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Tempo workers go on rampage in city, ransack 12 vehicles

By Staff Correspondent

The auto-tempo workers yesterday put up a barricade on Outer Circular Road near Gulistan for half an hour and ransacked at least 12 vehicles protesting arrest of one of their leaders Bachchu, said witness.

Motijheel police, however, said the barricade was put up following a clash between two groups of tempo workers over collection of money from the vehicles plying in the area.

Bashiruddin Babul, leader of a faction of tempo workers yesterday filed a case with Motijheel police accusing Afzal, Al-Amin, Ismail and Sento for beating his workers, police said.

They were beaten up by the accused while staging protest, Babul alleged.

Demra police arrested Bachchu Khandaker at about 1:00 pm yesterday, police said.

Bachchu was wanted in 10 cases, said a police press release.

Opposition

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JS building at 10am today to take a final decision about joining JS session, meeting sources said. JP and Jamaat were yet to disclose anything about their parliamentary groups' meetings.

The four-party alliance took the decision apprehending that the Awami League government might arrange by-polls in the vacant seats and then go for major amendments to the Constitution, the sources said.

The Opposition will watch how long the current budget session continues. "It will definitely apply its strategy if the government tries to continue the session for more than 24 days," said one source.

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Khaleda Zia will lose her membership if she remains absent from 24 more sittings.

In such a case, we will go to the House, sit there turning our back to the Chair, sign the attendance register and then stage a walkout. This will allow us to stay away from parliament for 90 more days," said a top leader on condition of anonymity.

Emerging from the meeting, Ershad said "We will not allow the government to amend the Constitution. They (AL) will be majority if we do not go there (JS)."

Replying to a question, he said the parties will announce their decision within a couple of days. On another query he said, "There are still 24 days."

Golam Azam told newsmen that the decision to attend parliament session will be taken at meetings of parliamentary groups of the parties.

IÖJ leader ARM Abdul Matin said a final decision will be taken within a day or two.

Some sources however said Jamaat differed with BNP and JP over attending parliament session.

Journalist held

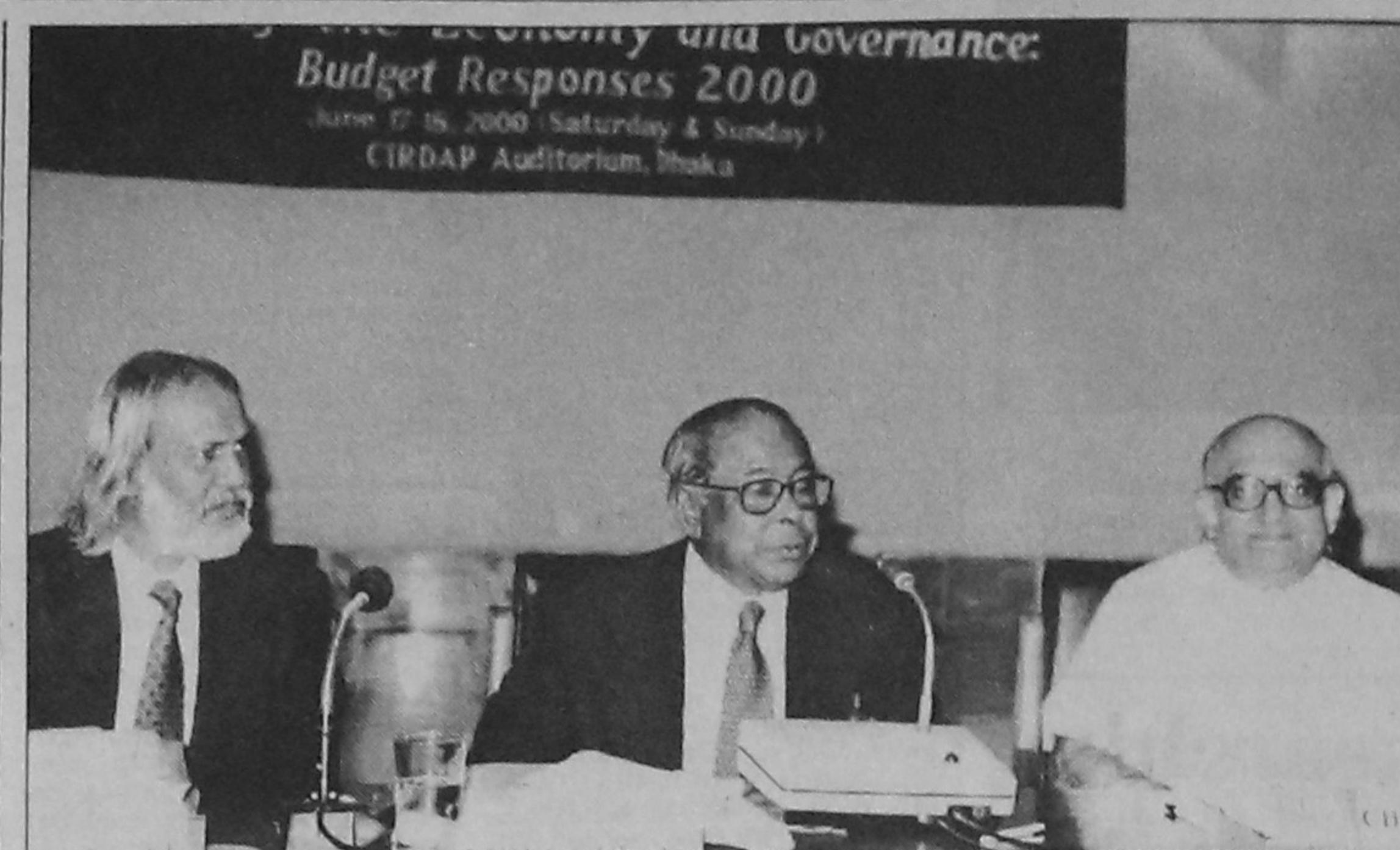
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Bengal police to arrest the accused in Shipu Murder Case who police said, had fled to Calcutta.

The Detective Branch of DMP is yet to be informed about what happened to Shafiq whose picture was forwarded to Calcutta police on Wednesday nor could it precisely know about the identity of the arrested person.

As a result, there is no breakthrough in the case concerning murder of Iftekhar Ahmed Shipu, 38, a cellular phone dealer at UAE Market at Banani. Police accused Naimuzzaman Jubair, son of Asaduzzaman, director of Civil Aviation of Bangladesh, Saiful Alam, son of Ahmad Hossain and Jewel, son of Kamal Matiur MP.

The DPC took over the Shipu Murder Case on June 4 but could not arrest any of FIR-listed accused as yet.



Finance Minister S A M S Kibria, with Prof Rehman Sobhan on his left and BNP MP Dr Moyeen Khan on his right, speaking at a CPD dialogue at CIRDAP auditorium in the city yesterday.

—Star photo

It's unfair to enjoy allowances without attending JS: PM

JOYPURHAT, June 17: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday renewed her call to the opposition leader to join parliament and say whatever she (Khaleda Zia) likes to in the House, reports UNB.

Hasina said Khaleda Zia would lose her membership only after 24 more working days and to save her membership the BNP parliamentarians are planning to join the House for few moments.

She said the opposition leader was not joining the House because she does not like parliamentary democracy, she does not want to see democracy exist in the country.

"They are making farce with the House," the Prime Minister told her audience, adding that the opposition MPs are trying to protect only their interest without considering people's interest.

They are hatching conspiracy to foil the democratic process and snatch the voting right of the people, she alleged. "They will not go to parliament, not speak about your problems, only enjoy the facilities and allowance."

PBCP also has AK-56 rifles, Shimul discloses

From Quazi Amanullah

KHULNA, June 17: Leader of outlawed PBCP Mahmud Hasan Shimul confessed that his party has some AK-56 rifles which are more sophisticated and powerful than AK-47 rifle.

But he did not disclose the exact number of those arms his party possesses, said members of the team interrogating Shimul.

"We do not use home-made arms like shutter or sawed off rifles, pipe guns or revolvers. What we take into account is AK-56, AK-47, SMG of Chinese brand and LMG," he added.

The members of the special team have, however, come to know about the widespread network of PBCP, its armoury, sources of acquiring money, causes for murders and links of the party with political goitathers both at home and abroad.

The outlaw told the interrogators that most of the murders were committed without party's decision. Some armed cadres did these on their own and for those murders they were given exemplary punishment by the party's high command, he said.

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District police have further prayed for seven days' remand for interrogation about the murder of Abul Hossain Howlader, Chairman of Sreefalta UP under Rupsha thana.

Hearing on the remand prayer will be held on June 20 in the Court of a first class mag-

istrate, said a source in the office of the superintendent of police, Khulna.

"My party received most of the modern firearms through unauthorised routes from across the border," Shimul told the interrogators.

The dead was identified as Yusuf Ali, 50. The injured were rushed to Sadar Hospital.

Police and witnesses said the clash erupted at about 1:30 pm as supporters of Belal group attacked Yusuf and his men when the later tried to demarcate a disputed land.

Both the groups used lethal weapons during the clash. On receiving information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Clash over land: One killed in Natore

NATORE, June 17: A man was killed and 12 others were hurt in a clash over land dispute at Majhdigha village in Sadar upazila today, reports UNB.

Police said Alami, 30, son of Bishai Bepari and resident of Islambagh in Lalbagh thana in the city, was found dead behind Nooria Madrassah with his legs and hands tied.

Alami was abducted on Monday from a house in Kamrangirchar where he went for decoration work.

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11 more killed in Kashmir violence

JAMMU, India, June 17: Three Indian security men and eight guerrillas were killed today in clashes in the violence-torn northern state of Jammu and Kashmir, army and police officials said, reports Reuters.

West Indies go 1-0 up

BIRMINGHAM, England June 17: West Indies beat England by an innings and 93 runs in the first Test of five here at Edgbaston on Saturday, winning the match with two days to spare, reports AFP.

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