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This flood-hit family at the city's Demra area has taken shelters on a nearby road after their house was washed away by flood waters. — Star photo

**Rubel murder case**

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UNB adds: Earlier, at DB office, ADC of DB, testifying to the inquiry commission gave details of the strains and odds under which they are to carry out duties, sometimes round the clock, without additional facilities or benefits.

Justice Rahman said he will put forward the important issues in his report he is supposed to submit by August 11.

Sources in the CID said investigators will examine a hand written chit, recovered from the almirah of Hayatul Islam Thakur.

The chit is bearing the address of Rubel's Shiddeswari residence on one side and address of the Cambridge Coaching Centre at Shiddeswari on the other side.

AC Akram, who is now in jail, had admitted that he wrote down the address of the coaching centre but not the address of Rubel's residence.

The DB personnel interrogated by the CID team have given contradictory statements, said a source close to the investigation team.

Justice Habibur Rahman told newsmen at the DMCH that the commission would be able to come to a conclusion about the motive of the killing in a few days and submit its report soon.

**PM: Criminals**

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The Prime Minister said that she had alerted inquired about the reported incident and was told by the authorities concerned that the women were not assaulted the way a Bangla daily had described. The Premier assured the newsmen that she would further look into the matter.

**Flood**

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acres of land have been damaged while about 1.77 lakh dwellings, 5,100 km roads, 2,396 km embankments, 2,215 bridges and culverts have been damaged by the flood.

A total of 424 flood centres where 1.24 lakh people took shelter during the current flood were also damaged, the handout said.

Some 5,522 cattleheads died across the country during the flood.

About 25 people have so far died of diarrhoeal diseases. Diarrhoea attacked some 1,082 people in 24 hours till 5 pm yesterday.

The handout said about 1,666 doctors split into 3,473 medical teams have been working in the affected areas and 75 temporary medical centres have been opened in some districts.

It said the price essentials remained almost static and the average price of coarse rice was Tk 15 per kg.

**DND dam**

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Meanwhile, water level in the Buriganga fell by four cm, but was flowing 22 cm above the danger level. In the Shitalakkha, water level dropped by five cm but was flowing 70 cm above the danger level. Flood Control Room officials said.

The water level in the Turag river around Mirpur, however, remained steady at 88 cm above the danger level.

The Turag near Tongi fell by 2 cm and was flowing 55 cm above the danger level.

The control room officials said water levels in all rivers across the country were falling and are likely to fall further in the next few days if heavy rainfall does not take place.

However, the rivers around Mirpur and Tongi may rise by a few centimetres today, but will gradually fall. The flood waters will now slowly recede, said an official.

**Rupsha bridge**

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The beginning of the second phase of work for the proposed bridge will depend on the report. Leader of the team Kenji Maruka visited probable sites for the bridge by speed boat on yesterday afternoon.

Members of the team met officials of the Khulna City Corporation (KCC) to get a map of Khulna city and see the activities of Mongla Port today.

The assistant director of JICA Kazi Abul Mamun, when contacted today, said the consultancy firm will submit a draft to the government by next January or February mentioning different aspects including financial involvement for construction of Rupsha Bridge and the final report on the feasibility study will be submitted by April, 1999 at the latest.

**Eagle**

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with patrol parties on duty through wireless system.

The press release categorically made it clear that there is no separate force in the name of 'eagle force' in Bangladesh police or in Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

It regretted that a section of the press had been publishing motivated news on the so called 'eagle force' to create confusion among the people.

**Clinton proposes summit with Obuchi Sept 21**

TOKYO, Aug 1: US President Bill Clinton called Japan's new Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi today and proposed a summit meeting in late September, a Foreign Ministry official said, reports AP.

Clinton told Obuchi that he hoped to talk about economic conditions in Japan and other Asian countries at the meeting, according to a ministry official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The US President also congratulated Obuchi on the inauguration of his new Cabinet, he said.

Clinton proposed the summit to be held on September 21, when he will be in New York for a United Nations meeting.

Obuchi said he will try to arrange a visit after reviewing domestic events and parliamentary schedules, the ministry officials said.

**Khaleda did not say anything about Mujib's killing: BNP**

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday made it clear that the party chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia did not say anything against or in favour of the killing of President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975, reports UNB.

Begum Zia has asked the government to take lessons from the history and reminded the tragic consequences of ignoring the demand of the people, resorting to political repression and blocking the democratic process of changing the government. Mannan Bhuiyan said in a statement last night.

Awami League general secretary Zillur Rahman and State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed, reacting sharply to the reported speech of Begum Zia on July 29, said the Opposition Leader favoured the August 15, 1975 killing and wanted to protect the accused of the killing who are undergoing trial.

Refuting the allegation he said Begum Zia described the law and order situation in the country, violation of human rights enshrined in the Constitution and the deterioration of the country's economy. The situation isolated the government from the people.

The BNP secretary general asked the ruling party leaders to refrain from making such allegations. He said the government could not escape from the reality by trying to defame Begum Zia and launching repression on the people.

**JCD factions**

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chase. Almost all the activists of Pintu group were outsiders, the witnesses said.

Police picked up Asaduzzaman Asad, a student of the university, and Bazul alias Abed, an outsider. Both were reportedly activists of Pintu group.

After the incident, AL-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) held a rally on the premises of the DUCSU office protesting what it called terrorism by JCD on the campus. The rally was addressed by among others Enamul Haque Shamim, Ajay Kar Khokon, Rafikul Islam and Bahabdur Bepary.

**Bagha incident**

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they chased the AL supporters, leading to a clash.

Rawshanara told newsmen today that she had gone to the police station but police refused to register her case. She showed her torn and blood stained clothes to a group of journalists.

Witnesses told the journalists that police had remained silent spectators and had not tried to rescue the victims.

Later, the victims went to the Magistrate's Court and filed a case.

The OC of Bagha thana, however, told newsmen today that he was not present at the thana at that time. Asked why did police refuse to take case from Rawshanara, he said police accepted a case from a local BNP leader making the same allegations.

When contacted from Dhaka, SP Shamsuddoha Khandaker told The Daily Star that he had visited the spot on July 21, the day after the incident.

According to him, police had 'accepted' three cases in this connection — two lodged by the AL activists and one by the BNP leader 'who happens to be the brother-in-law of the assaulted women.'

He admitted that the women were assaulted, "but they were not stripped."

The SP further said that the police had arrested eight people for each from AL and BNP including the general secretary of local Juba League, youth front of AL and the general secretary of local BNP. "We have no reason to be biased for or against any party," Khandaker said, adding, "The police have already proposed detention of the accused belonging to both the parties."

**Dhaka-Sylhet road link restored**

The direct road communication between Dhaka and Sylhet was restored yesterday following introduction of ferry service at Sadipur, reports UNB.

Roads and Highways Department sources said the ferry service started operation from 4 pm yesterday.

A floating bridge over Kushiara at Sadipur was washed away by flood water on July 28 disrupting direct road communication.

**Tuition fee: BCL activists gherao CU VC's office**

From CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 1: The Chittagong University unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday gheraoed the CU Vice-Chancellor's office protesting the authorities decision to raise tuition fees and other charges.

A meeting of the Syndicate was going on at the time of the gherao.

They also submitted a memorandum.

Later, the BCL activists brought out a rally on campus. Speakers at the rally threatened greater agitation programme if the demand was not met immediately.

**Palash Urea Factory resumes production**

PALASH (Narsingdi), Aug 1: Palash Urea Fertiliser Factory resumed its production today after suspension of operation from July 16, 1997 due to shortage of gas supply, factory sources said, reports BSS.

The Palash Urea Fertiliser Factory needs 17 million cubic feet of natural gas everyday to run on full capacity. It is now running with less than 60 per cent capacity, the sources said.

**Arms looted**

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booties firing blank shots. They also raised slogans in the name of an outlawed organisation.

The security officer of the factory is reported to have gone on leave without permission of the authorities concerned.

Police have taken six security guards into custody for interrogation. They are Alfaton Kausar, 40, Mosharef, 45, Babar Ali, 30, Razzak, 40, Jashim, 32, and Mosharef Mondol, 38.

Atiar Rahman, Manager (Admin) of the Cable factory has filed a case. None has so far been arrested.

**Spl tribunal**

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there is scope for setting up a special tribunal for trial of the case. Opinion of the law ministry was sent to the home ministry on Thursday.

The law ministry observed "If any special tribunal is set up for the trial of a single case, then that would hit articles 27, 31 and 35(3) of the Constitution".

Article 27 of the Constitution says: All citizens are equal before law and are entitled to equal protection of law.

Article 31 says: To enjoy the protection of the law, and to be treated in accordance with law, and only in accordance with law, is the inalienable right of every citizen, wherever he may be, and of every other person for the time being within Bangladesh and in particular no action detrimental to the life, liberty, body, reputation or property of any person shall be taken except in accordance with law.

Article 35(3) says: Every person accused of a criminal offence shall have the right to a speedy and public trial by an independent and impartial court or tribunal established by law.

**Khaleda**

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under the flood, the ruling party is engaged in pleasure forgetting its responsibility of mitigating the miseries of the affected people.

"When the people are groaning in miseries, the government is busy in plundering public wealth. The relief goods received for the affected people went to the houses of Awami Leaguers," she said.

She said BNP will continue its efforts to help the affected people as well as put up pressure on the government to increase relief and rehabilitation operation in the flood-affected areas.

Earlier, Begum Zia visited the erosion-hit areas at Daudkandi and distributed relief materials among the poor.

She also addressed a number of wayside meetings at Daudkandi, Eliotganj, Deviddar and Chandina and distributed relief goods among the flood victims.

**BSRS**

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the process of transaction, he alleged.

He alleged that immediately after the sale of Jadz Distilleries, the BSRS gave an interest waiver of Tk 13 crore to Rangpur Distillery and Tk 38 crore to Northern Distillery.

Asked why he did not repay the overdue loan, Halim said, he could not repay the loan liabilities along with the interest because the factory became a losing concern after a sudden price hike of its basic raw materials, molasses.

Halim, however, claimed that his company had repaid the highest amount of loan among the three distilleries financed by the BSRS.

Jadz Distillery repaid Tk 1.40 crore loans to BSRS and Rangpur Distillery repaid Tk 1.17 crore while Northern Distillery did not repay any loan, he claimed.



The two JCD activists arrested from the DU campus being placed on a police van yesterday. — Star photo

**Situation remains tense in & around Jamuna Fertiliser Factory**

JAMALPUR, Aug 1: Tension has been prevailing in and around Jamuna Fertiliser Factory here following the killing of two transport workers, reports UNB.

A heavy contingent of police was deployed in the factory area to avert any further violence.

Transport workers Saiful Islam, 30, and Ali Mahmud, 25, were shot dead yesterday evening in an attack on Truck Workers' Union office in the factory area at Tarakandi by some armed men.

Transport workers claimed that the armed people belonged to the Truck Owners' Association who were annoyed with the workers, strike following an increase in truck fare.

The workers enforced a halt in loading of goods at the factory from Thursday protesting the rent hike.

Traffic movement in different routes of Jamalpur, Tangail, Mymensingh and Muktagachha remained suspended this morning.

**Alleged snatcher beaten to death in N'ganj**

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 1: An alleged snatcher was beaten to death and two others were critically injured after being caught by the local people at Dhunkunda in Siddhirganj thana here on Thursday night, reports UNB.

Police said the incident took place at about 10 pm when local people caught three snatchers red-handed while they were trying to snatch money from an auto-rickshaw passenger.

The mob beat them severely as they tried to escape by jumping into a nearby pond.

The identity of the dead could not be known.

**SB branches**

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Bank. They viewed that Sonali Bank might go bankrupt because of its inefficiency affecting the depositors in England.

Mahbubur Rahman admitted that 80 per cent of 5 million pound sterling loans of the bank have turned defaulting. A substantial part of the bad debts were owned by various government institutions.

**ECOSOC for proclaiming 2005 as int'l microcredit yr**

NEW YORK, Aug 1: The Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) at its session recently has adopted a resolution recommending to the UN General Assembly for proclamation of the year 2005 as the 'international year of microcredit', reports BSS.

The proposal for proclaiming year 2005 for international year of microcredit was made by Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in her message to the Microcredit Summit Councils, held in New York on June 25 this year. It was presented to the ECOSOC by the "Friends of the microcredit at the UN," an informal group of distinguished ambassadors and permanent representatives to the UN who are strongly supportive of microcredit programme.

The proclamation of the year would give an impetus to the under-taking by the microcredit summit, which aims at working to ensure that 100 million of the world's poorest families, particularly women of those families, receive credit for self employment by the year 2005. This was a goal adopted by the Microcredit Summit, held in Washington DC which was co-chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina last year.

**PM**

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of relief goods, even after getting some."

She accused the opposition parties of 'indifference' to the problems of the flood victims. "When we were in the opposition, we had effectively responded to the needs of victims of natural calamities. But now the opposition is not coming forward to help the flood affected people."

Giving her reaction to the Opposition-called recent shutdown in the city demanding fair trial of the Rubel murder case, Sheikh Hasina said that anyone having respect for democratic process would not politicise a tragic incident like this.

Calling upon the Opposition to refrain from 'politicizing' over such humanitarian issues, she said: "we have taken all possible steps to ensure trial of the killing."

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