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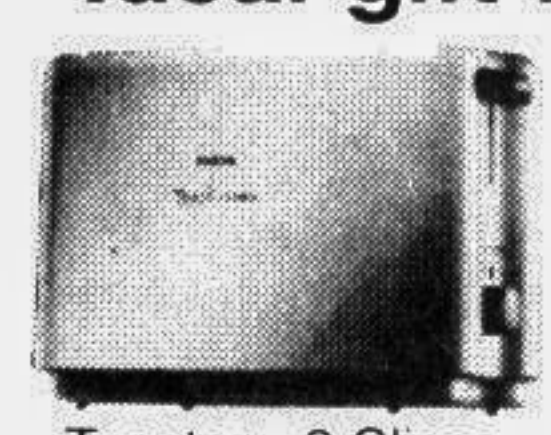


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Flood situation to worsen

From Page 1 and Tongi, Kaliganga at Taraghat, Padma at Pankha, Goalunda and Bhagyakul, Mahananda at Chapalnawabganj, Surma at Kanaighat, Kushiya...

River Position: In the Brahmaputra basin, the FFWC said, Brahmaputra recorded rise by 13 cm each at Noonkhawa and Chilmari.

The Jamuna recorded rise by 8cm each at Bahadurabad and Sirajganj and slightly at Aricha.

The Dharla registered rise by 30cm at Kurigram while the Teesta 10 cm at Dalia and 23cm at Kaunia.

The Buriganga at Dhaka remained steady and was flowing 10 cm above its red mark.

The Turag registered slight rise at Mirpur and remained steady at Tongi.

The Kaliyanga at Taraghat recorded slight rise and continued to flow 45cm above the danger mark.

In the Ganges basin, the Padma recorded further rise by 13cm at Pankha, 8cm at Rajshahi, 4cm at Hardinge Bridge.

4 prisoners

touch with the on-duty policemen on the plea of bringing food from outside and at one stage, swooped on them, the sources said.

They managed to bring food in tiffin carriers and inside those, they also brought daggers, the sources said. They first threw chilli powder on the policemen and stabbed Havilder Brindaban and Havilder Kabir Ahmed severely.

All these prisoners were being tried in a number of criminal cases including dacoity, the sources said. Babul and Tojummil were serving 12 and 14 year's RI respectively in arms and dacoity cases.

Resignation letters

From Page 1 was "untimely". The process of collecting the planned resignation letters has begun.

A dozen of BNP lawmakers, contacted by The Daily Star in the last two days, said they were yet to deposit their resignation letters.

Barrister Nazmul Huda said he has already prepared his resignation letter and will deposit it with the party chief soon.

Justifying the move, the former minister said, depositing the resignation letters with the party chief does not mean their resignation from the Parliament.

Akhtar Hamid Siddiqui, a BNP MP who was among the group which had earlier deposited their resignation letters

43cm and 56 cm respectively. After Tuesday's sharp rise by 94cm, the Karatoa at Panchagarh yesterday recorded sharp fall by 11cm.

In the Meghna basin, the Surma registered further rise by 12cm at Kanaighat, 6cm at Sunamganj and remained steady at Sylhet.

The Kushiya remained steady at Amalshid and recorded fall by 2cm at Sheola and was flowing 125 cm and 41cm above the danger level at the two points respectively.

The Someswari at Durgapur registered rise by 15cm. The Meghna at Bhairab Bazar receded 6cm and was flowing 59cm above the danger level.

In South-eastern Hill basin, the Muhuri at Parshuram registered sharp rise by 148 cm.

Body to review rehabilitation of refugees in CHT formed

KHAGRACHHARI, Aug 12: The government has formed a committee to observe and review the progress of rehabilitating the refugees returned from India, reports UNB.

Official sources said the "Progress Review Committee" will identify the problems of the refugees and put forward suggestions to solve those immediately.

The seven-member committee, headed by Deputy Commissioner Zafrul Islam, comprises representatives from local government council, police administration and Refugee Welfare Samity.

The committee will sit on Thursday and take steps to solve the problems facing the refugees.

According to the Refugee Welfare Samity, about 1667 families are still facing land related problems. Many of them have not yet got the government facilities as per the 20-point package agreement.

Hearing of Khaleda's birthday case Sept 15

By Court Correspondent. The fourth assistant judge's court, Dhaka, yesterday fixed September 15 as the next date for hearing the two petitions in the case regarding birthday of BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia.

The petition by the complainant was for injunction on Begum Zia's birthday celebration on August 15 while that of the plaintiff sought rejection of the injunction prayer.

In August last year, Assistant Public Prosecutor M Suhrawardi filed the case challenging her birthday celebration on August 15 saying that official records showed two dates of her birth.

Resignation letters

with Begum Zia before the party decided on the matter, also said he was yet to deposit his resignation letter. "May be a few of us have meantime submitted," he said, adding that he was preparing his hand-written letter on his parliament letterhead as asked by the party.

Barrister Ziaur Rahman Khan, an outspoken BNP legislator, told this correspondent that he was ignorant about the process of depositing resignation letters. "None contacted me on the matter as of now," he said Tuesday night.

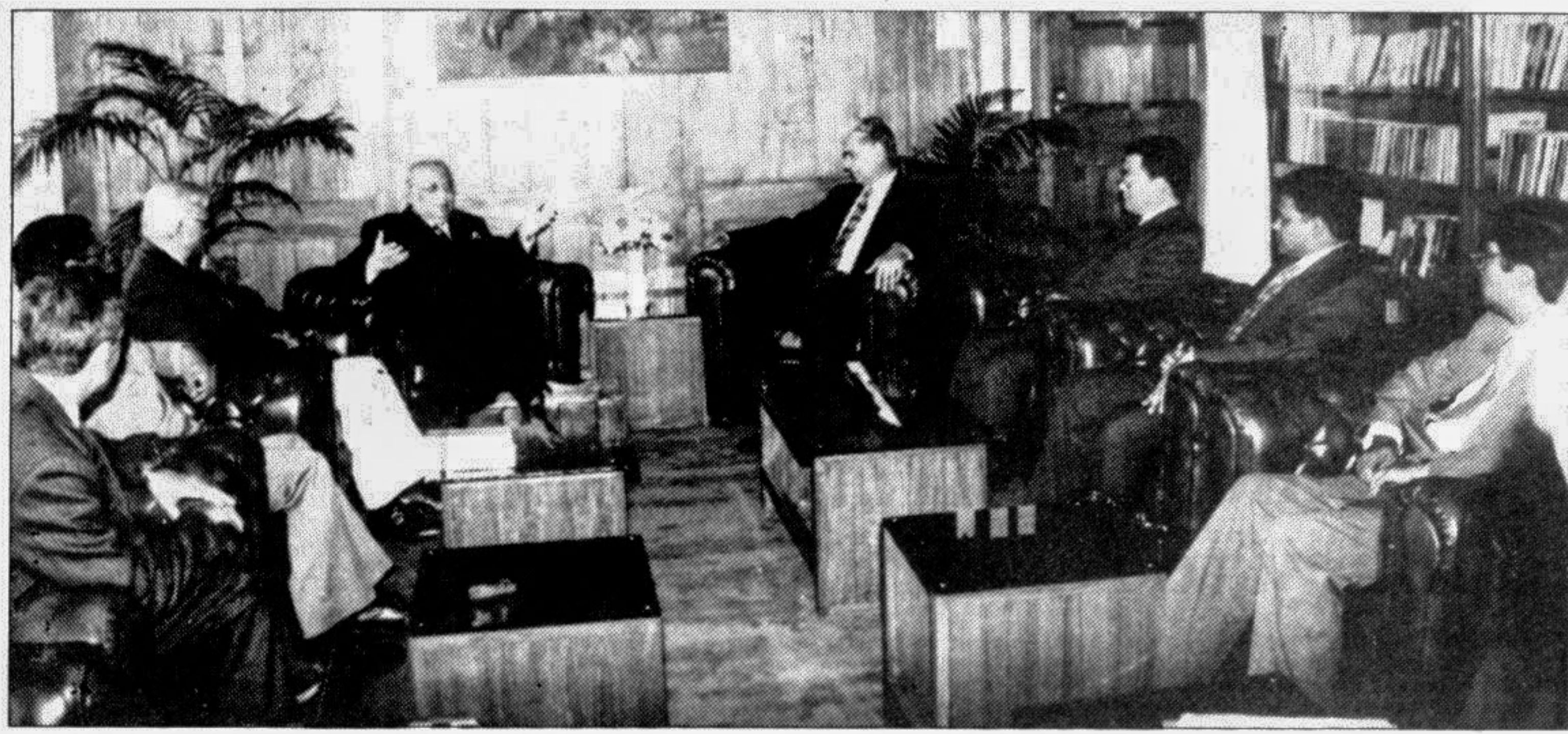
Until yesterday, party sources said, most of the BNP MPs were reluctant to go along with the move before an extensive discussion on the issue at a meeting of the party's parliamentarians.

The July 22 Standing Committee meeting did not fix any date for depositing the resignation letters which was expected to start after approval of the decision by the party MPs.

Members of the group supporting the plan are contacting the party lawmakers available in the city to submit their resignation letters, sources said but added that their move was gaining little response.

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A delegation of secretaries general of SAARC parliaments called on Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury at his office in the city yesterday. — PID photo

SAARC parliament secretaries general meet begins in city

A three-day meeting of the Secretaries General of the Parliaments of SAARC countries began at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

The meeting discussed various matters relating to holding of the 3rd Conference of the Speaker Council of the Association of SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians to be held in Dhaka sometime in December this year.

The meeting also discussed the proposed agenda and other related issues for the Speakers' Council meeting.

Presided over by Secretary of Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat Qazi Md Munzur-U-Mowla, it was also attended by Dashed Tashi Phuntsoeng, Secretary General of Bhutan, Shri S Gopalan, Secretary General of India, Mohamed Nasheed, Secretary General of the Maldives, Dr Ishower Prasad Upadhyay, Secretary General of Nepal, Khan Ahmad Goraya, Secretary General of Pakistan and WBD Dasanayake, Assistant Secretary General of Sri Lanka.

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From Page 1 tagong (Tk 7.24 crore), Rabbi Textile Mills Ltd, Jessore (Tk 5.36 crore), Soltan Cloth Mills Ltd, BISIC Industrial Estate, Jessore (Over Tk 4.23 crore), Dhaka Belting Company Ltd, Gazipur (Over Tk 4.83 crore), Alea Knitting Company Ltd, Dhaka (Tk 4.12 crore), Shubho Rubber Industries Ltd, Pabna (Tk 1.39 crore), Raj Garments Ltd, BISIC Industrial Estate, Rajshahi (Tk 86 lakh), Blue-Bird Textile Mills Ltd, Kushtia (Tk 65.47 lakh) and Niaz Garments Ltd, Dhaka (Tk 53 lakh).

NCBs

Meanwhile, the government has appointed M Shamsul Huq as Chairman of Bangladesh Shilpa Bank. Besides, the tenure of Tajul Islam Faruk, Chairman of Rashahi Krishi Unnayan Bank, and Hasnat Abdul Hye, Chairman of BSRS, has been extended by another year.

Khaleda

limited resources to mitigate your sufferings," the opposition leader said. She said the ruling party leaders were busy in making their fortunes instead of standing beside the flood affected people.

"The Awami League government has exposed its previous character by plundering relief goods," the former Prime Minister said, renewing her call for opening gruel kitchen in the flood ravaged areas.

Begum Zia distributed relief materials at Sathbezi, Burabhang, Shyampur and Porapiker in Sonatala thana, Godagari, Hinduakandi and Ramchandrapur in Sariakandi thana and Hatbandha, Nepalati and Durgahata in Gabtali thana.

Begum Zia was accompanied by her eldest son Tareq Rahman and BNP leaders Selima Rahman, Dr Habibur Rahman MP, Helaluzzaman Talukder MP and Golam Mohammed Siraj MP.

Power pvt sector

showing this order. Replying to an allegation against the bill officers, the state minister said that they are going to introduce a new metering system to stop corruption.

Regarding privatisation of the billing system, the state minister said the government intends to privatise the whole system to reduce system loss. He said the ministry has identified the reasons behind the so-called system loss. "We are trying to solve the problems, but it is not possible within a short time."

Showcouse on BB

From Page 1 spondent. Dr Kamal Hossain with Advocate Md Ramzan Ali Sikder moved the writ petition.

Failure of the Bangladesh Bank in discharging its statutory obligations and responsibilities in accordance with the Bangladesh Bank Order, 1972 and the Banking Companies Act with regard to taking due and appropriate action for breach of banking law and banking regulations by the IFIC Bank was made impugned in the writ petition.

It was stated in the writ petition that the petitioners, being depositors and small sponsors, are worried about the illegal loan facilities taken by two sponsor directors of IFIC Bank, Sohail F Rahman and Salman F Rahman of the Beximco Group.

But neither the Bangladesh Bank took any measures against the two directors and the bank officials who are involved in such illegal activities nor the Board of Directors of the IFIC Bank played any role in protecting the interests of the depositors, the petition alleged.

Reports on irregularities allegedly committed by the Beximco Group, published in various dailies including The Daily Star, Bhorer Kagaj and the report of the inquiry team of Bangladesh Bank along with other papers and documents were submitted along with the writ petition.

It was also stated in the writ petition that the loan against Baghkhali Fisheries, a sister

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50 hurt as transport workers clash at Rajshahi

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAH, Aug 12: At least 50 persons were injured in a clash between two groups of transport workers in the city's bus terminal area this afternoon.

Both the groups exploded crackers during the clash. Police lobbed tear gas shells to disperse the feuding groups.

The clash was a sequel to previous enmity between the two groups of transport workers.

According to police, the clash erupted when a group of transport workers from Shiroil colony area attacked the ongoing general meeting of Rajshahi District Motor Sramik Union at the Central Bus Terminal premises.

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3000 more attacked with diarrhoea

By Staff Correspondent Diarrhoeal diseases attacked more than 3,000 people in the 37 flood affected districts yesterday.

The water borne disease also claimed the life of one person in Cox's Bazar district.

Official sources said, 65,432 people so far were attacked by the disease since July 15 including yesterday's toll of 3,043. The official death toll rose from diarrhoea to 41.

6 relatives of ULFA leaders gunned down in Assam

GAUHATI, India, Aug 12: Masked gunmen killed six relatives of separatist guerrilla leaders in India's remote northeast, police said today, reports AP.

Police said they suspect the attacks were carried out to avenge the killing this week of Tapan Dutta, a former commander of the United Liberation Front of Assam who surrendered seven years ago and became a businessman in Gauhati, the largest city in Assam.

The victims, slain in three separate incidents, were all related to current leaders of ULFA, which has been fighting since 1975 for Assam's independence, claiming India strips the region of its resources without investing in its development.

In a separate attack, another rebel group shot and killed five people belonging to the minority Bengali community in a northern district Tuesday, said Jotindra Lahkar, a top district official.

Twelve Bengalis were wounded when at least 15 armed Bodo guerrillas attacked Subhash Palli village, 70 kilometers north of Gauhati, Lahkar said.

Bodo rebels have been fighting since 1986 to carve out an autonomous homeland from Assam, which would give tribal authorities more control over their land. More than 1,000 people have been killed in the insurgency.

Early today, unidentified gunmen raided a village in northern Assam and killed four family members of Mithinga Daimary, the ULFA publicity chief. The dead included Daimary's mother, two sisters and a brother, police said.

On Tuesday night, a brother of Arabina Rajkhowa, another ULFA leader, was shot dead in Dibrugarh, a tea township 550 kilometers east of Gauhati.

A few hours later, HK Mishra, brother of another ULFA commander, was kidnapped and shot, police said.

The killings came as ULFA claimed responsibility for sabotaging an oil depot of the state-owned Indian Oil Corp. on Tuesday. It was stepped up terrorism activities as a protest against India's 51st independence anniversary, which falls on Saturday.

British, USAID donations for flood victims

Britain donated a grant of 150,000 pound sterling equivalent to over Tk 1.14 crore to two NGOs to carry out emergency relief operation for the flood affected people in 10 districts, reports UNB.

The Non-government Organisations are: Oxfam and Centre for Development Services (CDS).

The two NGOs, with the money, will provide food, medical treatment, drinking water and polythene sheets to 21,000 families in Dhaka, Sylhet, Narayanganj, Jamalpur, Sirajganj, Gaibandha, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Bogra and Shariatpur, said a British High Commission press release.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will provide Tk 2.58 crore for the flood victims in Bangladesh.

This assistance will be provided from PL-480 title II food programme in cooperation with the government of Bangladesh through the American private voluntary organisation CARE International and its local pre-qualified NGO partners.

The programme will provide locally-purchased basic food rations to 28,000 flood affected families for fifteen days in Gaibandha, Madaripur and Sirajganj districts.

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Rush of diarrhoea patients, mostly children, at the ICDDR,B in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Bangabandhu Murder Case

From Page 1 later Bangabandhu and his other family members, shows that the intention of the killers was to kill the inmates of the house, none else. It was pre-concerted arrangement.

The killers shot Sheikh Kamal as soon as they identified him as Mujib's son. Without any question, they killed him, Huq said.

Those who were not the targets were lined up near the gate and even the person who was standing behind Sheikh Kamal was not killed, he said.

The killers first sprayed bullets from outside as a normal procedure of the military to see whether any resistance comes from that house, and then entered the house and without any hesitation killed Sheikh Kamal as soon as they saw him on the verandah, Serajul Huq said quoting from the FIR.

Referring to the charge under 120/B of the Penal Code, Serajul Huq said, "It is established that you people conspired. Whether there is killing or no killing it is enough to punish them. That is the law."

"For my purpose, motive is not necessary," he said adding that the only motive of the killers was to annihilate Mujib and his family.

what he saw on that fateful night of August 15, 1975. "The FIR inherits the sound of truthfulness. There is a ring of truth in the FIR," he said.

About the delay in filing the FIR, he said the delay was not made willfully, it was only due to odd circumstances.

He said question may be raised why Sheikh Hasina coming back to Bangladesh in 1981 did not file any case? "Had Sheikh Hasina filed a case it would have been based on hearsay."

He said Indemnity Ordinance was no bar to filing a case. It is a fundamental right of the people. "In my advice, the FIR was filed when the Indemnity Ordinance was in existence," he said.

He said none could file any case probably because of the lack of courage. "Indemnity law is not a law, it was a scarecrow and stunned."

Huq said nobody filed any FIR thinking that a police station may also be risky for him. Ordinary citizens get scared when a President is killed. "Delay (in filing the FIR) is

reasonably natural and is consonant human nature," he said.

The special PP said for criminal cases time is not a factor. A criminal case was filed against Oliver Cromwell even after his death, he said.

Referring to the Indemnity Ordinance, Serajul Huq said, "The proclamation of August 20, 1975 and the Indemnity Ordinance could not go together. The proclamation and the ordinance were conflicting."

Terming Khandaker Mushtaque Ahmed as a betrayer, Huq said he betrayed with the "bright sons." Mushtaque, in his proclamation, did not even thank those who helped him to topple the government.

In his proclamation, he said, "With the blessings of Allah and relying upon the people..." "Mushtaque was a betrayer from top to bottom," Huq said.

Beginning his argument, the noted lawyer told the court that "though I have experience of 45 years, I am feeling nervous because of the responsibility imposed on my shoulders."

Landslide kills 2 minor boys in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 12: Two minor boys were killed in a landslide caused by incessant rain and onrush of hill water today, reports UNB.

The boys aged between three and five, died when a chunk of earth from hill fell on their house at Rumaliarchhora village in Sadar thana this afternoon.

Rubel's father says

From Page 1 interrogation of a DB personnel. DB constable Abdul Hakim, who was interrogated by CID in connection with Rubel's murder in DB custody, alleged in writing to the DC of DB that he was tortured by CID during questioning.

Subsequently, and inquiry was ordered by the Police HQs that, however, found the allegation false, sources said.

They said it will also be inquired why Abdul Hakim raised such an allegation and what was his motive?

HANA

From Page 1 fore, follows that any comment, either accepting or rejecting, would amount to breaking the norm. Under these circumstances, I hope you understand my inability to make any observation on this matter."

Some leaders attending the AL Working Committee said that Abul Hasan briefed the meeting about the content of HANA when a young party leader commented that there had been some confusion among the party rank and file about HANA. While briefing, the State Minister told his party colleagues that it would benefit the country. Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad made no comment in the meeting, the sources said.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina later asked Abul Hasan to brief the press about it, the way he briefed the meeting.

She was quoted as telling Abul Hasan that such briefing would remove the confusion, if any.

The issue, according to party insiders, had not been discussed neither at any Cabinet meeting nor at the AL's Working Committee meeting earlier.

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