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Hekmatyar shot dead? Taliban capture another town

KABUL, Aug 11: The Taliban militia captured another strategic town in northern Afghanistan today, continuing advances following the capture of the biggest city in the north, reports AP.

The Taliban captured Taloqan, located some 250 kilometers north of Kabul, after a brief battle, said spokesman Abdul Hay Muttayn from Taliban military headquarters in the southern city of Kandahar. Opposition spokesman Zahbet Saly confirmed the city had fallen, saying his forces retreated about 20 kilometers east.

been shot and killed in Takhar province, but had no details. But Hekmatyar's son-in-law Ghairad Baheer said the report was "baseless."

"I just spoke to him about five minutes ago. He's fine, he's energetic as always," Baheer said in Islamabad, capital of neighbouring Pakistan.



Gulbuddin Hekmatyar

Hekmatyar fled to neighbouring Iran after the Taliban ousted his government from Kabul in September 1996, but he

returned to help lead a fractious coalition of anti-Taliban factions. An ally said recently he was in Faizabad, capital of Badkshan province in the far northeastern corner of Afghanistan, bordering Takhar province.

Meanwhile Taliban said today that its fighters capture 11 missing Iranian diplomats in Mazar-e-Sharif, they would be tried and punished as agents of a hostile government.

A Taliban Foreign Ministry statement said the missing Iranians face arrest because they could not be recognised as diplomats. The ministry said the Taliban administration had not been informed of their presence in Mazar-e-Sharif.

The Taliban claim to be holding 300 Iranians they accuse of arming their enemies in Mazar-e-Sharif, but say they don't know the whereabouts of the 11 diplomats who had been stationed at Iran's consulate in Mazar-e-Sharif.

The fighting is over now and Taliban fully controls the city, he said. Taloqan is the capital of Takhar province, a stronghold of powerful anti-Taliban commander Ahmed Shah Masood.

The Taliban said their early morning assault on Taloqan easily smashed the opposition's front line. But opposition spokesman Saly said the fighting raged all night and casualties were high on both sides.

ADAB team submits memo to PM

A delegation of the Association of the Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday, reports BSS.

The delegation led by its chairperson Dr Gazi Faruque Ahmed, submitted a memorandum to the prime minister containing various demands of their association.

The members also discussed with the prime minister the socio-economic programmes being implemented by the NGOs in the country.

The delegation included Shamsul Huda, Khushi Kabir, Aroma Goon, Abdul Matin and Shahidul Islam.

Transport strike

The demands include release of bus driver Bani Das, accused in a murder case in connection with a road accident. Stopping of extortion from transport workers and highway robbery and cancellation of the government decision to set up container terminals in private sector.

"We cannot accept cases in connection with road accidents as murder cases. We think, all concerned including the administration, transport owners and citizens have responsibilities in preventing road accidents," Md. Eakub Ali, General Secretary of the Eastern Committee of BSSPSF said.

JD leaders

aging over a dozen official vehicles and ransacking the collectorate premises.

Among the injured were 14 JD activists, the district magistrate, police superintendent Parash Saxena, Deputy Collector Nagina Sharma and five constables.

Twelve persons have so far been arrested in connection with the incident, the district magistrate said.

Chief Minister Rabri Devi has asked the Home Secretary R K Singh and Director General of Police, KA Jacob, to hold an on-the-spot inquiry and submit a report within 24 hours, officials said at Patna.

Administration on verge of collapse: Khaleda

BOGRA, Aug 11: BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia today called the government "inefficient, worthless and a failure" and urged the people to join the movement against it, reports UNB.

"Although Awami League came to power by seeking apology for past misdeeds, but it ruined the country's economy in last two years," she told spontaneous gatherings at Elangi High School, Dhumat Bazar and Sherpur in Bogra after distributing relief among the flood victims.

Begum Zia said mills and factories were closed down and the domestic market was flooded with Indian goods due to free import policy, making the country dependent on others.

Alleging chaos in the administration, she said the administration of the Awami League government has almost collapsed.

"None listens to this government. Even police do not obey the government," she said adding that foreign countries are now convinced about the incompetence of this government.

Criticising the CHT peace accord, the Opposition Leader said whenever Awami League comes to power, it hands over some parts of the country to India.

Gen Amin made envoy to Jordan

The government has appointed Major General A M S Amin as Bangladesh's first ambassador to Jordan with residence in Amman, reports BSS.

Gen Amin is currently serving as the country's ambassador to Brazil, a press release said

Shibir-BCL clashes leave 8 hurt at IU

KUSHTIA, Aug 11: A series of clashes between Pro-Awami League Chhatra League and Islamic Chhatra Shibir on the Islamic University campus today left at least eight people injured, reports UNB.

Police said the clash erupted in the morning when a Shibir activist Syed Ahmed, was assaulted allegedly by BCL men as he tried to enter the campus during a strike called by the Chhatra League.

The BCL today enforced a two-day strike at the university protesting what they said the killing of BCL Sports Secretary Khurshid Harun Mamun by Shibir men. They alleged that Shibir activists killed Mamun by throwing him out from a running bus.

As the news of attack on Syed spread across the area, the Shibir supporters streamed out on the streets and locked in clashes at Sheikhpara Bazar and near the main gate of the campus at about 2:30 pm.

Dacoity at Dhanmondi

By DU Correspondent

Dacoits robbed about Tk 1.42 lakh in cash and other valuables from an office of a dairy product distributor in city's Dhanmondi area yesterday afternoon.

The incident occurred at 3:15 pm when a gang of five armed men came unobtrusively, entered the small office room of M/S Ree-AD Enterprise, distributor of Arong dairy products. They tied up the four inmates of the office and then ran away with the cash and goods in about half an hour, witnesses said.

Just across the road, armed police were guarding the residence of Finance Minister S A M S Kibria.

Four persons, including the owner of the business Zahid Hasan Rana, were sitting inside the room at that time. The strangers asked the four that they were looking for one Shahidul police added.

The robbers took away Tk 1.41,800 on a wrist watch worth about Tk 4,000 at gunpoint and left the office after the half-an-hour operation.

Meanwhile, the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA), in a statement, condemned the president of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (BUTA) and demanded exemplary punishment of those involved.

Provosts urged to submit reports on situation at DU halls in 2 days

By DU Correspondent

The Provosts' Standing Committee of Dhaka University yesterday urged the provosts of all residential halls to submit reports on the situation at dormitories within two days, says a DU press release.

The committee that met on the day also urged the authorities of halls to gear up inspection activities at the dormitories and instantly solve the problems detected by them.

The meeting, chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, observed that press reports which said there are terrorists in DU halls and that armed men take food free of cost not give the actual picture of the situation.

The meeting, however, admitted that some untoward incidents took place in the dormitories recently, creating some disorder.

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Steps taken to face post-flood situation: PM

KASHIPUR, (Narayanganj), Aug 11: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today invited the flood hit areas of the district, distributed relief among the victims and assured them of all possible help, reports UNB.

"We have come to stand beside you, we are always with you and will remain so in future," she told the flood-hit people and apprised them of her government's extensive programme for tackling the post-flood situation.

She said the government will rehabilitate the flood-affected people, repair the damaged schools, colleges, roads and bridges and take steps to face aftermath of flood.

Hasina started her journey by a speed boat from Pajla and went to remote areas including Bakhtabali Bazar, Alirtek and Char Narasinghpur in Kashipur.

The Prime Minister, during the over-three-hour visit, distributed relief materials among the flood affected people. The relief included, rice, chira, lungi, saree and cash money.

DSE trading

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bulk stocks of such companies as ACL, Alltex Industries and Apex Tannery against only two sell order of Padma Textile and Beximco Synthetics.

As the prices of shares in large blocks are lower than normal, some dealers were trying to buy them with intentions to sell them later at a higher price after converting the large scrips into market lot shares, traders and market operators said.

The day was also marked by a huge turnover in the odd lot market. There were 45 deals of some 21 issues worth Tk 8.53 lakh. Traders said many investors were trying to convert their odd lot scrips to market lot scrips.

RU clash

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The injured student leaders belonging to 'Shahiq group' were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Campus sources said Shaqiq and his associates were beaten up severely by the activists of the rival 'Pintu group' yesterday night while they were coming from Binodpur.

The clash erupted when a member of Shaqiq group was beaten by one Rintu of 'Pintu group' Saturday.

Tension is heightening on the campus.

AC Akram

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the murder case.

Besides, the investigators also interrogated five persons who were in DB custody where Rubel locked up on July 23. The five were identified as Asiful Bari, Ripon Miah, Mozammel Huque, Mamun Sirajul Majid and Belayet Hossain, sources concerned said.

At least two of the five were in the DB lock-up when Rubel was taken there in the afternoon, CID sources said.

An official hoped last night that they would be able to question some 20 of the 46 people taken into the DB lock-up on July 23.

Meanwhile, the judicial commission probing the Rubel murder yesterday asked the DB to submit a list of people taken into DB custody in the first three months of this year.

Besides, journalist Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury gave his opinion before the commission yesterday.

The Board of Directors of Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha at its meeting held on 10th August, 1998 approved Dividend on the FIRST BSRS MUTUAL FUND for the year ended 30th June, 1998 at the rate of Tk 8.00 (eight) per certificate of Tk 100 each.

Dividend would be paid to the certificate holders whose names would appear in the Register of Certificate Holders as on 25th August, 1998.

The Register of Transfer of Certificates of Mutual Fund will remain closed from the 26th August, 1998 to 4th September, 1998 (both days inclusive).

By order of the Board
Imran Hossain
Secretary

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Bangabandhu Murder Case Arguments begin today

Arguments in the Bangabandhu Murder Case will begin at the District and Sessions Judge Court in the city today, reports UNB.

Special Public Prosecutor Advocate Serajul Huq will open the argument to establish the involvement of the 19 charge-sheeted accused in the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members on August 15, 1975.

After the completion of cross-examination of 61 prosecution witnesses that took about a year, the case now reached the final stage.

The court is expected to deliver the historic judgement in the case on completion of arguments by the prosecution and defence lawyers.

On August 5, all the five arrested accused in the case pleaded not guilty in the trial court of District and Sessions Judge Kazi Golam Rasul.

Two drown in Crescent Lake boat capsizes

By Staff Correspondent

An Army officer and a student of Eden Girls' College drowned when their boat capsized in the Crescent Lake near the Jatiya Sangsad complex Monday night, police said yesterday.

Police identified the dead as Capt Khurshid Ali of Army Engineering Core and Nusrat Jahan Sonia, a third year student of the college.

The incident took place when Khurshid, son of SM Alim, and Nusrat, daughter of Obaidullah Pintu, were boating in the lake at about 8 pm.

Khurshid was rowing the boat. Suddenly their boat overturned and both of them drowned, police said.

Local people, police and divers of fire brigade recover the bodies after a search for about two hours. The bodies were handed over to the families of the victims yesterday.

An unnatural death case was filed with Tejgaon thana in this regard.

Ershad's remark

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Ershad's statement also "assails the very foundation on which the Supreme Court is functioning today as one of the pillars of the Constitution," it said.

The leading legal experts also drew the attention of the Chief Justice of Bangladesh "for his kind consideration and appropriate directions" in this regard.

Signatories to the statement included Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, Dr Kamal Hossain, Nazmul Huda, Habibul Islam Bhuiyan, Kazi Gholam Mahboob, Shaikat Ali Khan, Subrata Chowdhury, Uzair Farook, SS Halder, Shafique Ahmed, Rokanuddin Mahmud and M Hafizullah.

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the prime minister and complained about their problems with some secretaries they found 'difficult' to work with.

A group of secretaries, who met informally after a meeting on computerisation of budget, also took up the issue on Sunday.

They reportedly took note of what they deemed as interference by ministers and maintained that lack of working relations would only widen the gap between ministers and officials.

Earlier some of them met Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, a former secretary and now state minister for planning to air their grievances.

They were advised by him not to take any hasty decision.

The prime minister had reportedly told all sides to put aside their differences and work in harmony to make the administration dynamic.

Mohammad Ali's two-year contract service expires on September 9.

Drug dealers

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local people said Ripon-Suruj gang had beaten her son. But they could not say where he was. Later she heard that a body of a boy was lying at Bangladesh ground. There she heard that police had already taken the body to Mitford hospital. She found his body at the hospital morgue.

She buried her son at Azim-pur graveyard after autopsy.

The delay in filing the case was due to harassment and constant threat to her, she said. Some lawyers have agreed to help her in the case. But she said she is feeling insecure because the drug dealers are very "powerful."

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Munna murder in Sylhet: All accused acquitted

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Aug 11: All the 15 accused in the sensational murder case of JCD leader Enamul Haque Munna were acquitted of the charges by the Additional District and Sessions Judge, Sylhet yesterday.

The prosecution case in brief is that the then General Secretary of the Sylhet town unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal came under a gang attack in his house at Kumarpura area in Sylhet town at 11 am on November 4, 1994.

The attackers beat him up, stabbed him severely and, at one stage, Munna was shot dead in his bedroom.

The attackers managed to escape after the killing. A case was lodged with Kotwali thana in this connection. After investigations, police submitted chargesheet against 15, all of whom are leaders and workers of Sylhet unit of JCD.

The court, after examining all the records and witnesses, acquitted all the accused in absence of adequate evidence, the judgement said.

The acquitted are: Shamsuz-zaman Zaman, Habibur Rahman Habib, Mostafa Kamal Pasha Moudud, Ajmal Bakht Sadeque, Najibur Rahman Najib, Rezaul Karim Nachan, Ali Ahmed, Emad Hossain Tipu, Mifta Siddiqui, Main Uddin Sohel, Mofajjal Hossain Bulbul, Anwar Hossain, Halimur Rashid, Jakir Hossain, and Shamsul Islam.

Rush at ICDDR,B

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yesterday this correspondent saw more than 600 patients including women and children, mostly from flood affected areas on the outskirts of the city.

Officials at the hospital noted that usually a little over 200 patients are treated at the hospital per day. "The rush of patients over the last two weeks is an unprecedented experience for us at this hospital," a doctor said.

A guard at the hospital entrance said, "this morning, patients started arriving here almost every five minutes."

The mother of an 11-month old baby from Pajla said, "I came here after my daughter started vomiting and having bowel movements."

Most of the patients were coming from areas like Jurain, Jatrabari, Goran, Mirpur, Mohammadpur, Badda, Bashabo and Keraniganj.

Health directorate officials said nine medical teams were helping Dhaka City Corporation to combat the diarrhoea epidemic. But reports from the flood-hit city outskirts say that the cases of diarrhoea were increasing everyday.

Meanwhile, more than 62,000 people in the 37 flood-affected districts in the country

Traders killed

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them up.

The victim was identified as Gupi, 22, a cloth trader in the city's Islampur area.

New chairman

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ment as health secretary will end soon.

Dr Mirza Abdul Jalil will continue as chairman of Bangladesh Krishi Bank.

Meanwhile, the list of directors to be appointed to the NCBs is still awaiting the Prime Minister's approval and is likely to be announced soon, the sources said.

Major rivers

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Flood situation in the central part of the country may deteriorate slightly though the situation around Dhaka may remain unchanged," the FFWC bulletin said.

The Buriganga at Dhaka recorded rise by 2 cm yesterday and was flowing 10 cm above its red mark. The Shitalaksha at Narayanganj recorded rise by 3 cm and was flowing 60 cm above the danger level.

The Turag registered fall by 3 cm at Mirpur and slightly at Tongi.

Meanwhile, diarrhoea in the flood-hit districts claimed two more lives yesterday.

With this diarrhoea death toll in 37 flood affected districts since July 15 rose to 40, according to the control room in the health ministry.

During the period, 62,389 people were also affected by the water-borne disease while 3,485 in last 24 hours, the control room said.

Assets of police

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others, by the home secretary and the IGP.

Some police officials, talking to The Daily Star, wondered why such a directive was issued.

As government officials, we submit the return of our tax, wealth and property every year, like officials of different other cadres," a senior police official claimed.

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Sangu gas: Consumption and payment

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be even greater as Petrobangla would have to reduce its cheaper gas production to accommodate the costlier gas from Sangu as per the contract.

The government is facing difficulties regarding payment for Sangu gas in US dollars. Cairn last month submitted its first bill of 1.7 million dollars for use of Sangu's gas for