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## Khaleda tells Parliamentary Party meet BNP to face no-confidence with positive attitude

**By Staff Correspondent**  
 Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday said that her party would face the no-confidence motion with a positive attitude.  
 Begum Zia said this while making the opening statement in the meeting of the Parliamentary Party of BNP.  
 The Prime Minister further said that in a parliamentary system the Opposition had the option to move a no-confidence motion and added that BNP had nothing to lose.  
 Begum Zia also stressed the need for consolidating the party organization so that the Opposition could be 'faced politically'.  
 The meeting of the Parliamentary Party, held at the Sangsad Bhavan, was hurriedly called as a dress rehearsal to ride over the situation arising out of the no-confidence motion.  
 It was decided in the meeting that the party would reply to the allegations of the motion point by point.  
 A number of MPs participating in the discussion observed that the allegations would have to be considered from an objective situation and felt that there were some lapses on the part of BNP in running the state.  
 BNP sources said that the issue of regular attendance in the House by the front benchers, especially the Ministers also came up for review. The Minister have been requested to attend the House regularly and not to agree to any appointment during the session, sources added.  
 Referring to Opposition criticisms, the meeting felt that the treasury benchers should be more restrained while reacting.  
 The role of the newspapers, according to sources, was also reviewed in the meeting. Speakers observed that the Party should not feel bad about the criticisms made by the media and the MPs were advised not to quote frequently from newspaper reports without getting those verified.  
 A leading member of the Cabinet, sources said, advised the members to have confidence in the leadership and not to be swayed away by 'unfounded' allegations or comments.  
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## Seen from the Gallery

**By Sabir Mustafa**  
 The government of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia may not fall when the Opposition's much talked-about no-confidence motion is put to the vote later on in the session, but Foreign Minister Mostafizur Rahman nearly suffered a private debacle yesterday.  
 While Maj Gen Majedul Haq was busy delivering a speech in his supremely polished and sophisticated voice, tone and language, his ex-military colleague in-charge of the Foreign Ministry dozed off and began to slide down in his chair.  
 Screams of 'he's falling off, he's falling off' from the Opposition front bench alerted Gen. Haq to the fact that Mostafizur was in imminent danger.  
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## Kevin crashes oldest 400m track record

**BARCELONA, Aug 6:** American Kevin Young, raising his finger to the sky 10 metres from home, smashed one of the oldest track world records by winning the men's 400 metres hurdles at the Olympic Games today, reports Reuter.  
 Young knocked over the last hurdle but destroyed his rivals with a time of 46.78 seconds, beating the previous record of 47.02 set by fellow American Ed Moses in Koblenz in August 1983.  
 he celebrated his unexpected record by laying on the track draped in the US flag and kicking his legs in the air.  
 In a spectacular triple for the United States, Mike Marsh won the men's 200 metres in 20.01 and Gwen Torrence took the women's 200 in 2.81.  
 But Marsh was far outside the world record of 19.72 he had been expected to break after missing it by one-hundredth of a second in the semifinals. At 13-years-old, it is the oldest track record in the book.  
 Carl Lewis led the long jump ahead of US team mate and world record holder Mike Powell.  
 Off the track, drug scandals continued. American hammer thrower Jud Logan, 33, became the third athlete in three days to be kicked out of the Olympics for taking drugs.  
 Logan, the first US track and field athlete to be expelled from the Summer Games, tested positive for clenbuterol.  
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**Sensation**  
  
**MEDAL TABLE**

**BARCELONA, Aug 6:** Olympics medals table at mid-day Thursday, the 13th day of competition (tabulated gold, silver, bronze):

|                | G  | S  | B  |
|----------------|----|----|----|
| CIS            | 35 | 29 | 20 |
| United States  | 24 | 29 | 25 |
| Germany        | 18 | 16 | 23 |
| China          | 16 | 20 | 15 |
| Hungary        | 10 | 7  | 2  |
| Spain          | 10 | 1  | 0  |
| South Korea    | 9  | 3  | 11 |
| France         | 8  | 6  | 13 |
| Australia      | 6  | 8  | 9  |
| Canada         | 6  | 1  | 6  |
| Italy          | 5  | 5  | 7  |
| Cuba           | 5  | 3  | 8  |
| Britain        | 5  | 3  | 7  |
| Romania        | 4  | 4  | 7  |
| Japan          | 3  | 7  | 9  |
| Poland         | 3  | 4  | 7  |
| Netherlands    | 2  | 3  | 6  |
| Czechoslovakia | 2  | 2  | 1  |
| Indonesia      | 2  | 2  | 1  |
| Norway         | 2  | 2  | 0  |
| Turkey         | 2  | 1  | 2  |
| North Korea    | 2  | 0  | 3  |
| Bulgaria       | 1  | 6  | 3  |
| New Zealand    | 1  | 4  | 4  |
| Sweden         | 1  | 4  | 3  |
| Kenya          | 1  | 3  | 0  |
| Brazil         | 1  | 1  | 0  |
| Denmark        | 1  | 0  | 3  |
| Estonia        | 1  | 0  | 1  |
| Greece         | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| Lithuania      | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| Morocco        | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| Jamaica        | 0  | 3  | 1  |
| Namibia        | 0  | 2  | 0  |



Wreckage of the minibus that met with an accident near Zia International Airport yesterday. —Star photo

## Five killed in road mishap

**By Staff Correspondent**  
 Five people, including a woman, were killed in a road accident near the Zia International Airport in the capital Thursday.  
 At least 20 others were injured when a Gazipur-bound bus over turned on the busy airport road near Kaola Rail Crossing at about 11.30 am.  
 Identity of the two victims - Manirul Kabir, 21, and Muslehuddin, a storekeeper of the Tibet Chemical Industries - was known.  
 Five injured were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with severe head injuries. They were unconscious till filing of this report.  
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## PM's trip to Pakistan Guarded optimism over outcome

**By Toufique Imrose Khalidi**  
 Guarded optimism dominates discussions on the possible outcome of the Prime Minister's Pakistan visit, starting Sunday, when she deals with two vital bilateral issues.  
 Dhaka's official tone sounds somewhat upbeat when it comes to the question of the repatriation of the stranded Pakistanis, numbering 2.38 lakh according to the latest count. But talk of the other issue, Bangladesh's bid to realise its share in the pre-'71 Pakistan's assets, may not make the hosts all that happy.  
 According to official sources, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is taking along suggestions that Islamabad announce a specific timeframe to take back these people, better known as Biharis, the Urdu-speaking immigrants mainly from central and northern India.  
 Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman also asserted this point in parliament Wednesday. "I hope we'll be able to set a timetable for the repatriation", Rahman told MPs.  
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## Hasina says Ershad was forced out according to my formula

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina has congratulated the people on the occasion of the first anniversary of parliamentary democracy day Thursday, reports UNB.  
 On this day last year, parliament adopted the historic 12th Constitution Amendment Bill stipulating a switch over to parliamentary system of government for which, she said in a message, her party campaigned over the years.  
 Recalling with gratitude See Page 12 Col 8  
**Biman profits Tk 35 crore**  
 Biman, the national flag-carrier, earned a net profit to the tune of Taka 35 crore in 1991-92 fiscal, the highest income for the airlines since its inception in 1972, reports UNB.  
 Highly placed sources at the See Page 12 Col 6



Shripakala Academy singers on stage in observance of 51st death anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore in the academy auditorium yesterday. —Star photo

## Anniversary of Tagore's death observed

The 51st death anniversary of poet Rabindra Nath Tagore was observed here yesterday in a befitting manner, reports UNB.  
 Different socio-cultural organisations arranged programmes on the occasion.  
 Bangla Academy organised a series of programmes which included a discussion meeting, recitation and musical session. Presided over by Hasnat Abdul Hal, the meeting was participated by Rahat Khan, Dr Golam Murshid and Prof Abu Jafar.  
 Dr Ahmed Rafiq presented his key note paper while Secretary General of Bangla Academy Prof Harun-or-Rashid gave the address of welcome.  
 "We always feel the influence of the great poet in every sphere of our life", said Prof Harun-or-Rashid adding that Tagore had established Bengali language in world forum. He stressed on the need for institutional research on Rabindra culture.  
 Poet Asad Chowdhury and Sraboni Sur from Jessore took part in recitation. Papia Sarwar, Tapon Mahmud, Rezwana Chowdhury Bonnya and Asok Dutta from Jessore participated in musical soiree.  
 The day was observed in Chittagong, Khulna, Mymensingh, Rajshahi and other towns with various socio-cultural and educational bodies holding discussions on the life and works of the great poet. The main attraction of the day was the cultural functions.  
 Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) to ask for help.  
 His letter was copied to NATO and other institutions including the Western European Union, the sources said.  
 Earlier, UN peace-keepers threatened to pull out of Sarajevo as the warring sides used tanks, rockets and artillery in a fierce battle for the Bosnian capital.  
 Bosnia's ambassador to the United Nations alleged that more than 120,000 Muslims and Croats were in Serb camps and more than 17,000 had been killed. The Serb side denied the charges and listed 22 sites where it said nearly 17,000 Serbs were held.  
 The commander of the Muslim and Croat forces called for an end to the arms embargo on Bosnia, saying it gave the better-equipped Serbs the whip hand in the war.  
 "We don't need any more cans (of food)", Sefer Halilovic told Reuters on Wednesday.  
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## Arguments conclude Disqualification notice on Golam Azam void, says Defence

A two-judge High Court division bench started Thursday dictating judgement on the writ petition filed by Jamaat leader Golam Azam challenging a government notification that disqualified him to be a citizen of Bangladesh, reports UNB.  
 The bench comprising Justice Ismailuddin Sarkar and Justice Badrul Islam Chowdhury began to dictate the judgement of the much-talked-about case after hearing both sides over 15 consecutive days.  
 The judges are expected to end up their judgement on Sunday.  
 Winding up his argument yesterday defence lawyer Barrister AR Yusuf termed 'void' the disqualification notice on Golam Azam.  
 The amendment to the Bangladesh Citizenship (temporary provisions) Order which relates to the conduct of a person cannot be applicable to a past and closed transaction, Yusuf submitted before the court.  
 The notification which disqualifies Golam Azam to be a citizen of Bangladesh was issued on April 18, 1973 while Article-2B relating to conduct was inserted into the temporary citizenship order later on June 22 that year.  
 Past and closed transactions are not affected by subsequent amendment and, moreover, the government was not vested with any power to give its order with retrospective effect, Yusuf argued.  
 The law itself didn't provide such power. Therefore, he pleaded, the question of conduct covered by Article-2B can't come into consideration in this case.  
 Invoking the principle of See Page 12 Col 1

## Ghali seeks European help to deal with Bosnian fighting

**BRUSSELS, Aug 6:** UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali has appealed for help from European institutions perhaps including NATO to help monitor heavy weapons used in the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina, diplomats said today, reports Reuter.  
 They told Reuters that Boutros-Ghali, who says UN resources are being over-stretched in trying to deal with the conflict in former Yugoslavia, had written to the Conference on Security and

## WB okays floating of JMB tender Sept 1

The World Bank has endorsed government decision to float international tender on September 1 for constructing the Jamuna multipurpose bridge but tagged further processing of the project with improvement in the country's power-sector performance, reports UNB.  
 "The further processing of the Jamuna Bridge project, specifically our appraisal of the project, will remain closely linked to the performance of BPDB (Bangladesh Power

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## Indo-Bangla trade accord renewed for three years

**NEW DELHI, Aug 6:** The ministerial level trade review talks between Bangladesh and India concluded here today with the signing and exchange of two documents, reports BSS.  
 In an exchange of letters between M K Anwar, Minister of Commerce, and Prof P J Kurien, Indian State Minister for Commerce, the trade agreement between the two countries was renewed for a further period of three years from the date of expiry of the current agreement.  
 The current agreement expires on October 3, 1992. Both the ministers expressed firm belief that the existing friendly relations between the two countries would be further strengthened to the mutual benefit of the two countries not only in the field of commerce but also in other fields.  
 In this connection Anwar referred to the recent visit of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to India.  
 The agreed minutes of the Bangladesh-India trade review talks was signed by the Vice Chairman, Export Promotion  
 The current agreement ex-