



Awami League activists burn an effigy of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday protesting the grenade attack on AL rally on Saturday.

# Risk of water wars rising: Scientists

REUTERS, Stockholm

The risk of wars being fought over water is rising because of explosive global population growth and widespread complacency, scientists said.

"We have had oil wars," said Professor William Mitsch. "That's happened in our lifetime. Water wars are possible."

Scientists at the World Water Week conference which began on Sunday in Stockholm said that ignorance and complacency were widespread in wealthier countries.

"I don't know what will shake these regions out of complacency other than the fact there will be droughts, pestilence and wars that break out over water rights," said Mitsch, professor of natural resources at Ohio State University.

Mitsch told Reuters potential flashpoints included the Middle East.

"Continuing on our present path will mean more conflict," a report by International Water Management Institute (IWMI) said.

With the world's population growing at exponential rates there was extreme pressure on water supplies to provide drinking water and food, said scientists at the Stockholm gathering.

"In 2025 we will have another two billion people to feed and 95 percent of these will be in urban areas," said

Professor Jan Lundqvist of Stockholm International Water Institute.

The answer was sustained investment in infrastructure.

An estimated \$80 billion was invested each year in the water sector, but this needed to at least double, said Professor Frank Rijberman, the IWMI's director general.

"I think if I look at the numbers I can't immediately see a way out over the next few years," said IWMI report co-author Dr David Molden. "I think we will reach a real crisis."

## Lankan dry food for flood victims

BSS, Dhaka

Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka Lakshman Kadirgamar presented a consignment of dry food to Bangladesh High Commissioner Yakub Ali recently for the flood affected people.

The consignment includes biscuits donated by Maliban Biscuit and Ceylon Tea from Sri Lanka Tea Board, a foreign ministry press release said here yesterday.

The donation could be seen as a gesture of goodwill extended to the people and to assist the government of Bangladesh at this critical moment.

Abeyananda Dias, Director General of Sri Lanka Tea Board and Bertie Wickramapala, Director of Maliban Group of Companies were present at the presentation ceremony held at the foreign ministry of Sri Lanka.

## Concern worldwide distributes relief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Concern Worldwide, an international non-government organisation, distributed relief materials among 82,000 flood-affected people in 53 upazilas in last one month, says a press release.

The relief materials included rice, biscuits, oil, salt, pulse, water purification tablets and oral saline.

Besides, 3,300 tubewells were installed in 33 worst flood-affected upazilas.

Concern's relief operation was supported by Irish and British government, the World Food Programme and the United Nations Development Programme.

# It was an attempt to kill our democracy

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who has dedicated her life to Awami League politics, especially in the area of emancipation of women. We also pray for the early recovery of AL leaders hurt in the incident.

We are repulsed by this act of terrorism and express our supreme hatred for those who perpetrated it and renew our determination to fight it at every level of our life. In whatever form or couched in whatever ideological or fanatical verbiage it may come, terrorism is an anathema to everything we stand for and everything that Bangladesh was created to represent. Today, therefore, we must build up the biggest, the strongest, the most widespread resistance against all forms of terrorism and extremism that is, regrettably but undeniably, creeping into our midst.

Now the question is how terrorism penetrated so deeply into our lives. In the last five years, including the last two of AL government, a total of 140 people were killed in terrorist bomb blasts. Of them, 40 were AL leaders and activists. The attack on the AL meetings in Narayanganj, Bagherhat, Sunamganj, Gazipur, Khulna and Natore speak of a planned attack on the AL workers and leaders that has been going on for some time. Practically nothing has been known about these incidents. The bomb attack at Ramna Batamul, CPB meeting, Udichi function and later in cinema halls in Mymensingh have all remained unearthed. In the last instance, instead of going after the terrorists the present government went after university professors and accused them of treason and put them into prison. The story behind the bomb at Hasina's own meeting while she was the prime minister did not see the light of day.

More recently, the farce of an investigation that we saw in handling the biggest ever arms haul in Chittagong port leaves little doubt in anybody's mind that Khaleda Zia's government is really not serious about going after the criminals as long as its own members are not the target of terrorism. The advanced and sophisticated arms and recovery of a huge quantity of them would have set any serious government into launching the most extensive and urgent investigation. This paper even suggested that the government involve Interpol or other relevant international agencies as arms smuggling on such a scale is an international affair and no single country, especially like ours, has the capability of conducting an effective investigation into such cases. Until today, no serious attempt has been made and we have heard practically nothing about it.

The government must answer the question as to how it is possible that none of the terrorist incidents that occurred during its tenure have ever been unearthed and terrorists arrested? In fact we in the media have encountered incomprehensible apathy in the

law enforcement agencies about getting to the bottom of such events.

Obvious links are being suggested between the attempt on Hasina's life and activities of killers of Bangabandhu, many of whom have not yet been brought to justice. Although known to be outside the country, they could easily be active in fomenting chaos and instability in general and masterminding attacks on the AL in particular. Here the fact that the convicted killers of Bangabandhu have not been meted out their verdict and that their last appeal could not be brought to court for the last three years due to some technicality, cannot be lost to the public.

This, especially in the background of the fact that neither President Zia during his lifetime, nor Khaleda during her first term as prime minister made any attempt to try Bangabandhu's killers raises legitimate questions in the public mind about the present government's sincerity in ensuring security for Hasina and other AL leaders.

The bottom line is that Saturday's attack on AL's meeting and the death of 18 of its activists are inextricably linked with the singular failure of the government in tackling criminals associated with terrorist and related criminal activities. The inability of all our intelligence agencies in predicting and thereby preventing acts like the grenade attack on AL meeting reinforces public doubt about the government's seriousness about the whole terrorism issue.

Just a few months earlier the daylight attack on Ahsanullah Master in Gazipur, the recent attack on the Mayor of Sylhet (belonging to AL) and the death of an activist there and several similar attacks on the AL have all occurred one after another without any success of our intelligence agencies in preventing them. The grenade attack on the British high commissioner to Bangladesh is another shameful chapter of our intelligence failure.

For far too long Khaleda's government has remained indifferent to the prevalence of terrorism in Bangladesh. In fact her government can be accused of having nurtured it in some cases. The rise of so-called Bangla Bhai and its patronisation by ruling party stalwarts was directly responsible for the failure of the police to nab him. For that to happen even after a direct order from the prime minister should awakened Khaleda to how far the influence of extremist groups penetrated her government. The Ahmadiyya issue is another instance where the government's nurturing of the extremists and lack of timely action has created a Frankenstein which now poses a threat from within.

The prime minister must realise that her own power to stem the tide of terrorism has been greatly compromised by her coalition partners' attitude towards this issue. Narrow political

vision and extreme mutual hatred between our two major political parties have created an opening for the extremists to make inroads into our politics as never before. Time is now for all democratic forces to unite against terrorism and create a massive political movement to defeat the forces of terrorism. For the survival of democracy and dissent we must unite and destroy terrorism now.

## Madrasa teacher gets life for raping a cook

UNB, Habiganj

A court here on Sunday convicted a Madrasa teacher and sentenced him to life imprisonment in absentia for violating a woman.

The court also fined the convict - Superintendent of Tataiya Mohila Madrasa Abdul Mazid - Tk 1,000, in default, to suffer one year more RL.

According to the prosecution, the convict raped the Madrasa cook in a room of Alif Hostel in the town on the night of November 7, 2000 with a promise to marry her.

As Mozid later refused to marry her, she filed a case against him under the Woman and Child Repression Prevention Act.

After examining the records and nine witnesses, special tribunal Judge Biplob Goswami awarded the punishment.

## SC Bar blood donation programme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Supreme Court Bar Association yesterday launched a blood donation programme to support the victims of grenade attack on Awami League (AL) rally on Saturday.

Secretary of the Association Advocate Bashir Ahmed inaugurated the programme at its office by donating blood.

About 100 people donated blood yesterday. Mohammad Ashraful Kamal and Sayed Mamun Mahub supervised the blood donation programme.

## Nestle contributes Tk 30 lakh for flood victims

Nestle Bangladesh Limited contributed Tk 30 lakh for flood victims, says a press release.

Managing Director Carlo Cifello handed over a cheque for Tk 10 lakh to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia for the Prime Minister's Relief Fund on August 22. This amount also includes a voluntary contribution of one-day's salary from Nestle employees.

The company also distributed relief materials worth Tk 20 lakh through their countrywide network for flood victims. The relief activities include distribution of cereal-based balanced foods, noodles and other food items, medical services as well as emergency financial assistance. The company provided meals to around 18,000 people across the country.



Samajik Protirodh Committee took out a black flag procession in the city yesterday to protest the grenade attack on Awami League rally.

# 'Azad and Contemporary Society' launched

BSS, Dhaka

The daily Azad had protected the rights of the Muslims of the then Bengal since its inception, said Information Minister M Shamsul Islam yesterday.

He was speaking at a publication ceremony of a book titled 'Azad and contemporary society: editorial 1936-1971 in the city. The Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) published the book.

The minister said the Azad played an important role in sociopolitical, cultural and economic development.

The difference between the then East Bengal and West Bengal could be understood by reading the editorials of the Daily Azad which once guided the backward people of this region, he said.

Shamsul Islam said the present and future generations would get a true political, economical, social and cultural picture of the period from the book.

Chaired by Director General of PIB Dr Rezwan Siddiqui, the function was also addressed by Information Secretary AMM Nasiruddin, Prof Dr Sayed-Ur Rahman of Dhaka University, Joint Editor of daily Manab Zamin Sajjad Kadir and Sima Moslem.

## Publication ceremony postponed

The publication ceremony of "Smriti Katha" and "Ganit Sasstrer Itihas" by late Dr. Qazi Motahar Hossain and "Rachana Sangraha" by his eldest daughter late Zobaidda Mirza scheduled to be held today at Sufia Kamal auditorium of the National Museum has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, says a press release.

The fresh date will be announced later.



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# CA exam results

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh yesterday published the results of CA Intermediate, Final and professional examinations held in May-June, says a press release.

Following are the roll numbers of the successful candidates:

CANDIDATES WHO HAVE PASSED CA FINAL EXAMINATION

Roll Nos: 2048, 2326, 2332, 2357, 2360, 2366, 2367, 2375, 2384, 2385, 2389, 2391, 2417 and 2418 (Total: 14)

CANDIDATES WHO HAVE PASSED GROUP I ONLY OF CA FINAL EXAMINATION

Roll Nos: 2076, 2084, 2165, 2170, 2216, 2237, 2247, 2248, 2253, 2274, 2301 and 2312 (Total: 12)

CANDIDATES WHO HAVE PASSED GROUP 'A' ONLY OF CA INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION

Roll Nos: 32, 112, 115, 116, 120, 143, 158, 169, 172, 173, 201, 210, 268, 356, 428 and 464 (Total: 16)

CANDIDATES WHO HAVE PASSED GROUP 'B' ONLY OF CA INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION

Roll Nos: 50, 55, 64, 79, 518, 540, 547, 574, 580, 620, 625, 627, 634, 649, 666, 695, 713 and 719 (Total: 18)

CANDIDATES WHO HAVE PASSED PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION-I

Roll Nos: 3010, 3052, 3103, 3110, 3119, 3128, 3229, 3241, 3256, 3282, 3284, 3300, 3413, 3422, 3429, 3441, 3458, 3461, 3463, 3477, 3510, 3515, 3524, 3550, 3558, 3570, 3576, 3590, 3599, 3614, 3621, 3633, 3643, 3660, 3671, 3681, 3695, 3722, 3741 and 3756 (Total: 40)

CANDIDATES WHO HAVE PASSED PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION - II

Roll Nos: 4003, 4009 and 4015 (Total: 3)

CANDIDATES WHO HAVE PASSED PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION - III

Roll Nos: 5003, 5004 and 5006 (Total: 3)

## WEATHER TODAY

### No change in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places elsewhere over the country in the next 24 hours till 6.00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said, Met office said.

Highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sayedpur and lowest 25.3 degree Celsius also at Comilla.

**The sun sets in the capital at 6:24pm today and rises at 5:38am tomorrow.**

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.7	27.7	72	73
Chittagong	32.0	26.0	79	86
Rajshahi	33.8	26.4	82	77
Khulna	33.4	26.8	82	82
Barisal	32.4	26.4	79	76
Sylhet	33.8	26.6	92	69
Cox's Bazar	32.0	26.0	82	85



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