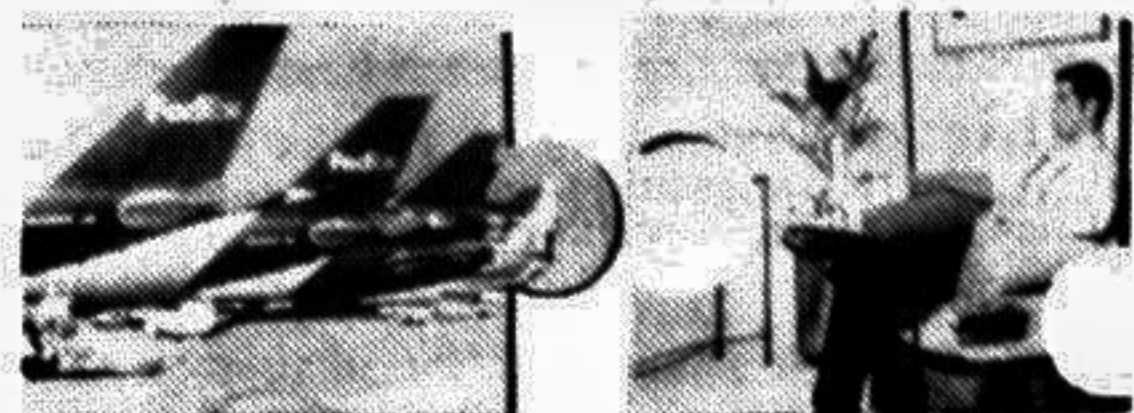


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President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina offering munajat after placing wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Bangabandhu Museum in the city on National Mourning Day Saturday. — PID photo

Bangabandhu's death mourned

From Page 1 Sheikh Hasina visited the Banani graveyard and offered fatiha there. She then flew to her ancestral home at Tungipara in Gopalganj district and placed wreaths at the mazar of the Father of the Nation. Awami League and its front organisations observed the National Mourning Day through various programmes. Destitutes were fed by the party in front of party offices in the city and elsewhere in the country. Besides, a huge mourning procession was brought out in the city in the afternoon under the auspices of Awami League. Many cabinet members and central leaders of Awami League joined the procession, which began from Suhrawardy Uddyan and terminated in front of the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum. Hundreds of people joined mourning processions in many places across the country demanding speedy trial of the

Rape: One gets life term in Magura

MAGURA, Aug 16: A court here today convicted a man and sentenced him to life imprisonment in a rape case of 1997. According to the prosecution, Javed Khan, son of Abed Khan of Baroipara in Sirpur thana, raped a 10-year-old girl of neighbouring Goalpara village when she went to get back goats on September 9, 1997. As she was crying for help, local people rushed to the spot and rescued the girl. They admitted her to Sadar Hospital. After examining the witnesses and evidence, District and Sessions Judge Abdul Hye Khan found Javed guilty and handed down the verdict.

50 fishermen

From Page 1 ing the last six days, survivors said today. They said that about 50 fishermen, who could swim to islands in the sea or were rescued by other boats, reached the shore yesterday and today. They were admitted to hospitals in Barguna. The survivors could identify 11 of the trawlers which sank. Those were: FB Patharghata-2, FB Patharghata-5, FB Shahjahan, FB Monju, FB Ali Kadom, FB Josna, FB Farhana, FB Jalakona, FB Rahat Khan, FB Sada, and FB Arfin. Meanwhile, families of the missing fishermen and members of the Trawler Owners Association have started a search in the sea for the missing fishermen.

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Different socio-cultural and religious organisations also observed the National Mourning Day through various programmes. They are: Bangabandhu Parishad, Bangabandhu Juba Parishad, Dhaka Ainjibi Samity, Bangladesh Mukti-jodha Kalyan Trust, Bangladesh Mukti-jodha Smriti Sangsad, North-South University, Bangabandhu Sangskritik Goshthi, Bangladesh Medical Association, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Scientists Association, Mahanagar Sarbojanin Puja Committee, Bangabandhu Prokoushall Sangsad, Shaheed Nur Hussain Sangsad, Mukti-jodha Rehabilitation Society, Mukti-jodha Foundation, Bangabandhu Pathagar Kendri Sangsad, Jiban Bima Corporation Development Officers and Managers Welfare Association, Government Primary School Teachers Association,

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PM to visit Bagha today

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will visit Bagha thana of Rajshahi district today, reports UNB. She will attend a meeting at Bagha Thana Parishad to review the law and order of the district and address a public meeting at the Sadullah College ground.

2 youths held while mixing poison in food

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 16: Police arrested two youths Saturday while they were mixing poison in food to feed destitute people in Ukiya thana on the occasion of the National Mourning Day, reports UNB. The youths, Kofluddin Anu (30) and Selimuddin (28), were believed to be the activists of Pro-BNP Juba Dal. Police said two cooks cried out when they saw six youths mixing poisonous powder in a dish of meat at the Ukiya High School ground. After hearing the shouting, local people caught two of the youths re-handled along with two knives.

5 BCL activists ousted from Surya Sen Hall

By DU Correspondent A section of resident students of Surya Sen Hall of Dhaka University yesterday ousted five activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League from the dormitory and ransacked their rooms for allegedly snatching Tk 500 from two guests on Saturday night. The ousted students - Jamal, Tipu, Shahidul, Parvez and Anu - belonged to the Babul Talukdar faction of the BCL in the hall. The students who ousted them were backed by the leaders of the rival faction of Talukdar group, witnesses said. The students went to the rooms of the five BCL activists in a procession, ransacked those and ousted them, the witnesses said. Tension is prevailing in the dormitory.

Floods

From Page 1 Sirajganj and Aricha, Buriganga at Dhaka, Lakhya at Narayanganj, Turag at Mirpur and Tongi, Kaliganga at Taraghat, Padma at Pankha, Goashanda and Bhagyakul, Mahananda at Chapinawaganj, Surma at Kanaighat and Sunamganj, Kushiyara at Amalshid and Sheola, Meghna at Bhairab Bazar and Halda at Narayanganj. Meanwhile, light to moderately heavy rainfall at most places around the country were recorded in the last 24 hours till 9 am yesterday.

3 outlaws held in Khulna: Arms recovered

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Aug 16: Dakop thana police arrested three armed cadres of an outlawed organisation in the early hours today and recovered five guns, two shutter guns and 136 cartridges. Police said two of the five guns and all the 136 cartridges recovered are among the 10 guns and 450 cartridges looted recently from Bangladesh Cable Shilpa Limited at Shirononi in the city. OC Abdul Kader Baig of Dakop thana raided the hideout of the alleged outlaws at Gurnari village and nabbed three of them while they were holding secret meeting. The alleged outlaws, identified as Achinta, 28, Shubhash, 30, and Arun, 30, also confessed to police about their involvement in the looting of five rifles and 100 bullets from Ansars on duty in the Sundarban Seafoods at Rupsha east last year. Police further said that one of their party men, Biddut Majumdar, was arrested by Khulna thana police on Friday while preparing to cross the border to buy shutter guns and pistols. A case under relevant section of Arms Act has been lodged.

Khaleda: Flag

From Page 1 the current flood situation. On her 53rd birthday on August 15, she distributed relief materials among the flood victims at Cantonment thana area in the city. Meanwhile, a case challenging Begum Zia's birthday celebration on August 15 is now pending with a court in Dhaka. The petitioner, an assistant public prosecutor, sought a court injunction on Begum Zia's birthday celebrations on August 15 claiming that official records show two different dates of her birth.

Rubel's father to sue

From Page 1 In his statement, Rubel's father said while returning home from his workplace, he saw some plainclothesmen beating Rubel and taking him away from their Siddheswari residence. "I approached them and wanted to know why they are beating Rubel and taking him away forcibly," he said. "They (DB police) shouted at me saying go to the DB office," he said adding, "They identified themselves as DB police." The CID investigators went to Rubel's residence at about 7 pm and left at 9 pm. Clinton From Page 1 tomorrow to a grand jury in the Lewinsky sex-and-perjury probe at 1 pm (1700 GMT), was expected in his testimony to alter his earlier denial of a sexual relationship with Lewinsky by acknowledging intimate contact, stopping short of an affair. The president was expected to tell the US public that he had kept silent about his relationship with Lewinsky to avoid causing pain to his family, The Times reported. Independent counsel Kenneth Starr is investigating whether Clinton committed perjury in denying under oath he had a sexual relationship with Lewinsky, a former White House intern, or if he obstructed justice by allegedly asking her to lie about it.

Young man gunned down in city

By Staff Correspondent

An auto-rickshaw passenger was gunned down allegedly by his two co-passengers at city's Demra area yesterday afternoon. Police identified the dead as Yasin Aftab (30), a resident of Nama Shampur area.

Hospital sources and Demra police said that relatives of the dead was claiming that Yasin was the president of Mukti-jodha Juba Command, Shampur Union branch. But it could not be confirmed till last night.

According to police, Yasin, owner of a rickshaw garage, was returning home from Jatrabari area on board an auto-rickshaw along with his two still unidentified accomplices at about 2 pm.

Quoting Badal, the driver of the auto-rickshaw, police said last night that when the vehicle arrived near Dholaipara area, Badal heard the sound of a gunshot.

As soon as Badal stopped the vehicle and looked behind, he found blood-stained Yasin lying on the seat alone while Yasin's accomplices were escaping the scene running.

Housewife beaten to death for dowry

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 16: A housewife was beaten to death for dowry at Zahangirgati in Tarash thana here early this morning, police said, reports UNB. Victim Asia, 20, was beaten to death allegedly by her husband because she could not pay him Tk 10,000 as dowry. Hamid fled away from his house after the killing. A case was lodged with Tarash police.

Domestic help beaten of death in Kishoreganj

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 16: A domestic servant, who was beaten mercilessly by the men of his former master on Friday, died on way to hospital yesterday morning, reports UNB. According to police, Kazi Mia, 22, son of Ekabbar Ali of Kiraton village in Karimganj thana, was sacked a month ago by his master Alam of the same village for developing an affair with Alam's niece. Kazi went again to his former master's house for his arrears of salary some days back and met with the girl who later pleaded to her family in his favour. At this her family members got furious and they beat him mercilessly at local Niyamat bazar on Friday afternoon. The victim died on way to Karimganj Thana Health Complex on Saturday at about 9 am. A case was filed with the police.

Father hacked to death allegedly by son in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Aug 16: A man was hacked to death allegedly by his son at his house in Patia thana early today, reports UNB. Police said Abu Sayeed, 32, killed his father Ezzar Mia, 55, with a kitchen knife while he was sleeping at his house at Chhaidganj around 4.30 am following a dispute over land. Neighbours rushed to the spot after Sayeed's mother shouted seeing her son hacking his father. They brought Ezzar to Chittagong Medical College hospital where the doctors declared him dead. A case was filed with Patia thana, Sayeed went into hiding after the killing.

5 get life-term

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Hospital sources said, Yasin sustained fatal bullet injuries in his head. He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead. The body was sent to DMCH morgue for autopsy. None, however, was arrested or no case was filed in connection with the killing till filing of this report last night.

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Housewife raped, her child killed in Jessore

JESSORE, Aug 16: A housewife was raped and her one-year-old girl child killed by unknown miscreants at Monirampur on Friday night, reports UNB. Local people rescued the victim in an unconscious state and recovered the body of her child from a jute field on Saturday morning. She was admitted to Jessore General Hospital.

Dacoits kill housewife in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Aug 16: Jasmin Begum Nupur, 25, wife of Abdul Hannan Howlader, 38, was killed during an armed dacoity at the house of her brother-in-law Habibur Rahman of Royermahal on Saturday evening. Four dacoits shot her before decamping with gold necklace, earrings and bangles. Jasmin succumbed to her injuries on way to Khulna Medical College Hospital. Her husband, a businessman, has stated in the FIR that the dacoits were all young men. The dacoits fired shots when she cried for help as they also attempted to violate her. The dacoits exploded hand bombs while leaving the place, according to the FIR.

Shibir gheraoes CU Proctor's office

CHITTAGONG, Aug 16: Activists of Chhatra Shibir gheraoed the Proctor's office today and held a demonstration there. They were protesting the ouster of some Shibir activists from Shah Amanat Hall allegedly by BCL workers yesterday. A tense situation is prevailing on the campus as a clash between the rival student groups is feared.

SDF lottery draw deferred

The draw of the Sports Development Fund (SDF) Lottery '98 has been deferred by two months due to the devastating flood in the country, reports UNB. The draw will now be held on November 7, 1998 instead of September 7, said an NSC press release yesterday.

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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia distributing relief goods among the flood victims at Balur Char in Munshiganj yesterday. — Star photo

17 die in Ukraine methane gas blast

KIEV, Aug 16: Seventeen people died and at least four others were injured today when methane gas exploded at a coal mine in eastern Ukraine, an emergency ministry spokesman said, reports Reuters. The spokesman said 28 miners were working in a pit at the 19th party congress mine in the village of Belye in the Luhansk region when the explosion occurred at 12.40 am (2140 GMT) 610 metres (yards) below ground. "Seventeen people have died, seventeen bodies have been brought to the surface, four people have been hospitalised," the spokesman said. A spokesman for the regional government said it was unlikely that emergency workers would find any more survivors in the pit.

Khaleda: Munshiganj

From Page 1 ent types of boats gathered at these places and greeted her. She termed the flood situation serious and accused the government of 'doing nothing to help the distressed.' Whatever it is doing is for show only, she added. The former prime minister demanded interest-free loans, seeds and other inputs for the farmers as, she cautioned, the country is going to face a serious situation after the floods. But the government is 'ignoring the facts'. The prices of essentials have gone up adding to miseries of the people and they are facing an uncertain future when water recedes, she said. As long as the floods are there, people need relief. After that, if the government does not provide help to the farmers, they would not survive in the post-flood situation, Begum Zia observed. She reiterated her accusations against the government of 'receiving help from the people but not providing that to the needy.'

Husband gets life term for torturing wife for dowry

By Court Correspondent A special court yesterday sentenced a young man to life imprisonment for torturing his pregnant wife for dowry. Judge Tapan Kumar Rudra sentenced Mizanul Islam alias Mizan, 26, under the Woman and Child Repression Prevention Act. Mizan's wife, Maya Begum, filed a case with Lalbagh thana in September 1997 alleging that her husband demanded Tk 50,000 in cash as dowry in January of the same year. On September 1, Mizan assaulted Maya Begum and forced her out of his residence as the dowry was not paid.

Rice trader robbed of Tk 3 lakh in city

By DMC Correspondent Muggers stabbed a rice trader and snatched about Tk three lakh near a bus stand at Palashi in the city yesterday afternoon. Md Yaruddin, 33, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with stab wounds, hospital sources said. The rice trader was attacked while he was going to the bus stand on a rickshaw to catch a Dharmrai bound bus at about 3 pm. Yaruddin, who resides in Dharmrai, was on his way back home after collecting the money from a wholesale rice market at Babubazaar in the city. A gang of about five muggers intercepted Yaruddin's rickshaw, stabbed him and took away the money.

Solar eclipse on Aug 22

An annual solar eclipse will take place at 6:10 am on August 22, reports UNB. The annular phase will begin at 6:10 am and end 11:02, said Bangladesh Meteorological Department Saturday. Maximum duration of the annular phase will be 3.08 minutes.

Car bomb

From Page 1 police said they had foiled a bombing campaign in London. Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, said he was "totally horrified" by the bombing. "I condemn it without any equivocation whatsoever," Adams said.

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