

PM shocked

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed her deep shock at the loss of lives in the landslides in Chittagong, reports UNB.

In a condolence message, she expressed sympathy to the member of the bereaved families and prayed to Almighty Allah for peace of the departed souls.

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Execution of verdict of Nirmul Committee
Razzak calls for movement

Minister for Water Resources Abdur Razzak yesterday visited the newly discovered mass killing ground at Muslim Bazar in Mirpur, reports BSS.

Accompanied by leaders of the National Coordination Committee of "Ghatak-Dalal Nirmul Committee," he placed wreaths at the ground as a mark of deep respect to the memory of those who were brutally murdered by the Pakistani forces during the War of Liberation.

They also talked to the members of the Army now engaged in digging work at the mass killing ground. The committee leaders Sayed Hasan Inam and Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, among others, were with the minister during the visit.

Later, addressing a spontaneous rally, Abdur Razzak recalled the background of the War of Liberation and said the Pakistani forces along with their local collaborators killed innocent Bangladeshis when the whole nation was fighting for independence in 1971.

The pet agents of Pakistan Golam Azam, Abbas Ali Khan and Matmur Rahman Nizami floated Razakar, Al-Badr and Al-Shams forces and killed

innocent Bangladeshis in the name of protecting Islam during the War of Liberation," he told the vast crowd assembled near the mass killing ground.

He said those heinous forces had not only killed the innocent human being, but also forced thousands of mothers and sisters to serve the beastly lust of Pakistani butchers during the War of Liberation.

The minister referred to the verdict of Nirmul Committee against the killers of 1971 and called upon the people of all spheres to wage a mass movement for its execution.

He called upon the International Human rights Commission, Amnesty International and other International Human Rights organisations to visit this mass killing ground which was bearing the most inhuman example of barbarism and brutality done by the Pakistani butchers and their collaborators in 1971.

The Nirmul Committee leaders urged the government to build a mausoleum in the mass killing ground to keep alive the memory of those innocent Bangladeshis who had to give up their lives in the hands of Pakistani forces and their local collaborators in 1971.

12 fishermen
still missing

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 14: Twelve fishermen remained missing and feared drowned at the Bay of Bengal after their fishing trawlers were capsized in rough weather three days back.

According to Fishing Trawlers Owners' Association and other sources, five fishing trawlers were capsized in stormy weather with 55 fishermen on board on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Association sources informed over telephone today that FB Arzoo with 14 fishermen, FB Rabeya with 12 fishermen, FB Hasan with 8 fishermen and FB Kalefa with 13 fishermen on board were capsized at the Bay of Bengal.

FB Sahajalal with 9 fishermen remained untraced and later found Wednesday afternoon in a severely damaged and wrecked condition.

Abdus Sattar, owner of the FB Kalefa, said that his trawler remained untraced with the fishermen since Tuesday.

'Demolition of
slum violation
of rule of law'

Gono Forum president Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday said demolition of slums without rehabilitation of the dwellers tantamount to violation of the rule of law and the Constitution, reports UNB.

Speaking at an emergency meeting of the party Dr Kamal referred to the statement of the home minister who had declared that no resistance to demolition of slums would be tolerated. "We sense a rat in it," he said.

Dr Kamal who is also an eminent lawyer said if the home minister was sincere to his purpose of uprooting terrorism, he (minister) should round up the criminals patronised by political parties.

He referred to the incidents in Jahangirnagar University, Chittagong University and some other places where, he said, the ruling party backed student organisation indulged in rape and terrorism.

Sayeed calls for
building Sonar
Bangla

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday said the nation needed ideal men to build Sonar Bangla as dreamt by father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reports BSS.

"The children and the young are the potential ideal men for the purpose," he said while addressing a special programme for the children and the juvenile on the eve of the National Mourning Day. Bangladesh Betar organised the programme titled 'We love you' in presence of the children and the young at Betar Bhaban in the city.

The function was addressed, among others, by Information Secretary M Akmal Hossain and Director General of Bangladesh Betar M I Chowdhury.

The state minister said the children and the young should be prepared as pioneer of free thinking and torch bearers of the future generation.

Prof Sayeed said the guardians should acquaint the young ones with true history of the country so that they were not misled by untruth.

College of
Home economics

Another BSS report adds: Teachers and students of College of Home Economics yesterday paid homage to the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman through holding discussion and offering special prayer.

Principal of the college Prof Dr Kurshida Banu was the main speaker at the discussion where she dwelt on the eventful life of Bangabandhu.

The meeting was organised on the occasion of the 24th anniversary of martyrdom of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The discussion was followed by recitation of poems and session of patriotic songs and rendering *hamd* and *nath*. The function was rounded up with *milad mahfil*.

Bangabandhu
Mahila parishad

Another BSS report adds: Bangabandhu Mahila Parishad yesterday brought out a big mourning procession in the city to mark the 24th martyrdom anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the National Mourning Day.

BCL mourning
procession

Awami League-backed Chhatral League brought out a mourning procession yesterday marking the 24th anniversary of death of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reports UNB.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad led the procession, which began from the Aparajaya Bangla premises of Dhaka University and ended at the National Press Club.

BCL president Bahadur Bepari and general secretary Ajay Kar Khokon took part in the procession followed by a rally at the Aparajaya Bangla.

BDRCS distributes
relief

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) has distributed 300 metric tons of rice and 60 metric tons of pulses among the country's flood-affected and erosion-hit people, reports UNB.

The relief materials were distributed through its 18 units. These are: Comilla, Cox's Bazar, Bandarban, Rangamati, Khagrachhari, Chittagong, Laxmipur, Dhaka city, Tangail, Jamalpur, Sirajganj, Bogra, Gaibandha, Kurigram, Pabna, Lalmonirhat, Sunamganj and Chandpur.

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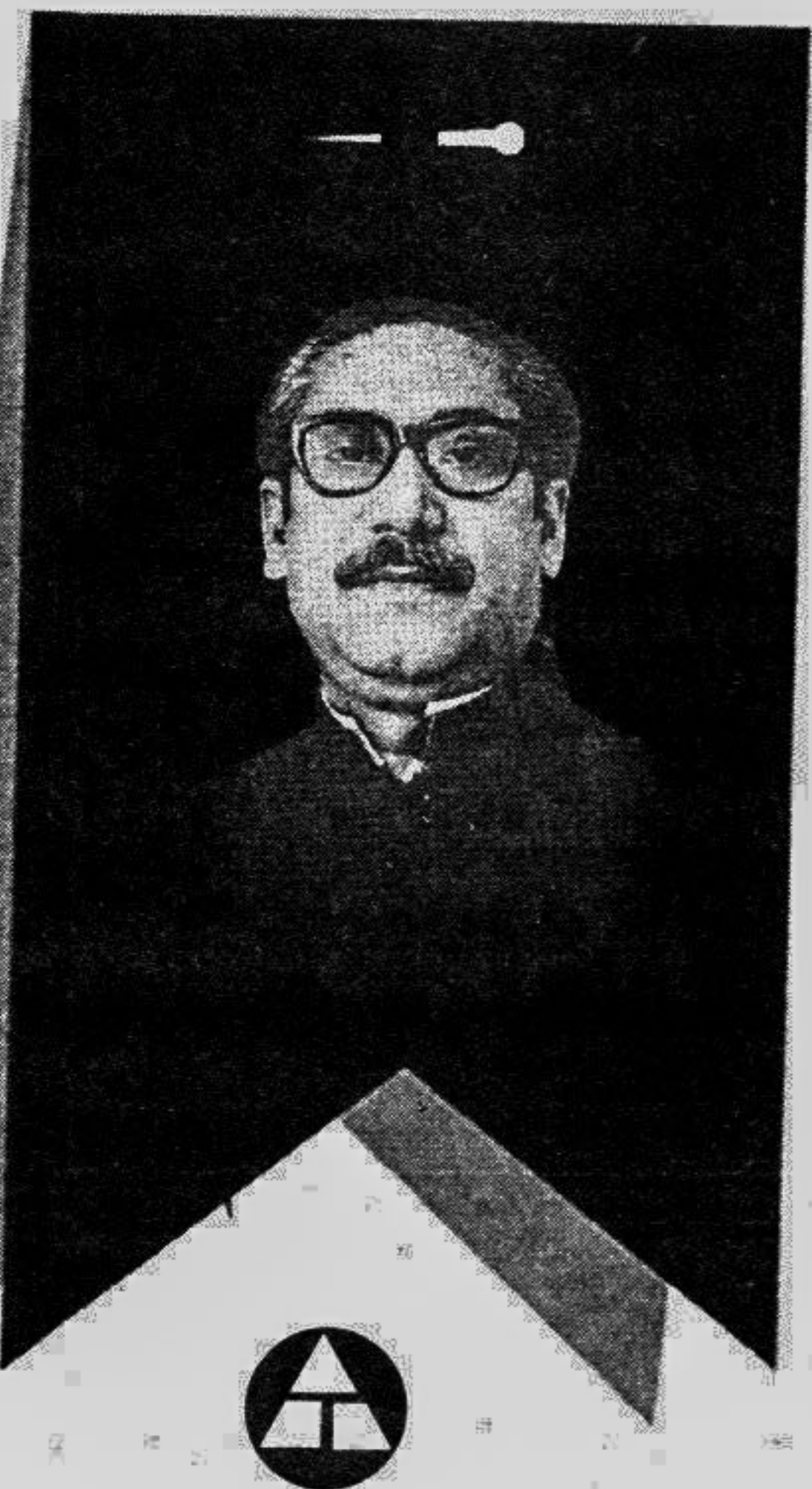
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