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Cross-border shelling resumes in Kashmir

NEW DELHI, Aug 8: Indian and Pakistani soldiers resumed firing mortar shells at each other across their disputed frontier today and at least nine soldiers in both countries were killed or wounded, local news agencies reported, says AP.

Officials in Islamabad did not immediately comment on the claim by an Indian government spokesman that seven Pakistani soldiers were either killed or injured in the firing, which was reported by United News of India and Press Trust of India news agencies.

Friday's lull in nine days of firing ended early today when Pakistan soldiers fired mortar shells into India-held Kashmir, UN said. Indian soldiers retaliated with artillery fire, destroying 12 bunkers and killing or inflicting the casualties, it said.

Two soldiers were also injured and five bunkers were destroyed in India during the exchange of fire, it said.

On Friday, a Pakistani Cabinet minister said that 130 Pakistanis, mostly civilians, were killed by Indian firing in the last nine days. The figures were significantly higher than previously reported.

Also, 425 others, mostly civilians, were wounded, Majeed Malik, the minister in charge of Pakistani policy on

Woman held with gun at Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Aug 8: A patrol team of port police recovered light gun with four bullets from a house in Ushapara and arrested one woman in this connection, reports BSS.

Police identified the woman as Noorjahan.

Alhelal directors 'surprised'

The Board of Directors of the Al-helal Printing & Publishing Co Ltd. has said it was 'surprised' to see an announcement in several leading newspapers on Friday of the so-called promotion and appointment of Mr Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury to the position of Editor of the Bangladesh Observer in place of Mr KM A Munim who has reportedly been made a Chief Editor.

According to a press release issued by the Board on Friday, 'The said changeover is reported to have been made on the authority of an Office Order dated 6th August, 1998 issued by Mr Khaled Huq, one of the six directors, stating that as Prof KMA Munim has expressed his inability to discharge his responsibilities as the Editor of the Bangladesh Observer, the management is pleased to promote and appoint Executive Editor and Managing Editor Mr Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury as the Editor of the Bangladesh Observer.'

It went on, 'The said order alleged to have been issued by Mr Khaled Huq in the name of the management of the Al-helal Printing & Publishing Co Ltd. is without any authority, illegal and void. Furthermore, the Board of Directors has never received any request from Mr Munim to relieve him from the duties of Editor in view of his inability to discharge his responsibilities. Rather there is reason to believe Mr Munim was forced to vacate his office under duress which is totally unacceptable. The Board has not relieved Mr Munim of his responsibilities as the Editor of the Bangladesh Observer or appointed any other person in his place. Mr Munim cannot evade his responsibility and shall be held accountable for his actions.'

'The alleged illegal order issued by Mr Khaled Huq is a manoeuvre to deflect and defeat the order of the Hon'ble High Court passed on 13th July, 1998 in which Mr Munim, as Editor of the Bangladesh Observer, has been ordered, among others, including Mr Khaled Huq, to submit to the court appointed auditors, all registers, documents, vouchers etc. to audit the accounts of the company which have remained unaudited and suppressed for the last six year. The said alleged illegal order issued by Mr Khaled Huq also violates the undertaking given by his lawyers in open court before the company Bench of the Hon'ble High Court not to disturb the status quo in the newspaper, in response to a petition filed by the company before the Hon'ble Court to direct that no change in the post of Editor and Printer & Publisher be made till the holding of the Annual General Meetings [which have not been held since 1992] and election of the new Board of Directors to run and manage the affairs of the company effectively.'

In view of the situation that has been created in defiance of the undertaking given in court, the Board of Directors resolve to take necessary legal steps to have the illegal order issued by Mr Khaled Huq set aside and to restore the status quo till the accounts of the company have been audited and the Annual General Meetings have been held for which the Hon'ble Court has already appointed a Chairman.'

NCBs

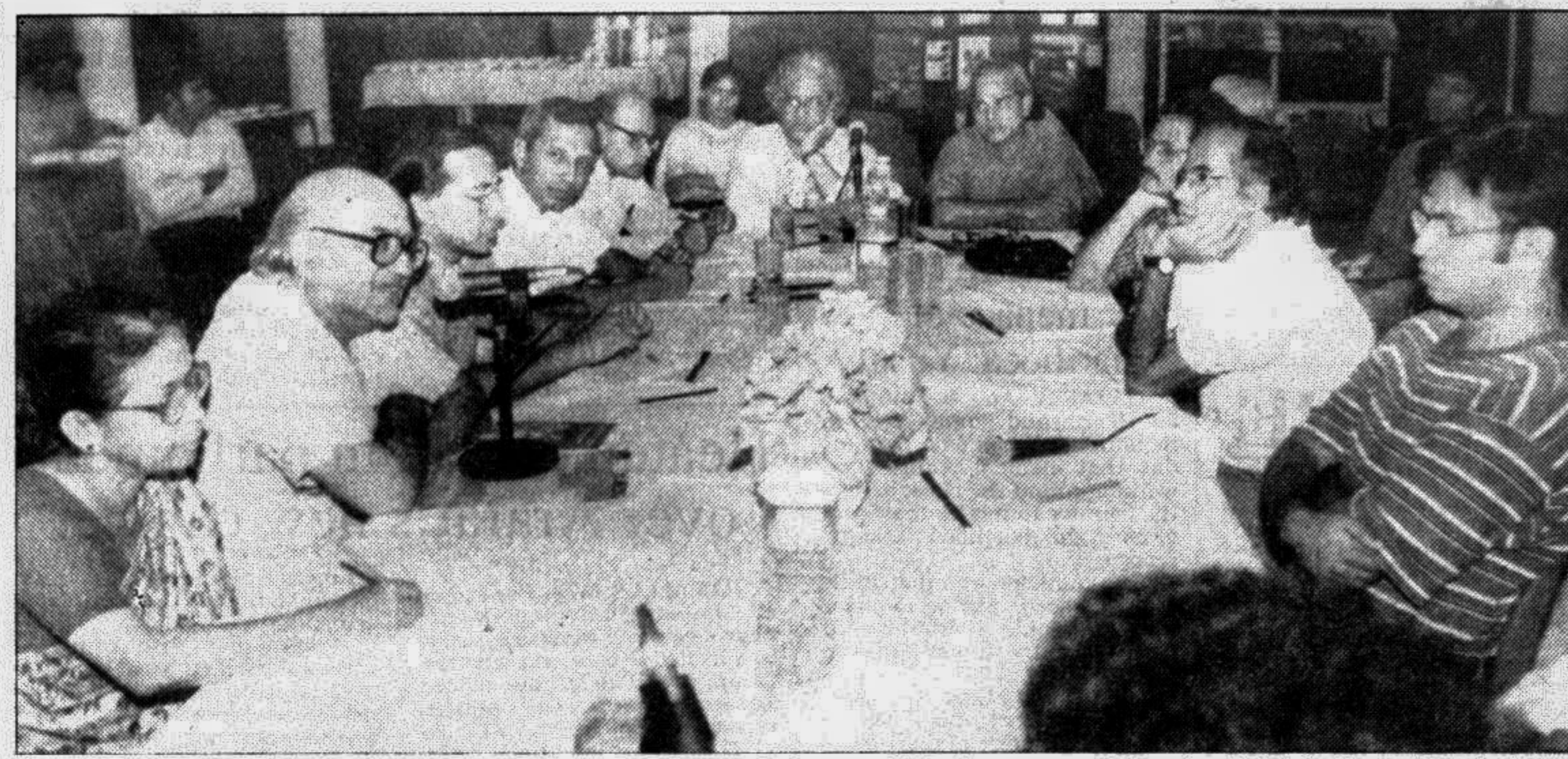
From Page 1 who will go out on August 31 ending his two-year term. The new name has brought some relief to experts. But they say, much will depend on whether the new chairman will be able to steer the bank out of danger before the next general election.

The same holds true for the other new chairmen to be appointed in the rest three NCBs. In the list there are names of persons like Dr Mozaffar Ahmed of IBA, Dr Shamsul Huq of University Grants Commission, A Qureshi, former MD of Sonali Bank, Kazi Baharul Islam, Golam Kibria, AZM Nasiruddin and Al-Hossainy, and Khaled Shams.

'These names are much better than the previous ones,' said one banking expert talking to The Daily Star, 'we have been seen how the boards (of NCBs) acted during the past two years. Unless, the new directors and chairmen can show some more commitment and moral strength, the banking sector as a whole would land in trouble.'

The tenure of the present directors will expire in two phases, on August 11 and August 31.

The Bank Reform Committee and the Bangladesh Bank have separately sent two lists of probable chairmen and directors to the finance ministry. The ministry in turn has sent a list of ten chairmen and 40 directors to the prime minister.



Participants in a workshop on 'Towards A Deteriorated Campus' jointly organised by the British Council and the Centre for Alternatives at the British Council auditorium yesterday.

3 students beat up shopkeeper at DU hall

By DU Correspondent

A shopkeeper was severely injured when he was beaten up allegedly by some activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at the Bangabandhu Hall of the Dhaka University Friday night.

The victim was identified as Monir. Sources said that the BCL activists became furious as Monir was late to serve them foods.

Pankaj Mallik, Lipton and Mithu, the three BCL activists, allegedly took Monir inside a barber shop of the hall and beat him mercilessly. Monir was later sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for treatment.

Pankaj, a third year student of Mathematics and a resident of Jagannath Hall of the university, was arrested from Bangabandhu Hall yesterday noon.

Pankaj also reportedly humiliated the provost of Bangabandhu Hall, Dr MA Aziz, in the hall premises.

Witnesses said that the provost went to Room No 216 of the hall when he came to know that the residents of the room had beaten up the shopkeeper.

The provost, finding Pankaj in the room, asked him to leave the hall immediately as he was not a resident of the hall.

But Pankaj refused to leave the hall saying the provost could do nothing if he did not leave the hall.

The provost then asked the on-duty policemen stationed at the entrance of the hall to arrest Pankaj.

When contacted, Ramna police said no specific charges were brought against Pankaj till writing of the report last night.

US embassy

From Page 1 Besides the US Embassy, security measures of the Italian and Thai embassies have also been strengthened.

The security was tightened in Thai Embassy after a bomb threat was made following the signing of extradition treaty between Bangladesh and Thailand.

The security was tightened in the Italian embassy following its request to the Foreign Ministry after a hijacking took place in front of the embassy building recently.

Flood

From Page 1 steady at Bahadurabad and Sirajganj while its water level recorded a fall by 3 cm at Aricha. It was flowing 27 cm above the danger level, FFWC said.

The Dhara at Kurigram registered fall by 20 cm, Teesta by 2 cm at Dalia while it remained steady at Kaunia. The old Brahmaputra slightly fell at Jamalpur and fell by 10 cm at Mymensingh.

The Buriganga remained steady and was flowing 11 cm above the red mark. The Sitalkhaya at Narayanganj recorded slight fall and was flowing 59cm above the danger mark.

Twin bombings: 132 killed

From Page 1 blast beside the US embassy in Dar es Salaam killed at least eight people, Tanzanian doctors said.

Godana said the bombing was carried out by international terrorists detonating a car bomb.

The United States rushed medical supplies and investigators to Africa, President Bill Clinton pledged to bring the terrorists who bombed US embassies in two countries to justice 'no matter what or how long it takes.'

Clinton vowed today not to pull back a single diplomat or contingent of US troops overseas.

'To turn our backs on those taking risks for peace, to weaken our opposition to terrorism — that would give terrorism a victory it must not and will not have,' the president said in a live radio broadcast from the Oval Office.

Questions by reporters about the vulnerability of the two US installations that were attacked, Pickering said: 'Bomb-proof is a relative term. Tell me what size bomb and I'll tell you what the proof is.'

We have a set of standards

Erosion

From Page 1 the water level of Padma began to fall.

In the last 36 hours, about 90 feet area of the T-groin was washed away by strong currents, officials said.

Water entered about 120 feet inside the embankment on the eastern side of the T-groin at Srirampur. Two-third area of Shimla Park was eroded by the river.

To check the erosion, Water Development Board has been placing cement blocks in the area. Some 300 policemen were deployed in the area and movement of people were restricted.

Deputy Commissioner Kazi Farid Ahmed claimed that the erosion has been checked to a large extent.

City Mayor Mijanur Rahman Minu alleged that the authorities failed to take any measures to protect the dam in time though warnings were given earlier.

Sangu

From Page 1 Hasina is expected to inaugurate the commercial operation of the Sangu Gas Field in near future.

The commercial supply of gas was scheduled to start on April 22, but was delayed due to certain technical fault.

There are 848,000 million cft gas reserve in the field, of which 80 per cent will be explored.

Bangladesh will get only 30 per cent of the gas while Cairn will have the rest 70 per cent, according to the PSC.

Bangladesh government will buy the gas from Cairn at a price of 230 US dollar per thousand cft.

Intra-party clash 11 more BCL leaders held at Gazipur

GAZIPUR, Aug 8: Police arrested 11 more leaders of pro-Awami League Chhatra League (BCL) for their alleged involvement in an intra-party clash in the district, reports UNB.

The arrested leaders include vice-president Atiqur Rahman, AGS Farid Hossain of Kazi Azimuddin College Chhatra Sangsad and BCL college unit president Ranjit Shah. They were produced before the court today.

A motor cycle was also seized.

The clash between the two groups erupted Tuesday over establishing their supremacy in Gazipur.

Some BCL workers today demonstrated at Joydevpur thana premises protesting the arrest of the VP, AGS and the college unit president.

Police, so far, have arrested 19 people after the intra-party feud.

Chhatra League workers also brought out a procession and held a rally at Battala in the town.

Clinton

From Page 1 vital logistics. No spade work for the Clinton visit is yet on, an official concerned with protocol said.

An advance security detail came to Dhaka in April, but in the last three months there has been no other follow-up.

President Clinton's proposed visit to Bangladesh was due to take place not only in concert with his visit to India and Pakistan but was also planned, keeping his participation in the APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) summit in Kuala Lumpur from November 17 to 19.

A diplomat, however, said there is still a 'slim chance' that Clinton may make a brief South Asian trip if his participation in APEC stands. However, the programme is only possible if it is announced within this month.

PM: Post-flood steps

From Page 1 'We have to live with floods and other disasters, we have to face them with courage for our survival,' she said while addressing a spontaneous gathering at Konapara.

She said her party will always stand beside the people during their bad days. The only objective of the present government is to serve the people, Hasina said calling upon her party leaders and workers to continue their service for the flood victims.

She also called upon the affluent section of the society to stand beside the flood affected people and help them.

Responding to the opposition leader's allegation of misappropriation of relief goods, she said the thieves can not tolerate good work. 'While they were in power they plundered people's money and now they think others like them.'

Hasina alleged that the former government distributed the money of Prime Minister's Relief Fund among the ministers and MPs and there is no account of that money.

The ministers and MPs of the former government were given Tk 25 lakh each, she said alleging that the money was misappropriated by them.

From Konapara, the Prime Minister went to Mugdapara in

Rubel's family

From Page 1 CID investigators yesterday, the four DB constables gave their statements before the Judicial Commission comprising Justice Habibur Rahman Khan.

The commission has directed the CID to produce before the commission the persons who had witnessed the alleged torture on Rubel at the DB office, official sources said.

Besides, the judicial commission has completed recording statements of Rubel's family members and some others in the locality who witnessed the torture on Rubel in front of his house few hours before his death in custody.

UNB adds: The Commission also took views of some eminent personalities — renowned lawyer Dr Kamal Hossain, Chairman of the Editorial Board of Daily Ittefaq and New Nation Barrister Mainul Hossain, Executive Editor of Daily Janakantha Borhan Ahmed and former public prosecutor advocate Abdur Rezzak Khan.

Their suggestions, particularly on Section 54 and about reforms in the police administration and criminal laws, will be incorporated in the report of the Commission.

The Commission, which was initially given 15 days to submit its report, is likely to urge the government to extend the time by a few more days.

Talking to newsmen at the Commission's office yesterday, Justice Habibur Rahman Khan hinted that his investigation was almost at the last stage.

The former High Court judge said he neither had affiliation with any political party in the past, nor he has any new.

CID, SB

From Page 1 port, is in a 'most unsatisfactory state of affairs'. Besides the agency is 'stuffed mostly by disgruntled officers who have failed or have been found unsuitable in other branches of the police work.'

According to the report, the Special Branch is staffed at the mid and lower levels by 'disgruntled officers of average or below-average calibre although it needs the brightest and the most intelligent officers because of the special nature of the job.'

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