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# World Cup soccer

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Although South Korea, one of the two Asian teams in this meet is on a hat-trick of participation having participated in the previous two World Cups in 1986 and 1990, chances of its footballers creating shock waves are as remote as they were before.

That leaves Saudi Arabia, the oil rich kingdom of the Middle East Asia. Imbued with deep, rooted religious faith Saudis have already sounded off warning to others but their Argentine coach's prediction about his side's possible place in the semifinals along side Brazil, Argentina and Germany appears more like a morale boosting rhetoric than any worthwhile optimism based on relative strength.

Irrespective of the heady punch of forecasts about the probable winners the real greatest show on earth is certain to open up a numinous nebula of superstars before our eyes.

Brazil's striking duo of Romario and Bebeto are the hotshots to start with.

Germans have their quota of stars in captain Matthias, midfielder Thomas Hassler.

Although beset with personal problems in the recent times, Diego Maradona, the legendary Argentine can inspire his young and talented teammates like Cagniglia, Battistuta to relive the sensation of the '86 World Cup which Argentina won due to the sheer genius of this eccentric maestro.

Faustino Asprilla's marksmanship and Valderrama's artistic scheming are the main reasons behind Colombia's being a reckoned with as the potential champions.

Not far behind will be Belgium's effervescent Enzo Scifo who is going to make his third consecutive World Cup appearance at the age of 28. The Balkans will provide the its share of luminary in the form Gheorgie Hagl of Romania, known as the Maradona of the Carpathians.

For many reasons this World Cup will go down in the history as some sort of a watershed. For the first time World Cup matches will be played indoors with the Sil-

verdome Stadium in Detroit hosting the US-Switzerland match on June 18.

Agrostology became one of the most sought after sciences during the preparatory period of this meet as grass, strong enough to last indoors was artificially reared and then planted in large hexagonal blocks.

However the heat, humidity and the odd timing of the matches may put some sides, particularly the Europeans at a handicap. Germany who meet Bolivia in the first match today will feel the brunt of fighting against unfriendly and unfamiliar atmosphere and a minatory history which announces that no defending champions have won the inaugural match since 1974, when they take on the skilful Bolivians. Not a very heart-warming instance lying before them is that no European team has won the meet from across the Atlantic, so far.

More than 32 billion people all over the world will turn on and tune in to be on the ball about the events over in America over a hectic period of a month and quite in with harmony with the soccer craze in the country. Bangladesh Television has finalised arrangements for live coverage of 45 matches, nine short of the total 52 culminating in the finale to be played at the Rose Bowl Stadium in Los Angeles on July 17.

BTV's live telecast of the opening ceremony and the tow matches will begin from Friday midnight today, 12:20 am (BST).

**BSP concerned over attack on newspapers**

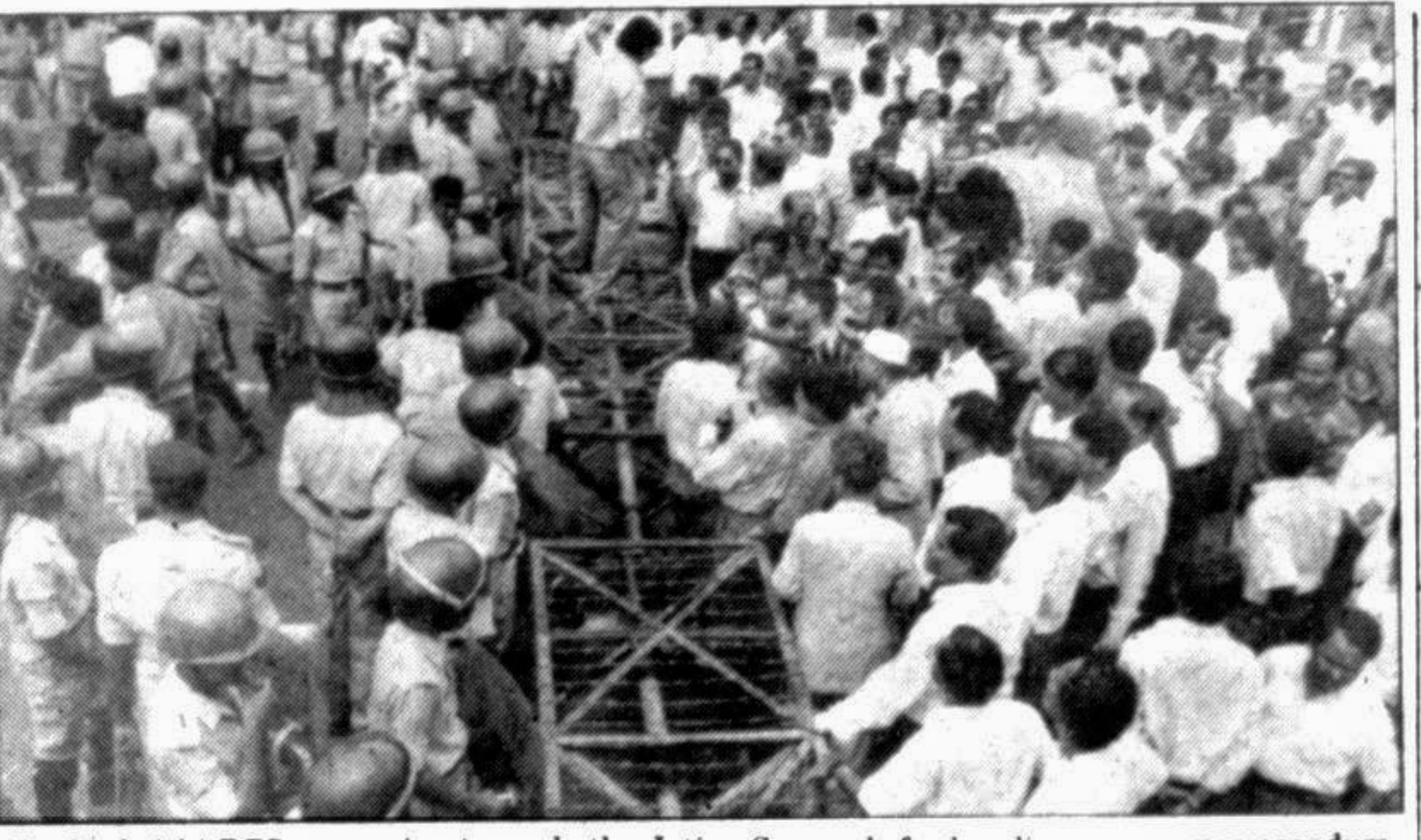
The Bangladesh Sangbad-patra Parishad (BSP) expressed concern that certain quarters had launched an offensive against some pro-independence and pro-democracy newspapers, reports UNB.

In a meeting on Wednesday, with BSP President Kazi Shahed Ahmed of the Ajker Kagoj in the chair, the Parishad also expressed concern that the vested quarters had called for hartal on June 30 to press for banning of some newspapers.

The meeting urged people from all walks of life, including writers, intellectuals, students, professionals, employees, social workers and those concerned with the newspaper industry to meet at the National Press Club on June 30 to protest the fascist forces.

**Muslim Family Laws (Amend) Bill introduced**

The Jatiya Sangsad on the private members' day yesterday saw introduction of a private member bill — the Muslim Family Laws (amendment) Bill, 1994 — by treasury bench member Begum Farida Rahman and disposal of two private members resolutions by BNP members Khairul Enam and K J Hamida Khanam.



The Prokrichi-BCS procession towards the Jatiya Sangsad for handing over a memorandum to the Speaker being intercepted by police at Bangla Motor Crossing in the city yesterday.

## MPs : T&T

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gets and the bills of which are paid by the government." "But the minister mentioned the outstanding bills of the MPs," he regretted.

The minister apologised if any MP was hurt because of his comment. The authorities undertook a programme to make the telephones non-STD on request from the consumers, he said.

The maximum charge for a non-STD phone will be no more than Tk 750, Tariqul Islam said. The telephone department earned Tk 506 crore during the current fiscal, he added.

## Thai-Bangla

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rine resources in the Bay of Bengal and continued joint venture on fishing by their trawlers.

During the discussions, the home side expressed views that due to fast depletion of marine resources in the Bay, Bangladesh had already had the optimum number of trawlers.

Bangladesh welcomed Thai cooperation in the form of training, study tour of fishery officials in areas of shrimp culture and shrimp hatchery.

The local side proposed that the growing trade imbalance against Dhaka be narrowed through diversification of trade and increase in imports from Bangladesh. Thailand's import from Bangladesh includes fertiliser, jute and jute goods, crushed and finished leather.

The Thai side emphasised the need for exchanging trade information and cooperation between the respective chambers of the two countries.

The meeting also covered drug trafficking and drug addiction, avoidance of double taxation, amendment to maritime agreement and cultural exchanges.

Bangladesh requested for Thai scholarships for higher education in different fields, including engineering, medicine and management.

On civil aviation, both sides agreed to examine ways of removing obstacles faced by both Bangladesh Biman and Thai Airways.

## Prokrichi programmes

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17-point charter of demands.

Chaired by the action council convenor Dr. M A Majeed, the rally was also attended by Dr Ayubur Rahman, A N H Akhter Hossain, M A Hena, M Ruhul Matin, Javed Iqbal, M Ibrahim Mia, and Prof. Abu Yusuf.

A 24-point resolution of the action council resented the government's apparent apathy in accepting the 'rightful' demands by the professionals.

It also accused the government of its 'biased policy' aimed at pleasing the members of the BCS (Administration) cadre.

The professionals demanded that the government immediately separate the judiciary from the executive, formulate the Rules of Business, and scrap the Clause 9 (2) of the 1974 Government Employees Retirement Act.

The grand rally of the professionals demanded trial of

## Salam's call to Hasina

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tory politics of a particular political party, he said while in power this very party had behaved like a master, but now in the name of opposition politics it has resorted to gimmicks at its convenience.

Talukder said the cooperation of the Opposition to make the present system permanent is a must. He said the BNP had played the role of the deciding force for the transition of a multi-party system from a single party system and later establishing parliamentary democracy in the country.

He said it was unfortunate that the Awami League was disrupting the advancement of democracy as it had repeatedly failed to get the people's verdict to go to power.

Referring to the Awami League chief's allegation of harassing the journalists, putting them behind the bar and nepotism in the distribution of advertisements, the BNP Secretary General said when the government had ensured cent per cent press freedom these untrue statement is not only irrelevant but also unfortunate.

# Reinforce reform measures

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conomic stability achieved by Bangladesh as a result of new strategies and reforms of the present government, the Commerce Minister said that the fiscal deficit had declined steadily to below 6 per cent of the GDP in 1993-94 from 7 per cent in '90-91.

"The rate of inflation has fallen from 9 per cent in 1990-91 to the present level of around 2 per cent," he pointed out adding, "over a period of three years, current account deficit declined from 4 per cent to 1.5 per cent of GDP."

"I mentioned these indicators not to mean that Bangladesh economy has already performed well, rather these can be taken as signs that it has potential to perform well, given the appropriate environment and support," the minister said.

Christopher Willoughby pointed out the slow pace of progress in privatisation, but said the situation has much improved presently.

He said now was the time for the private sector to pick up all its courage and move ahead to utilise the business and investment opportunities.

Willoughby noted that still many businessmen were thinking of investment in protected markets. He urged the FBCCI to do more to highlight 'successes' as there were too many complaints about failures and other problems.

Regarding the WB-aided projects, the WB representative said they lag behind in implementation mostly because of delay in procurement. He pointed out that procurement was being delayed because the private sector representatives had the habit of alleging foul play whenever they lose in biddings.

"But there is no evidence that those allegations have any validity," he said, pointing out that this is not a good practice for the business community.

FBCCI President Mahbubur Rahman said that the elements of economic reforms should be considered in a package rather than in isolation.

"One more pertinent point of consideration is the influence of non-economic factors

## Cocktails hurled at Ahmed Sharif's residence

Four cocktails were hurled at the Dhanmondi residence of educationist Dr Ahmed Sharif at about 10 last night.

A former teacher of the Dhaka University, Prof Sharif told UNB over telephone that four people came in a baby taxi and lobbed the cocktails into his residence.

The bombs exploded on the first floor, second floor and at the gate. "A quarter is trying to terrorise me," Dr Sharif said.

Some fundamentalist groups are demanding death of Dr Sharif and Taslima Nasreen for their alleged blasphemy.

A maulana of Gopalganj Madrasah has filed a case against Dr Sharif for his alleged remarks against Islam. Hearing of the case is going on in the High Court.

## Saifur's statement

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Al and Awami League leaders Salauddin Yousuf, Tofael Ahmed, Mohammad Nasim, Sajeda Choudhury, Rahmat Ali and Mohiuddin Ahmed were present at the press briefing.

The Deputy Leader of the Opposition said the Chair also violated his oath as a speaker or deputy speaker, the prime minister and other ministers are also responsible for similar violation of oath, he added.

"The Chair should expunge those parts of his (finance minister's) speech which were not related to his ministry," Samad Azad said adding that 'the prime minister and other ministers are oath-bound to defend the Constitution.'

"I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution," Samad Azad quoted a minister as saying while taking oath.

He alleged that the government had no intention to resolve the crisis. If it had the attitude of negotiation, the finance minister could not have made such statement, he said. "They are taking us to the path of confrontation, not consensus," he added.

Samad Azad said "the opposition parties will go ahead with its planned agitation on the streets if the ruling party does not introduce a bill seeking a caretaker government by June 26."

The opposition parties would announce the 'outline of caretaker formula and action programmes' immediately after the deadline is over, he said.

"After violating the Constitution, the finance minister has no moral right to remain a minister," Samad Azad added.

Moudud Ahmed said that the BNP government had desecrated Parliament over the past three and a half years and now made it ineffective. The ruling party has to take the responsibility for all these crises, he added.

# The Midnight File

## DPRK to allow UN inspectors at N-facilities: Carter

PYONGYANG, North Korea, June 16: Former US President Jimmy Carter today said North Korea had agreed to allow UN inspectors to remain at the country's nuclear facilities. Carter, who has been in North Korea for meeting with President Kim Il-Sung and other leaders, said in televised remarks "I see this commitment as a very important step in resolving the crisis, reports Reuter.

## Greek Parliament votes to try former PM

ATHENS, June 16: The Greek Parliament voted today to place former conservative Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis on trial for his alleged role in a major phone tapping scandal. The 300-seat body voted 163 to six to lift Mitsotakis' parliamentary immunity and ordered him to tried on charges of morally instigating a scheme to wiretap dozens of political opponents and journalists from 1988 to 1991, reports Reuter.

## Govt-teachers talks fail

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continue the strike and fast unto death programmes unless their demands were met.

Meanwhile, the non-government teachers continued their 'fasting programme' for the second day yesterday in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

According to liaison committee sources, 290 hunger strikers fell sick in the last two days and 66 of them were hospitalised. Fifteen of the sick were in critical condition, the sources said adding four of them were in very critical stage.

The teachers began an indefinite sit-in on Saturday and a 'fast unto death' on Wednesday to press home their demands including implementation of the national pay-scale for them.

Earlier, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia discussed the issue with Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar, State Minister for Education Eunus Khan, Telecommunications Minister Tariqul Islam, Labour Minister Abdul Manna Bhuiyan, Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury, LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder and Energy Minister Dr Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain at her Secretariat.

The nearly two hour meet designated a four-member team of ministers led by the Labour Minister to negotiate with the leaders of the striking teachers.

## Phensedyl

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try, an estimate said.

Easy availability, easy marketing facility, good taste and comparatively lower health risk are the factors behind the rise in phensedyl addiction, sources concerned said.

Phensedyl contains codeine phosphate, a kind of opiate, and is capable of producing hallucinogenic effect. Heroin, on the other hand, is expensive and usually adulterated.

Produced in a neighbouring country, phensedyl is smuggled into the country.

Presently a 125ml bottle of the contraband syrup is sold at Tk 80-100.

Kamlapur, Golapbagh, Sayedabad, Gopibag, Mirpur and Mohammadpur and some of the city areas where phensedyl is sold almost openly.

## Toxic fertiliser

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rice, Attorney Office and M/s Gaston Cooper.

As part of the workplan soon an agreement will be signed between the BADC and M/s Horsehead.

Presently the Bangladesh government is examining a M/s Horsehead prepared draft of the agreement.

The government hopes that it will be possible to send back the toxic fertiliser within a few days.

## Janakantha editor granted bail

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday granted *ad interim* bail to editor of the daily Janakantha Mohammad Atique Ullah Khan Masood, reports UNB.


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ঈদের ছুটি ও অন্যান্য সংগত কারণে সময়মত বিল পরিশোধ করতে না পারায় সম্মানিত গ্রাহকবৃন্দের অনুরোধে সাকল্য বকেয়া এককালীন পরিশোধ সাপেক্ষে সারচার্জ ব্যতীত বিল পরিশোধের সময় ৩০শে জুন '৯৪ পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করা হল।

বিশেষভাবে উল্লেখ্য যে, তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে সংযোগ বিচ্ছিন্ন করাসহ ঢাকা ওয়াসার আম্যমান আদালত পি,ডি, আর, এ্যাক্টের অধীনে খেলাপী গ্রাহকদের বিরুদ্ধে যথাযথ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহন করছে।

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