

Goons with their guns camp at City Hall

Mayor's Frankensteins fight for Tk 40 cr contracts

By Staff Correspondent

Armed terrorists of two factions of the ruling Awami League's student front once again camped at the Nagar Bhaban yesterday amidst heavy presence of police.

The arrival of the terrorists at the DCC office has renewed fear among officials and employees, and also police, that a 'big gunfight' might erupt any time between the rival factions of the Bangladesh Chhatra League. Known as 'Five Star' group and Shamim Group.

They have been fighting over bids for tender worth around Tk 40 crore, DCC sources said.

The Nagar Bhaban gave a deserted look throughout the day. The 'Five Star' group was present at the Bhaban premises yesterday.

Three of the five 'stars' — Shahabuddin Farazi, the BCL vice-president, Iqbal Hossain Aju and Mosharrar Hossain Raja — were leading the Five Star group yesterday. The other two 'stars' are Anwar Hossain and Kala Sentu.

For the first time yesterday, police were also posted on the roof of the Nagar Bhaban.

A notorious activist of the Chhatra League nicknamed Rogkata Shamim leads the other group. Aga Shamim also belongs to the same group and plays a leading role. According to sources, the Rogkata Shamim group is now preparing to launch an attack on the Five Star before December 25, when the first phase of the contract would be awarded.

Officials of the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) said they were attending office amidst fear. Many officials blamed Mayor Mohammad Hanif for 'not doing enough' to curb terrorism in the city office. They also said the Mayor has 'fallen into his own trap' as he himself had been entertaining the gangs for a long time.

The same people have been coming to the Nagar Bhaban for

several years and the Mayor has provided them with all sorts of incentives," said a DCC source.

"The worst thing he has done is to ask the police to release Aga Shamim after he was arrested from his office on various charges. The Shamim group is now convinced that the Mayor is supporting them while the other group has become even more furious," said the source.

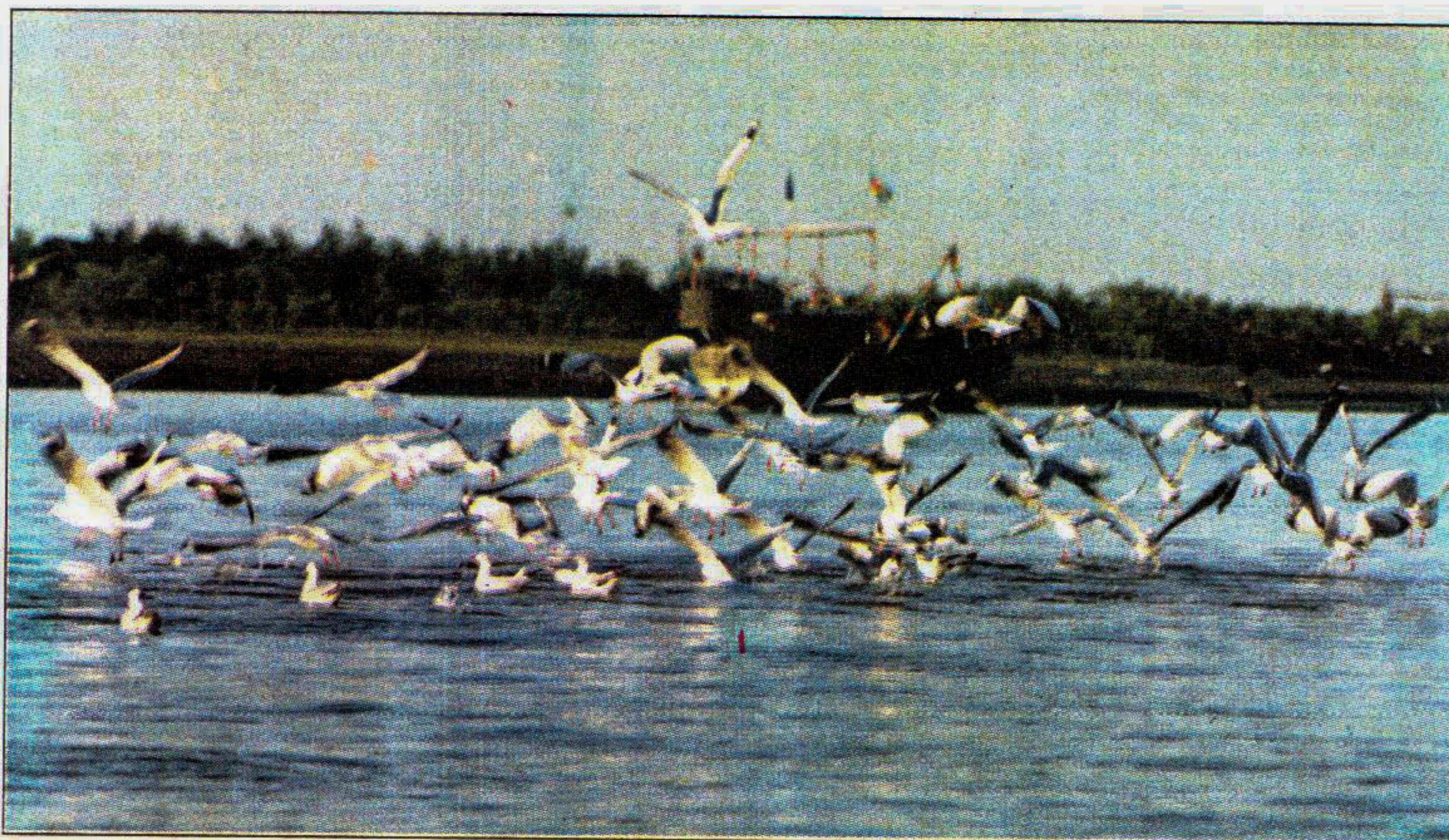
As the Chhatra League cadres from the Dhaka University assembled at the entrance of the Nagar Bhaban, a police sub-inspector was seen having a "cordial" chat with the members of the gang. Later the sub-inspector, Belayet, told this correspondent that during his assignment as a Detective Branch officer on Dhaka University campus he had developed acquaintance with "all the political activists".

Belayet said his men at the Nagar Bhaban gate were searching anyone looking suspicious. Asked whether he had searched the 'political activists', the sub-inspector said he was sure they (the gang) were not armed.

On December 12, 11 members of the gangs were injured in a shootout with the police at the Mayor's office. Two days later, police arrested four persons from the Nagar Bhaban area but later they had to release the terrorists on request by the Mayor Mohammad Hanif. The Mayor later told The Daily Star that he asked the police to release those men and arrest them from outside his office premises.

On December 21, on-duty policemen, led by sub-inspector Ziaul Haque, threatened to withdraw his men when mysterious notes and requests started reaching him for release of the two men held by the police at the entrance of Nagar Bhaban.

The Mayor could not be reached for his comment.



Gulls that came in from the cold
Guest birds make merry on the Bay near Maheshkhali.

— Star photo: A K M Mohsin

Government shuffles the diplomatic deck

By M Anwarul Haq

In a major revamp, the government has appointed some new envoys and promoted some other foreign service cadre officials.

Seven persons selected for appointment as envoys include a political appointee and a serving military officer.

Five more foreign service cadre officials have been promoted to the rank of secretary, said sources in the Prime Minister's office yesterday.

They are Additional Foreign Secretary Mohiuddin Ahmed, Syed Muazzam Ali, ambassador to France, Shamsheer Mabin Chowdhury, ambassador to Vietnam, AKM Farooq, ambassador to China and QAMARAHIM, High Commissioner to Australia.

With these, the number of career diplomats promoted to the rank of secretary stood at

nine yesterday. The four others already enjoying the rank of secretary are Kazi Anwar Masud, ambassador to Germany, Mahmood Ali, High Commissioner to the UK, Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Aminul Islam, High Commissioner to Canada.

There are however many retired secretary level diplomats

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Nasim, Advani discuss border bellicosity

NEW DELHI, Dec 23: Bangladesh and India today discussed wide ranging issues relating to common border and resolved to maintain peace and tranquillity along the borders to the mutual benefit of the two countries, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Home Minister Mohammad Nasim and his Indian counterpart L K Advani led their respective delegations in the talks. Prior to the delegation-level talks, Nasim had 40-minute exclusive meeting with Advani.

While discussing border problems, Nasim sought India's

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'Caught' in the act 12 sued for corruption

The Bureau of Anti-Corruption yesterday filed a Tk 12 crore corruption case against 12 former and incumbent officials, including five professors of the National Curriculum and Textbook Board, reports UNB.

They are Prof Mafizuddin Ahmed, former member (textbook), Prof Mohammad Nurunnabi Khandakar, former member (finance), Prof Harunur-Rashid, former secretary, Prof Ameer Uddin, former chief editor, Prof M Tobar Ali,

former senior expert, Abdul Haq Chowdhury, production controller, Abdul Mannan, senior storekeeper, Yakub Hossain, deputy production controller, Rawshan Ali, former distribution controller, Amanullah, distribution controller, Nurul Islam, deputy production controller (now suspended) and A K M Shamsuzzaman, section officer.

Sources at the bureau said the corrupt officials were sued

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UK envoy warns against politics gone awry

Aid and investment may be key casualties

British High Commissioner David Walker warned if Bangladesh's political situation continued to deteriorate, foreign investment would cease to come and donors won't be in a position to help out.

"It seems to outsiders that there is intolerance on both

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On the hunt for hands of horror

Trial of war criminals is possible now, says law ministry

By Staff Correspondent

(PMO).

Knowledgeable sources told The Daily Star that the letter was sent to the PMO, following the recent recovery of skeletons and bones of martyrs that spoke of the harrowing genocide, carried out by the Pakistani army of occupation here during the war of liberation.

Trial of war criminals of 1971 can well be conducted under international convention

on war crimes,' official sources told The Star.

Asked if the government was forming any special tribunal for the trial, a source in the law ministry evaded a specific reply, pointing out that it was all subject to a 'government decision'.

The law ministry has recently examined necessary laws in regard to the trial of war

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Deadly dengue carriers prosper in Dhaka

By Morshed Ali Khan and Naimul Haq

A dengue epidemic could strike Dhaka unless authorities take immediate steps to control the mosquitoes that spread the potentially fatal disease, an expert warned yesterday.

Touhid Uddin Ahmed, an epidemiologist and former scientific officer at the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research, said researchers have observed alarming population increases in the two mosquito species that spread the disease.

In the last two months, doctors have detected 36 cases of dengue fever and 10 cases of the haemorrhagic dengue fever, the disease's fatal form.

Dengue's symptoms include fever, headaches, weakness, constant muscle pain and drowsiness.

"This is quite alarming," said Dr. Zakir Hossain, director of Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research. "We are planning to test more blood samples and have asked hospitals to send blood samples to us if they suspect dengue fever."

Experts held an emergency meeting with officials at the Nagar Bhaban yesterday to discuss the problem.

Dhaka City Corporation's chief health officer said the corporation would use all

means at its disposal to stop the spread of dengue fever. He said the DCC would work overtime, spraying insecticides to kill the larval and adult mosquitoes.

However, the biggest job is to promote awareness among the people so they don't leave stagnant water around, even in flower tubs, he said.

According to doctors, there are no drugs available to prevent or cure dengue. The only way to prevent an outbreak is to kill the mosquitoes, which breed in stagnant water.

However, sources said the DCC's eight spraying machines, purchased last year to control

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Crime and punishment
A police officer tries in vain to shield two muggers from the wrath of DU students after they were caught in the act. (Story on page 12) — Star photo: A K M Mohsin

BNP readies response to Speaker's letter

By Staff Correspondent

BNP in response to the Speaker's letter is going to ask the government to create an "atmosphere" suitable for its return to parliament.

According to the BNP letter finalised last night, the main opposition party said the government could create the "atmosphere" by accepting its pre-conditions for joining the upcoming session of the parliament. The letter is in reply to one from Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury on Monday inviting Leader of the Oppo-

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