosphere and obstructing measures for economic uplift."

About BNP's boycott of the parliament session, Sheikh Hasina, also Leader of the House said that her party had discussed on all issues the opposition party asked for. "They became reluctant to join the parliamentary proceedings since the infamous Indemnity Ordinance was repealed in the House because they don't want trial of the killers of Bangabandhu and are now collaborating with them."

The meeting was also addressed by Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak, Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed, LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman, Forest and Environment Minister Sajeda Choudhury, Telecommunications and Works Minister Md. Nasim, DCC Mayor Mohammad Hanif and other AL leaders including Syeda Zohra Tajuddin, Amir Hossain Amu, Abdul Jalil, Mofazzal Hossain Choudhury, MP and Makbul Hossain, MP.

BNPPP meet

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Rumours of 'eviction'

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Talking to cross sections of people throughout the day, this correspondent got the impression that certain quarters were propagating rumours of "eviction of settlers" "army withdrawal" and the like without being sure about the contents of the yet-to-be disclosed draft peace treaty.

Shahjahan, a central committee member and president of Rangamati district unit of Jatiya Party, told newsmen here that he had not joined the anti-peace treaty movement launched by BNP and Jamaat under the banner of the Oklyka Parishad. "I am waiting for a decision in this regard from the party high-command and I may get a 'yes' or 'no' signal after the return of party chief Ershad from abroad on November 5," he added.

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