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## Khetmajur Union threatens movement

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Khetmajur Union at a press conference Friday threatened to go for a greater movement from June 29 if the government failed to fulfil their six-point demands.

Addressing a press conference, general secretary Saiful Huq said that the proposed national budget would destroy the medium and small-scale industrial sector and also affect the agriculture as well as rural sectors seriously.

## Opposition wants to oust govt: Mosharraf

BNP standing committee member and Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain said yesterday the objective of the Opposition is not to make the election free and fair but they want to oust the present democratic government in the name of caretaker government, reports BSS.

"Caretaker government is not the guarantee of ensuring the election free and fair," Dr Mosharraf Hossain said adding

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"We will bring a bill in Parliament to make the Election Commission more strong and effective to ensure all the future elections free and fair," he said. He called upon the Opposition to come back in the House and take part in the proceedings saying "if you want to make the elections free and fair at all."

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The minister was addressing as chief guest public meeting at Kamrangirchar.

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## NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Register of Members and the Share Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from Wednesday, July 13, 1994 to Monday, July 18, 1994 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board

S. H. KABIR

Chairman and Managing Director

Dated, Dhaka June 18, 1994



The executive members of the Bangladesh Photo Journalists Association called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her Sugandha office in the city recently. — Star photo

## Air Chief returns

The Chief of Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Choudhury returned Dhaka Thursday night after a fortnight-long official visit to the USA, says an ISPR press release.

During his stay in USA, Air Vice Marshal Choudhury attended the Third Pacific Air Chiefs' conference held in Washington DC. The conference was attended by Chiefs of Air Staff of Australia, Brunei, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Cambodia and USA.

## Motivate people in tree plantation : Razzak

KHULNA, June 17: Speaker Shaiikh Razzak Ali today inaugurated the National Tree Plantation Programme in the district at Officer's Club auditorium at 10 am, reports UNB.

Speaking on the occasion, the Speaker called upon all to plant more trees to preserve environment as well as raise forest resources in the country.

Terming the Programme as Social Movement Shaikh Razzak Ali urged the political parties, local leaders and non-government organisations to motivate people in plantation.

## Better seeds needed for economic growth : Majid

Agriculture and Irrigation Minister M Majid-ul Haq yesterday emphasised on production and marketing of better quality seeds for high yield of crops and sustainable economic growth of the country, reports UNB.

The new seed policy of the government, he said, will help both the private and public sectors immensely in developing high quality seeds.

The minister was addressing as chief guest the installation ceremony of the office bearers of the Seedman's Society of Bangladesh at the BARC auditorium in the city.

Referring to the constant pressure of the donors to withdraw subsidy from agriculture, Majid-ul Haq said, apparently it seems contradictory as many developed countries themselves are giving high subsidy. But they are doing it from their own resources, whereas the developing nations like ours have to depend on foreign aids.

"Initially, we need subsidy but in the long run we should not depend on it. Because agriculture still is the prime sector of our country and the main sector of a country can't even exist on subsidy," he said pointing to the on-going economic reforms in the country.

## 381 bottles of Phensidyl seized

Some 381 bottles of banned Phensidyl syrup was recovered by police in last 24 hours in the backdrop of sharp rise of addiction to this harmful syrup, reports UNB.

Demra police recovered 200 bottles of India-made Phensidyl syrup yesterday morning, found abandoned in two buses in front of Al Majed Filling Station.

Police of Sayedabad camp recovered 95 bottles of the banned syrup from the possession of one Delwar Hossain alias Dilu at Sayedabad bus terminal at 9 in the morning. Police arrested Dilu.

On Thursday, Demra police recovered 86 bottles of banned Phensidyl syrup from a bus in Rayerbagh area of the thana at 5.30 pm and arrested one Md Kali Mia.

## Arms recovered, 9 arrested in Khulna

KHULNA, June 17: Police have arrested three people and six alleged dacoits and recovered arms and ammunition from their possessions in two separate raids, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, Khulna police raided a house at Tuptura in the metropolis Tuesday and recovered a gun, one revolver and nine rounds of bullet from the house.

They also arrested Pradip, Atahar and Motlib. A case has been filed.

Another report adds: Police nabbed six alleged dacoits along with arms and ammunition on Monday last from "Dash

Heavy rainfall is likely at places of Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions and the regions of Dhaka and Faridpur.

The Met office forecasts slight fall in day temperature during the period.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 32 degree Celsius was recorded at Rangpur and the minimum 23 degree at Kutubdia.

Then sun sets today (Saturday) at 6.48 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5.11 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and relative humidity recorded in some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday are:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in Percentage
Dhaka	29.5	85 86
Chittagong	29.0	97 97
Rajshahi	30.5	88 93
Khulna	27.4	97 98
Barisal	27.0	98 100
Cox's Bazar	27.6	97 88
Sylhet	30.5	95 92
Dinajpur	31.3	90 83

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## Hasina blames BNP for corruption

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday criticised BNP for ruling the country with partisan outlook destroying democracy and breeding corruption and terrorism, reports UNB.

"BNP has no intention of practising democracy. The Prime Minister and ministers have proved through their acts that they work for their party, not for the nation," she told a delegation of Bangabandhu Prokoushali Parishad at her 29 Mint Road residence.

Hasina, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, said intransigence of the government party and "corruption, nepotism and acts of terrorism" have pushed the nation towardswards uncertainty.

"Poverty, corruption and terrorism have increased manifold during the last three and a half year rule of BNP. Its policy of politicisation has engulfed every sectors — trade, commerce and administration," she alleged.

She said Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had liberated the country to make the nation economically self-reliant by improving the condition of the vast section of people.

The post-75 regimes had plundered national resources and amassed their illegal fortune, Hasina alleged.

She urged the engineers to evolve modern technology to boost production and build industries to attain self-reliance.

The Bangabandhu Prokoushali Parishad led by its president Dr. Zahurul Haq, presidium member Dr SM Nazrul Islam and general secretary Engr Md Golam Mostafa recalled Bangabandhu's efforts for building a sound economy by increasing production in agricultural and industrial sectors and turning the huge population into human resources.

## Freedom Fighter Officers' Assoc confice postponed

The Mujibnagar and Freedom Fighter Officers' Welfare Association has postponed its grand conference scheduled on June 20 due to unavoidable circumstances, reports UNB.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the association yesterday presided over by former secretary Khandaker Asaduzzaman.

The meeting also discussed various matters relating to the conference. A 17-member committee was formed in this regard.

The meeting was attended by the members of the association from different ministries, divisions and departments.

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## President's parade held at BMA

CHITTAGONG, June 17: The President's parade marking the commissioning of the Gentlemen Cadets of the 30th BMA long course and the 11th and the 12th BMA Special Courses was held at the Bangladesh Military Academy at Bhatiary here yesterday, reports UNB.

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## Writers' Salon executive body

An eight-member executive body of the Writers' Salon (Kabita Kunja), a society of writers and thinkers with similar interest and aims for the advancement of literary, artistic and aesthetic values, was elected at its extraordinary general meeting held June 15 in the city, says a press release.

The members are: Dr Md Aliuzzaman — president, Prof Azhar Hossain and Prof Umme Kawsar Solsabur — vice presidents, Kalimur Rahman — general secretary, Syeda Nishat Ara Khanum — joint secretary, Ashrafur Haque — treasurer, Lily Haq — publicity secretary and Meena Aziz — cultural affairs secretary.

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Saturday 18th June  
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6 am BBC World Service News

6:25 Newsnight

7:25 BBC World Service News

8:00 The Business