

'Free, fair polls to help attract foreign investment'

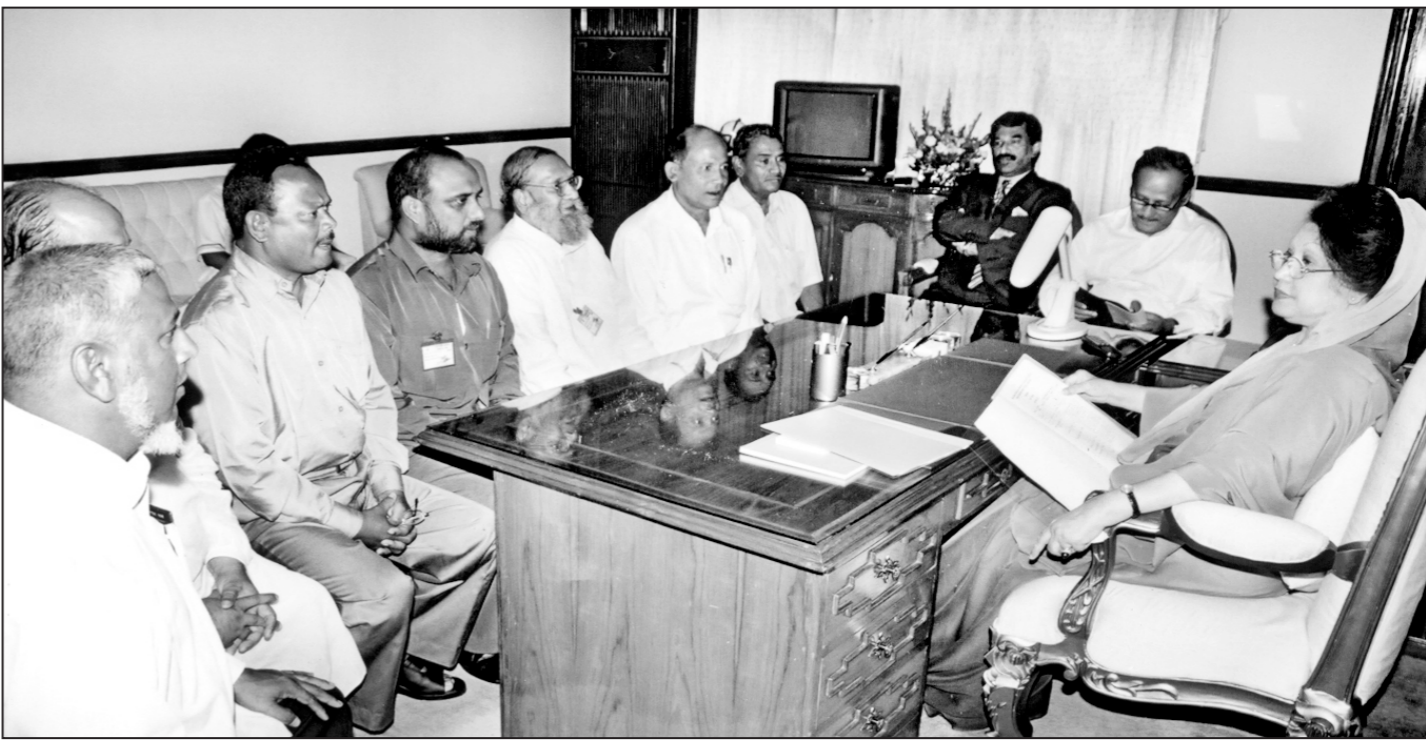
EU to send 10-member pre-poll exploratory mission in Sept

UNB, Dhaka
Germany, now leading Europe as the EU chair, called for free and fair elections in Bangladesh...

The ambassador observed that the Election Commission seemed to be on the right track going for door-to-door campaign to update the voter list. They would be able to complete the task for holding the polls on time, he hoped.

mentioned, the KfW was forced to withdraw 67 million Euro from Dhaka North Power Plant and 20 million Euro from the Rural Power Company Ltd in Mymensingh. The funds will now be reprogrammed to other sectors.

Meyke said if congenial climate for investment is assured, German investors could make investment in textile sector, particularly RMG, IT sector and agro-based industries.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia exchanges views with the leaders of Panchagar district at her office in the city yesterday as a part of her meeting with grassroots leaders.

Tributes paid to Barrister Shawkat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In the fight against fundamentalism and communalism, the ideology and lifestyle of Barrister Muhammad Shawkat Ali would act as an inspiration, said the speakers at a discussion yesterday.

Help build Karnaphuli bridge: Noman

BSS, Chittagong

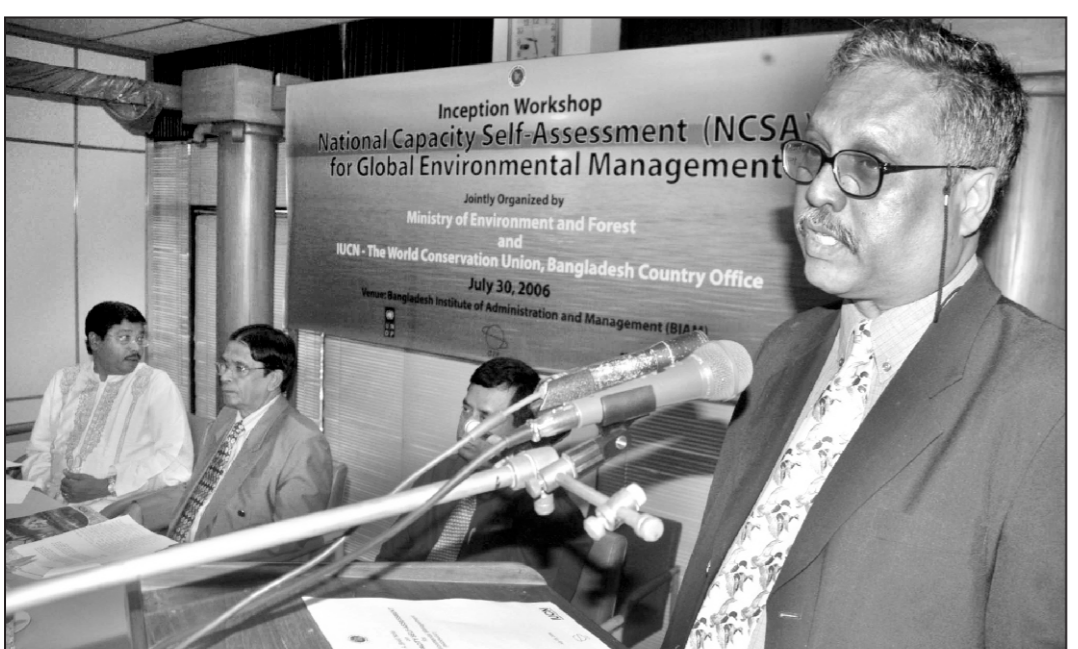
Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah Al Noman yesterday called upon all not to make the Karnaphuli bridge an issue to reap political gain as he sought cooperation from all corner to help the government implement this project.

and earthquake were taken into account before finalising the design," he said. Noman said Awami League and its allies under the leadership of Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury are trying to make the project uncertain in the name of suspension bridge ahead of the next election.

Khaleda unwraps CD on War of Liberation

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia formally unwrapped the cover of a multi-media CD on the history of the War of Liberation at her office in the city yesterday.



IUCN Country Representative Dr Inun Nishat speaks at a workshop on 'National Capacity Self Assessment (NCSA) for global environmental management' at Biam Multipurpose Hall in the city yesterday.

Novera's qulxhwani held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulxhwani of Novera Deepita, staff correspondent of The Daily Star, was held at her brother's residence at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday.

Team goes to Malaysia to finalise manpower recruitment

BSS, Dhaka

A four-member high powered delegation led by State Minister for Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Lutfar Rahman Khan Azad left Dhaka yesterday morning for Malaysia to attend a meeting at Putrajaya for finalising the process of manpower recruitment.

Bangladesh vulnerable to natural calamities

Experts urged to improve technical knowledge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is extremely vulnerable to natural calamities and environmental degradation but it has little resources and technical knowledge to tackle them, speakers said yesterday.

obligations of Bangladesh as a signatory to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). He highlighted the achievements made so far by Bangladesh under the convention. He also said NCSA would enhance the capacity in implementing the CBD.

Results of Sanskrit, Pali published

BSS, Dhaka

Results of Sanskrit, Pali Addya, Madhya and Upadhi examinations of 2005 under the Bangladesh Sanskrit and Pali Education Board, Dhaka, were published yesterday.

BGMEA chief assures reinstatement of 33 workers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Garment Workers' Unity Forum brought out a big procession from Uttara in the city yesterday and marched towards the office of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters' Association (BGMEA) at Karwan Bazar protesting termination of 33 workers from a garment unit and demanding implementation of their three-point demand.



Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad stages a demonstration at Mukhtangan in the city yesterday in support of today's strike.

Rab arrests 17 brokers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested 17 brokers who used to cheat people by giving them false assurances of providing better facilities at private hospitals and clinics.

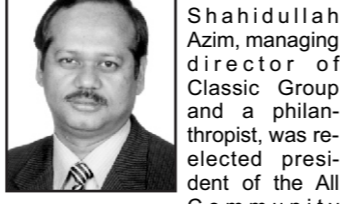


Moderately heavy falls likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

All Community Club executives



Mohammed Shahidullah Azim, managing director of Classic Group and a philanthropist, was re-elected president of the All Community Club Ltd for 2006-2008, says a press release.

Obituary

Afroza Begum, wife of Justice Fazlur Rahman and assistant general manager of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, passed away at Central Hospital in the city recently at the age of 49, says a press release.

Death anniversary

Today is the tenth death anniversary of Musa Ahmed, former programme manager of Bangladesh Television, says a press release.

DHAKA TODAY

Inaugural ceremony
Freshers' reception
Seminar
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