BCL-Shibir clash at Pabna college

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Pabna*

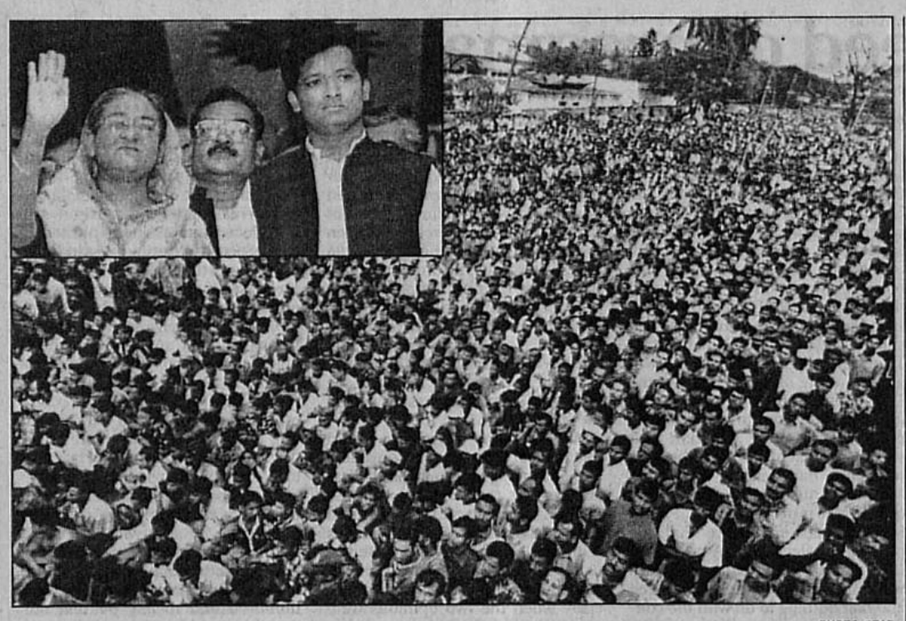
A gunfight between Islamic Chhatra Shibir and Bangladesh Chhatra League left five students injured on the Shaheed Bulbul College campus in Pabna yesterday.

Three bullet-hit BCL activists -- Kamrul Hasan, Abu Naser and Sanjay Kumar Saha -- are now undergoing treatment at a local hospital.

The gunfight erupted after the Shibir workers hurled brickbats at a BCL procession protesting the distortion of Liberation War history. The BCL also demanded withdrawal of a graft case against Awami League President Sheikh Hasina.

Shibir workers also prevented the procession from entering the college premises, sources said.

Two female BCL activists were injured during the melee.



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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina (inset) waves at the supporters at a meeting at Tongi yesterday. The meeting was organised to protest the 'killing' of Sumon Ahmed Majumder, a key witness in AL lawmaker Ahsanullah Master murder case.

3 to die for killing woman

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced a youth along with his two accomplices to death and another to life imprisonment for the killing of his stepmother.

Fifth Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge Mohammad Rezaul Islam gave the verdict for killing of widow Guljan Bibi in Uttara on February 12, 1999.

The convicts sentenced to death are Shihabuddin Rana, Mohammad Alam and the victim's stepson Mohammad Yahia while Rafiqul Islam alias Titu was sentenced to life imprisonment.

According to the prosecution Yahia hired the three men for Tk 50,000 and he along with his three accomplices strangled Guljan to death with a rope at around 8:00pm. The motive was to own the victim's property.

The victim's nephew Abdul Momen on February 12 filed a murder case with Uttara Police Station without naming any suspects. Police arrested Yahia and the convicted three and they gave confessional statements to magistrates.

Abdul Momen was present in the court and he expressed his satisfaction at the verdict.

'Create mass awareness to stop smoking'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at an orientation programme yesterday called for creating mass awareness to stop smoking.

They said awareness is more needed than law to stop smoking.

The daylong anti-tobacco orientation programme was organised by the Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB) at its conference hall in the city in a bid to strengthen the anti-tobacco campaign across the country.

Addressing the programme, Dr Arup Ratan Chowdhury, called upon both print and electronic media to come forward to spread anti-tobacco message across the country.

He criticised the tobacco companies for advertising their products in the guise of sponsorship.

Dr Arup said Tobacco Control Act, which is expected to be enacted soon, will be very effective to create a tobacco-free environment in the country.

Dhaka University Treasurer Professor Syed Rashedul Hasan laid emphasis on the involvement of smokers along side the non-smokers in the ongoing anti-tobacco campaign.

"From my experience, I can say that only self-intention is not enough to stop smoking, rather smoking-free environment is also needed," he added.

Rashedul Hasan said many smokers cannot give up the bad habit, although they are conscious about the bad effect of the smoking.

CAB President Dr Jafarulla Chowdhury urged the government to prohibit smoking in all public places.

Karmajibi Nari Parishad President Shirin Aktar, Chief of the Health Education Bureau Anwarul Islam Khan and CAB General Secretary Kazi Faruque also spoke.

CAB representatives from different districts were present at the orientation programme.

UK aid for bridge over river Surma sought

UNB, *Dhaka*

Bangladesh has sought assistance from the British government to construct a cable bridge over the Surma river in Sylhet and implement post-flood rehabilitation programmes in the transport sector.

Communications Minister Nazmul Huda made the request when British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Anwar Choudhury met him at his office yesterday.

The minister told the British envoy that the road network is likely to be largely affected by the current flood and mentioned about the need for procuring portable steel bridges with assistance from British DFID to carry out post-flood road rehabilitation works.

Huda also informed the envoy about the steps taken by government for procurement of locomotives for the development of Bangladesh railway, formation of highway police and overall development of the transport sector, and sought British assistance in this regard.

About the current flood, the High Commissioner said his country is ready to help Bangladesh tackle the flood and take post-flood rehabilitation programmes.

The envoy also assured of continued British assistance for the development of Bangladesh's road infrastructure.

Communications Secretary Muhammad Shafiqul Islam was present on the occasion.

Anwar also met Commerce Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury at his office and discussed various aspects of British investment in Bangladesh.

The envoy stressed the importance of increasing port facilities in Bangladesh and said Britain would provide assistance to export-oriented industries of Bangladesh to help survive during the post-MFA period.

Both the minister and the British envoy expressed the hope that the existing trade and bilateral relations between the two countries would be intensified further in the years to come.

Bangladesh exports goods worth 600 million US dollars to UK a year while its import volume from that country stands at 60 million dollars.

Khaleda greets Canadian PM

UNB, *Dhaka*

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia greeted her Canadian counterpart Paul Martin for his re-appointment as Prime Minister of Canada.

In a message of felicitation, Khaleda Zia said "This is an auspicious opportunity to reiterate my willingness to continue working with you for further consolidation of the traditional bonds of cooperation and friendship between Canada and Bangladesh.

No scarcity of relief : Saifur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Sylhet*

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday said there is no scarcity of relief materials as the government has sanctioned adequate relief for the flood victims.

If needed, more relief would be provided to mitigate the suffering of the marooned people, he said at different gatherings during his visit to some swamped villages in Companyganj Upazila.

The minister also asked the officials to ensure proper distribution of relief materials.

He said multistoried flood shelters would be constructed in vulnerable areas, including Sylhet region.

These buildings will be used as educational institutions during the dry period, he added.

Saifur said the government is going to launch a massive post-flood rehabilitation programme under which affected farmers would be given seeds and fertiliser as well as bank loan.

Also, loan recovery drive would remain suspended until the next boro season, he added.

The minister visited Borni, Tukerbazar, Dhalarpar and Budhbaribazar areas.

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Rotary-Unicef to install safe water systems in arsenic-affected UZs

Rotary International will provide US$ 200,000 to the Unicef for installation of safe water systems in arsenic-affected villages in Kachua, Shahrasti, Sonargaon and Monirampur upazilas.

An agreement to this effect was signed between Rotary International District 3280-Bangladesh and the Unicef in the city yesterday.

Iftekhar-ul Alam, past Rotary district governor and chair of Polio Plus Committee, and APB Senagama, senior operations officer of Unicef Bangladesh signed the agreement.

The fund will be utilised through the DPHE-Unicef Community-Based Arsenic Mitigation Project being implemented in these upazilas.

Brac and Grameen Shikkha are implementing the projects with support of different arsenic mitigation committees set up by the government at various levels and in collaboration with the communities.

The duration of the project is from July 2004 to January 2005. On completion of the project, about 75,000 people of the four upazilas will be benefited from the arsenic-free safe water supplies.

1760 more held

UNB, *Dhaka*

Police arrested 1,760 people on various charges during their countrywide drive in last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday.

During the drive, the law enforcers also recovered 11 firearms and 24 bullets and filed five cases against 11 people under the Arms Act, said a police headquarters press release.

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Bangladesh-China Friendship Assoc executives

The biennial council of Bangladesh-China Friendship Association was held at the National Press Club auditorium in the city recently, says a press release.

Chaired by Association President and Health Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, the council was attended by Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar as chief guest.

The council unanimously elected a 151-member executive committee, with Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain and Md Jalal Uddin as president and secretary general.

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Maya Karim, wife of former foreign secretary Ataul Karim, will be held at her father's residence at Dhanmondi, House No-89, Road No-7A after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

Relatives and friends have been requested to attend the qulkhwani. Maya Karim died in Dhaka on July 19 at the age of 70.

Death anniversary

The third death anniversary of Mohammed Azizur Rahman, former deputy general manager of Janata Bank, will be observed on July 25, says a press release.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani will be held and foods will be distributed among the poor at his residence at 4/1-A, Block-E at Lalmatia in the city today.

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