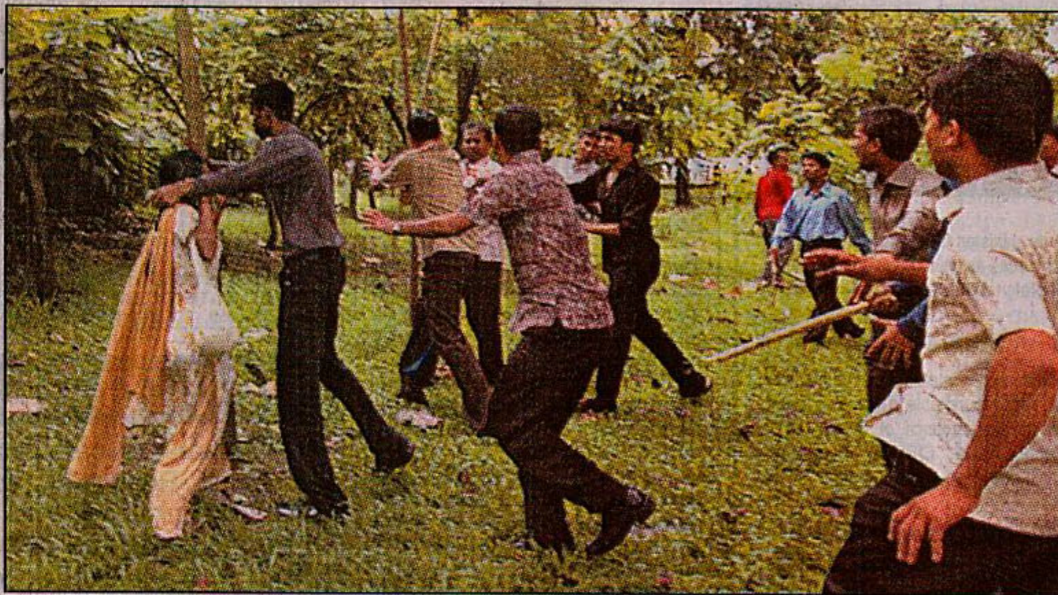


JCD let loose terror on DU campus

50 hurt in attack on student procession; DUTA president's room ransacked; teachers call 3-day strike in protest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 50 students and journalists were injured, 13 seriously, as pro-government student activists ran amok yesterday on Dhaka University (DU) campus after swooping on a united procession of opposition student organisations. The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) cadres swiped at reporters and photojournalists as they tried to snap the sloop, leaving eight of them wounded. They also raided Madhu's Canteen and pounded on the members of different left-leaning student organisations assembled there, injuring about 10 of them, and



Activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of the BNP, chase and beat up Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) supporters including a women student at Dhaka University yesterday (top); later, BCL workers torched a bus in protest near the TSC on the campus (left); JCD activists also ransacked the office room of DUTA President Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique.

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eight newsmen were hurt as Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists yesterday attacked them to foil their attempt to photograph JCD men's assault on a rally of opposition student organisations on

Gujral, Asma Jahangir slate fanaticism in Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A regional human rights watchdog expressed deep concern over religious fanatics taking law into their own hands in Bangladesh while the government remains a helpless spectator on the sidelines. "There are strong indications that religious extremist groups are out of control of the apparatus of State (Bangladesh) and apprehensions are being expressed that many of them may also be receiving patronage," said South Asians for Human Rights (SAHR) in a recent statement. The statement signed by SAHR Chair Inder K Gujral, former prime

Saifur hopes Wallich would return soon

UNB, Moulvibazar

Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman expressed the hope that World Bank (WB) Country Director Christine I Wallich, who has left Bangladesh reportedly out of fear, would return soon as "adequate security" has been arranged for her. "I have talked with the WB headquarters over phone," he told a function on the occasion of inauguration of the district jail yesterday. Apparently not convinced of the cause of departure of Wallich, Saifur noted that terrorist activities found a spur all over the world-Bangladesh being no exception.

Opposition march greets JS session start today

Parliament likely to see stormy debates over grenade attacks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiya Sangsad braces for stormy debates amid volatile political scenarios when the post-budget session opens today to coincide with a march to parliament by the mainstream opposition parties demanding immediate resignation of the government. The ruling coalition and the main opposition Awami League (AL) are getting ready to face each other in parliament today after the August 21 grenade attack on an AL rally that prompted the mainstream opposition parties to launch a one-point out-government movement. Leaders of the opposition unity have urged people to join the march towards the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban while Dhaka Metropolitan Police has imposed a ban on all roads towards parliament and beefed up security to tackle the situation. At the beginning of the 13th

session at 5:00pm, the House will adopt an obituary reference to people killed in the August 21 grenade attack and other prominent people who died in the last two months. Two general discussions on the grenade attack and post-flood rehabilitation will be held in the session. Seven bills including the Jatiya Sangsad (Women Reserved Seats) Election and the International Financial Organisations Order (Amendment) Bill to give immunity to the World Bank will be placed in the House, sources at the parliament secretariat said. Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan told reporters yesterday that opposition lawmakers would be allowed ample time to speak during general discussions on the grenade attack and post-flood rehabilitation. Talking to The Daily Star Law

Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed echoed the same view. The Business Advisory Committee (BAC) sits at 4:30pm today to decide the duration of the session and modes of the general discussions. The session will be limited to six to ten workdays despite the AL's demand for a lengthy session. "We will join the meeting and will demand at least 15 workdays to discuss in detail the assassination attempt on Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina, law and order downside and post-flood rehabilitation among other things," said Abdul Hamid, deputy leader of the opposition. Opposition lawmakers have submitted over 60 notices to the parliament secretariat demanding discussion on the issues in the session.

Eight bullets put end to Ahmudya episode

BNP men barricaded road to Cox's Bazar in protest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least eight bullets pierced the body of Ahmadul Haq Chowdhury alias Ahmudya, district's top terror, who reportedly died in a shootout with a Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) team on Friday night, said a morgue employee. "I detected seven to eight holes in his (Ahmudya) body, mostly in the abdomen and chest, while conducting the post mortem," said Nepal Chandra, a mortuary assistant of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) Morgue, yesterday. He was killed along with one of his accomplices, Minhaj, at Aeoehia union at about 10:30pm Friday. A former Jamaat-e-Islami cadre, Ahmudya was incumbent chairman of Sankania Union Parishad. He recently joined BNP. Police records show Ahmudya was accused in two dozen cases and of those, murder cases numbered 10. Rab officials here, however, claimed it to be otherwise. "We have information and proof

that Ahmudya stood accused of at least 100 murders over the years in the district," Rab's Chittagong unit Commander Lieutenant Colonel Kazi Emdadul Haq told journalists yesterday at his office in Patenga. Lt Col Emdad also said Rab is determined to uproot the terrorist bases and soon free Chittagong of violent crimes. He added firmly that Ahmudya and his accomplice were killed in a crossfire. "We took the two to Sankania to recover sophisticated firearms

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The body of top Chittagong criminal Ahmudya lies in police van yesterday and the arms and ammunition recovered from his operatives are on display. Ahmudya was killed during a firefight with the Rab.

Gas crisis hobbles power generation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An acute gas crisis halted power generation in a number of plants in the last two days, causing more than 500 megawatts (mw) of shortfall and plunging many areas in darkness. Production in two 210 mw units of Raazan power plant staggered to a halt for a halt in Sangu gas exploration because of a technical glitch. Although the gas field resumed exploration yesterday afternoon, the Raazan plant units could not

begin generation until 9:00pm last night. MA Matin, member (generation) of the Power Development Board (PDB), told The Daily Star last night that officials of Bakhrabad Gas Company informed his office of the restart in Sangu gas exploitation at 5:00pm. "They told us to run one unit only," Matin said, adding, "We are going to start it by tonight (Saturday night)."

Cops to launch block raid to check terrorist activities

UNB, Dhaka

Police will launch block raid, if necessary, and Rab members will be called in to check terrorist activities in any area. This was decided at a meeting of the committee on prevention of terrorism and law and order in Dhaka district held yesterday with Communications Minister Nazmul Huda in the chair. The meeting decided to

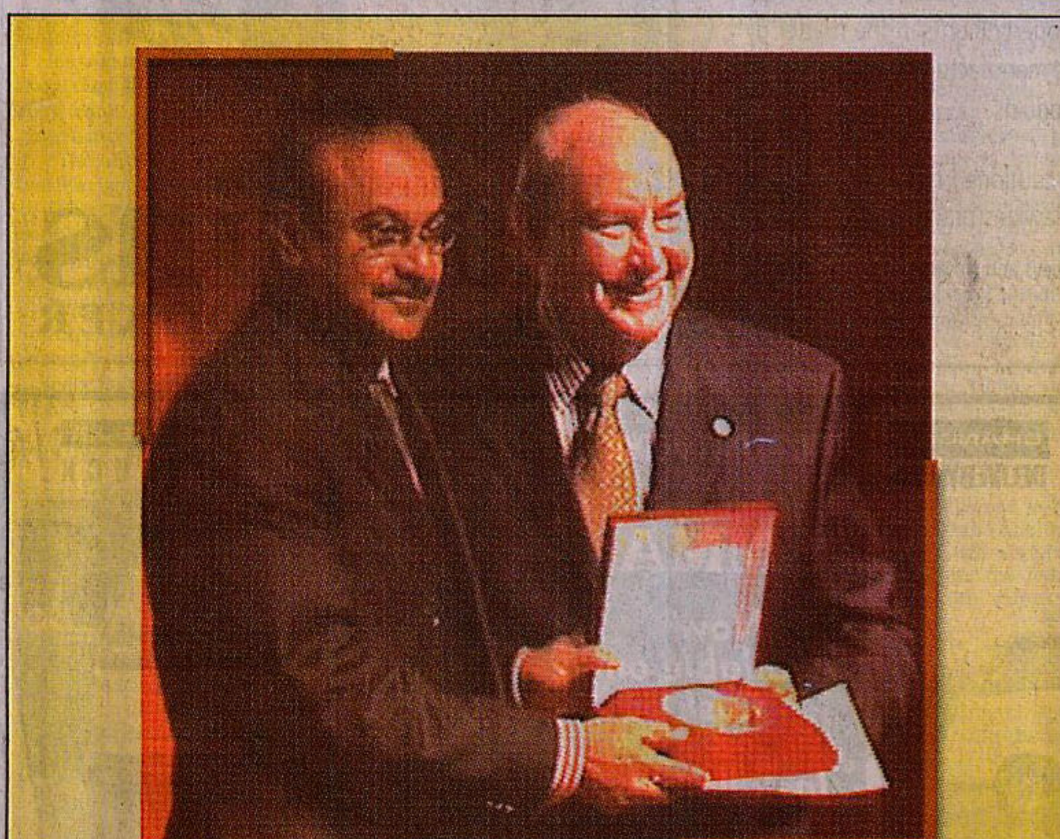
FM's India remarks were aimed at 'creating awareness'

Foreign ministry says

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan's remarks on Tuesday were aimed at "creating awareness" among the young journalists of Bangladesh and India about the issues that govern bilateral relations, the foreign ministry said yesterday.

"The foreign minister expected that the young journalists would understand the issues in their right perspective and look at them dispassionately and objectively," said the spokesman of the foreign ministry. The issues include "particularly trade, security, including human



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India hammer Kenya

BBC ONLINE, Southampton

India cruised to a 98-run win over Kenya in their opening ICC Champions Trophy match at the Rose Bowl yesterday. India made 290-4 from their 50 overs with captain Sourav Ganguly top-scoring with 90 and VVS Laxman playing a patient innings of 79. Mohammed Kaif and Rahul Dravid remained unbeaten, having scored 73 runs from the last five overs. Harbhajan was the pick of the India attack, taking 3-33, as Kenya finished on 192-7 from their 50 overs. India took a while to get a firm grip on the match, as both Ganguly and Laxman seemed content to play the Kenya bowlers around for ones and twos, after Virender Sehwag lost his wicket early in the innings. Sehwag's attempt to smash the ball back over the head of Thomas Odoyo failed spectacularly as the ball continued its way onto the stumps. Kenya's attack lacked pace and failed to trouble the men at the crease, before Ganguly was brilliantly felled by a yorker from Martin Suji.

Yuvraj Singh was then caught and bowled by Odoyo for three before Laxman was stumped by Kennedy Otieno from Odoyo's delivery. The lively Kaif and enigmatic Dravid stepped up and showed their full stroke-making repertoire, taking advantage of the tiring Kenyan bowlers. Kaif finished unbeaten on 46, while Dravid, able to concentrate on his batting with Dinesh Karthik taking keeping duties, remained on 33. Kenya appeared to set an agenda of fending off India's bowlers rather than attack them as they 'chased' 291 for victory. They found themselves three wickets down after just nine overs, Otieno was the first to fall after a superb run-out by Kaif. Then 19-year-old Irfan Parthan came into action, taking the wickets of captain Steve Tikolo, Irfan, and Hitesh Modi, who launched a full-blooded effort that only found the safe hands of Ganguly.



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