

PM orders arrest of Auranga, Liaquat, Hannan

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has ordered the police to immediately arrest Auranga, Liaquat and Hannan for their alleged involvement in creating law and order in Dhaka city.

Reliable sources told UNB that the Prime Minister gave the order yesterday evening to the Police Commissioner.

The trio was once linked with Awami League's youth front, Jubo League.

Population Day today

The World Population Day will be observed in Bangladesh as elsewhere around the globe today, reports BSS.

This year's theme of the World Population Day is "Saving Women's Life".

The government has already taken up extensive programmes including rally, seminar and discussion in observance of the day at central, district and upazila levels.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages on the day stressing the need for coordinated efforts towards ensuring safe life of women and building a planned family life.

The President in his message appreciated the government's initiatives in different fields to promote the dignity of women who represent half of the country's population.

The Prime Minister in her message said the present gov-

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Bangladeshi shot dead by BSF

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, July 10: A Bangladeshi national was shot dead by the BSF men at Sripur border this morning.

BDR has lodged protest with BSF for the killing and asked for the body. But the body was not handed over to the Bangladesh authority, sources said.

Sirajuddin, a stone quarry labourer along with another man went to the Rangpani area of Sripur Stone quarry near the border at about 8 am today. He was shot dead as the BSF men of the nearby BOP opened fire without any provocation. The BSF men also took away the body to the Indian territory, sources said. The killing sparked tense in the stone quarry area suspending the stone collection.

The BDR lodged a protest and asked for the body at a flag meeting with the BSF in the afternoon.

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| | Azan | Jamaat |
| Fajr | 4-15 | 4-45 |
| Zohr | 1-00 | 1-30 |
| Asr | 5-00 | 5-15 |
| Maghrib | 6-50 | 6-55 |
| Esha | 8-15 | 8-45 |

Source: Islamic Foundation

CHT peace accord not being implemented properly

Trust between tribals and non-tribals missing

By Special Correspondent

The implementation of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) peace accord depends on building mutual trust among tribal and non-tribal people, backed by massive development. There is also a need for constitutional guarantee to back the accord with preservation of cultural identity and ethnicity of all people.

This was the consensus at a dialogue on Peace Building in the Chittagong Hill Tracts jointly organised by The Daily Star Centre for Alternatives, Dhaka and Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) in the

city yesterday.

Held at the BISS auditorium, the day-long dialogue was joined by a cross-section of people — a minister, political leaders, intellectuals, academics, retired military officers, former civil servants and diplomats, activists and journalists.

Syed Fahim Munaim, Managing Editor of The Daily Star, was the moderator in the first session chaired by Maj Gen Jamil D Ahsan, Director General of the BISS. Prof Dr Intiaz Ahmed of Dhaka University presented the key note paper, initiating a lively

discussion.

The second session was chaired by Dr Anwar Hossain, Director General of Bangla Academy. MA Sabur of BISS presented the key note paper.

The participants in the dialogue included Abul Hasan Chowdhury, State Minister for Foreign Affairs; Dipankar Talukder MP, Chairman of the Task Force for Refugees in the CHT with the status of a state minister; Prof Maniruzzaman Mia, former vice chancellor of Dhaka University; Mujibul Huq, former cabinet secretary; Rezaul Karim, former ambassador; Secretary of CHT Affairs

Ministry Sakhawat Hossain, Maj Gen (rtd) Azizur Rahman, former commander of the 24th Division based in Chittagong; Maj Gen (rtd) Mohamamd Ibrahim, JSD leader Hasanul Haq Inu, Dr Mizan Khan of BISS, Tajul Islam Hashmi of Independent University, prof Mesbah Kamal of Dhaka University, Prof Masuda Khan, Dr Masum of Jahangirnagar University, retired civil servant Abdul Hannan, retired teacher Shamsul Huq, Maj Gen (rtd) Z A Khan, Brigadier (rtd) Sakhawat, Group Captain (rtd) Dastagir, major (rtd) Kamrul, Lt Col (rtd)

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Secretary jailed for contempt of court

The High Court yesterday awarded a secretary of the government 14 days imprisonment for disobeying a court order, reports UNB.

Sohel Ahmed Chowdhury, now Secretary of Shipping Ministry, was handed down the punishment orders by an HC bench for contempt of court committed as Secretary of the Works Ministry.

In the judgement that a lawyer described as "unprecedented judgement" in Bangladesh, the top official was also fined to pay Tk 500 or serve another seven days in jail in default.

The Secretary has been asked to be present before deputy commissioner of Dhaka within a week (seven days). The DC has also been asked to "send him to jail instantly".

Sohel Ahmed Chowdhury got the judicial thrashing as he, as the then secretary of the Works Ministry, failed to hand over a house to its real owner by evicting an illegal occupant.

He, however, can appeal against the verdict.

The trespasser, Khalilur Rahman, was also slapped with similar punishment.

The HC bench comprising Justice M Mozammel Haque and Justice M Abdur Rashid freed additional divisional

commissioner of Dhaka Bhuiyan Rafiquddin Ahmed from the contempt-of-court charge.

According to the case history, Khalilur Rahman occupied the house Number 10 at Lane 8, Block C, Section 6 in Mirpur of which the real owner was M Salahuddin Ayubee who got judgement in favour from the court of settlement.

Khalilur Rahman filed a writ petition, which was rejected by the court.

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Cabinet decision Retrenched SOE workers to be re-trained for employment

The Cabinet yesterday approved in principle a policy for creating a fund to provide training to those workers who have lost their jobs from the state-owned enterprises (SOE) following their disinvestment, reports BSS.

The fund will be created for providing re-training to those workers to enable them to take up self-employment projects.

Khaleda for contesting polls under a coalition

Opposition Leader Khaleda Zia affirmed that BNP is interested in contesting next election under a coalition.

"We are interested to do unitedly everything — movement, election and forming government — when country's democratic institutions are at Jeopardy and the economy is going bust," she told UNB.

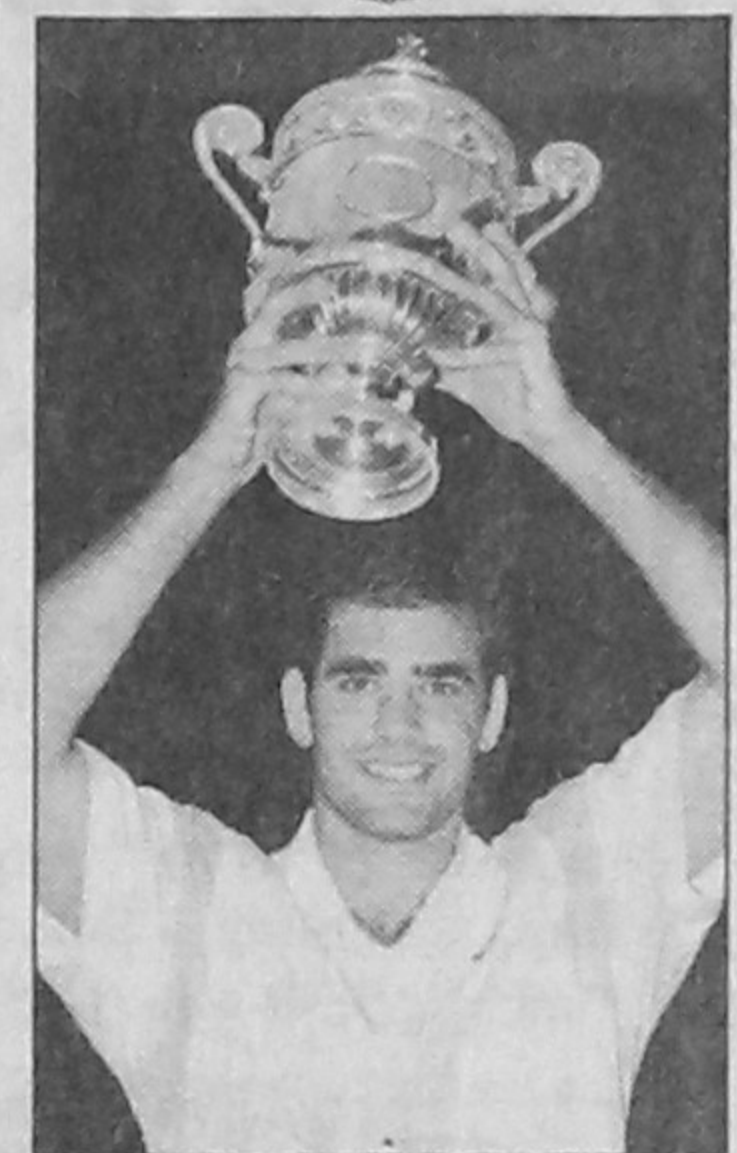
With present situation of the country being so, she said, united election would be a decision in the right direction.

She made the remarks when her attention was drawn to recent press reports about resentment of one of the partners of the 4-party alliance over not formally declaring an electoral alliance to face the next general election.

Talking to this correspondent at her Banani office last night, Khaleda said she had spoken in various meetings about forming a coalition government.

Replying to a query, the former Prime Minister said the matter of seat sharing had not yet been discussed. "It would be done in due time."

Sampras' record 13th title



Top seed Pete Sampras lifts the Wimbledon Singles trophy after winning his final match against Australian Patrick Rafter yesterday. Sampras won in 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, 6-2. The title was the American's 13th in the four Grand Slam tournaments, beating the record set by Australian Roy Emerson.

— AFP photo

Two dacoities in city

By Staff Correspondent

Robbers looted cash, ornaments and other valuables at gunpoint from two houses in the city yesterday.

A gang of six dacoits entered the house of Lt Col (rtd) Shahin Kabir at College Street in Dhanmondi residential area and allegedly took away Tk 1.6 lakh in cash, gold ornaments worth about Tk 3.20 lakh, US dollar 2000 and other valuables worth about Tk 7.9 lakh.

The gang entered the house by cutting the grill at about 3 am yesterday. They also beat up the members of the family.

Shahin Kabir filed a case with Dhanmondi thana but none was arrested.

In another incident, dacoits looted cash and valuables worth about Tk 2 lakh from a house at West Dhanmondi in the city's Mohammadpur area.

The robbers entered the house by breaking the lock at about 2 am yesterday. They started looting valuables from the residence. Two members of the family were beaten up when they tried to resist the robbers.

Other family members of the house were confined to a room and the gang looted 16 tolas of gold ornaments and Tk 12,000 in cash.

A case was filed with Mohammadpur thana.

Jhalakati-2

All 10 nomination papers valid

Nomination papers of all the ten candidates for the by-election to the vacant seat of Jhalakati-2 Constituency were found valid today, Election Commission said yesterday, reports BSS.

The returning officer declared ten papers valid after the scrutiny.

The seat fell vacant following the death of JP (MM) MP Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto on May 29. The by-election will be held on July 31.

The nominations of those found valid are Anwar Hossain Talukder, Amir Hossain Anu, Alhaj Maulana Abul Kalam Mohammad Nurul Islam Ne-taji, Elen Bhutto, SM Rafiqul Islam, Krishak Md Sadek, Dr S A Mannan Sardar, Md Alamgir Kabir, Md Jalal Uddin Howlader advocate and Raja Rafiqul Islam.



President Shahabuddin Ahmed addressing the first convocation of the University of Science and Technology in Chittagong yesterday. — PID photo

Erosion of moral values

President blasts political leaders and teachers

CHITTAGONG, July 10: President Shahabuddin Ahmed criticised national leaders yesterday for scolding one another in parliament, which even induced children to play Sangsad game' mimicking the rowdy style, reports UNB.

He indicated to the political degradation that caused erosion of moral values in society, in educational institutions and among the students and teachers.

The president cited a recent newspaper footnote to explain degradation in standard of deliberation in the Jatiya Sangsad. It states that a worried gentleman rushed into closed-door room wherein some children were hurling abuses, scuffling and ransacking table and chairs.

"What are you doing? The man asked. Don't worry, we are acting out Sangsad role, said the group of boys chuckling.

Shahabuddin observed that the students first follow the teachers, then guardians and social leaders in moulding their character. "But what would the students learn from them when the leaders are abusing one another?"

However, the president held

the teachers primarily responsible for the role in educational arena and debate in public examinations system thanks to massive cheating at all levels — from school to university.

Addressing as chief guest the first convocation of the Science and Technology University of Chittagong, the president noted with deep concern that standard of education declined sharply due to the teachers' commercial outlook.

"The teachers do not teach the students in classroom. Rather, they tempt the students to have private tuition from them," said the Chancellor of universities, lashing out at the precarious academic scenario.

He reiterated his stand against the 'political use of students' and urged the students to sever connections with the political parties.

Shahabuddin suggested the leaders and elite to look after the local schools and colleges whether the teachers are teaching students properly.

The president pointed out another cause of degradation of academic standards and that is inadequate number of educational institutions.

Considering the minimum

number of educational institutions, especially universities, against the number of students, he said, the government created opportunities to establish private universities through passing Private University Act 92.

"He was also critical of the 'profit motives' of a section of private university authorities. He said 16 private universities of the country are teaching 7000 students only while the nine government universities accommodated some 70,000.

The chancellor had a note of caution for the entrepreneurs of private universities that they must be honest, sincere, dutiful and patriotic in establishing universities and teaching students.

He praised the initiators for giving emphasis on science and technology suited to the need of the modern time to cope with the spectacular development of science and technology globally.

The president lauded the role of the entrepreneurs, especially the role of main architect national Professor Nurul Islam, for establishing the university and said they would be ever remembered for their initiative.

Bushra Murder Case

Kader sent to jail on second day of remand

By Staff Correspondent

Abdul Kader, the main suspect in Bushra Murder Case, was sent to Dhaka Central Jail after being produced before the CMM's Court on the second day of his four-day remand today.

Earlier, the CMM's Court refused to place the three arrested on remand as they were arrested under section 54 of the CrPC. The next day they were produced in the same court with a prayer for a five-day remand. The court placed the persons who were shown arrested on a three-day remand for interrogation.

Kader, relief and social welfare secretary of the city unit of Awami League, was summoned to the DB office on Friday and shown arrested after his statement was found consistent with that of his housemaid on the same night. He was produced before the CMM's Court on Saturday and placed on four-day remand.

The remand of the ruling party leader was scheduled to end on Thursday. But DB police again produced him before the CMM's Court at about 7 p.m. yesterday, saying that they have gathered important information from the accused and suggested that he be detained in the central jail until the investigation of the case is over.

The CMM's Court after hearing the prayer ordered to send him to the Dhaka Central Jail.

Kaniz Fatema Hena, sister-in-law of Kader whose remand ends today, will be produced before the court tomorrow. The investigating officer said they might pray for her fresh remand.

DB police said Kader gave contradictory statements about

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Bourses undergo major price correction

ICB pumps huge shares into market

Star Report

The stock markets saw price correction yesterday following massive intervention by Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB).

Sources said the Securities and Exchange Commission acting chairman Masur Uddin Ahmad phoned the ICB's managing director and asked him to offload its shares in the market.

Accordingly, ICB gave the selling pressure causing price correction in the market, the sources added.

The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) again opened yesterday with huge buying offers, most of which were touching the circuit breaker limit. Such offers pushed the price index to cross the 800-point mark to 811.61

points within 15 minutes' trade.

Market sources said that point ICB intervened in the market causing the price index to shed 94 points within next 80 minutes of trade.

The All Share Price Index finally came down to 695.99 points, losing a total of 50 points from the previous day's closing index.

Out of 181 issues traded, a total of 137 issues declined and 38 gained while prices of six issues remained unchanged.

Some 24,263,290 shares and debentures valued at Tk 74.41 crore were transacted as against 22,689,476 shares worth Tk 57.95 crore on the previous trading day.

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Jalal Murder Case

DB driver charged in absentia

By Court Correspondent

The Fifth Additional Metropolitan Session's Judge's Court, Dhaka, yesterday framed charges against Abdul Malek in absentia, an accused in the supplementary chargesheet in the Jalal Ahmed Shafi Murder Case.

Malek was a driver of the DB office.

The Judge Sheikh Jahangir Hussain fixed August 16 for cross-examination of the witnesses.

Charges were earlier framed against four other accused — Inspector Ziaul Ahsan, Havildar Bilal, Constable Abdur Rouf and canteen manager Anwar Hossain.

The decomposed body of Jalal, a DB informer, was recovered from the roof top water tank of DB office at Minto Road on March 25 last year.

The accused were produced before the court yesterday.

Metropolitan PP Quamrul Islam appeared for the state while Advocate Mahub Ahmed for the accused.

Warrant of arrest against 3 police personnel in Ctg

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, July 10: The court of Chittagong Metropolitan Sessions Judge issued a warrant of arrest against three police personnel of CMP (Chittagong Metropolitan Police) today for assaulting a former assistant general secretary of Chittagong District Bar Council and the present joint-secretary of City BNP.

Judge Md Ismail Mia issued the warrant against police sergeant Md Azizur Rahman, Nayek Shah Alam and Nayek Sabur Khan.

In the case it was alleged that Advocate Abdus Sattar who is also a former special PP of Judge Court, Chittagong was picked up by the accused from Rezauddin Bazar Timpoler Matha while returning to the City BNP Office along with some party men on September 12 last year.

The accused allegedly assaulted the complainant and snatched away cash money and

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