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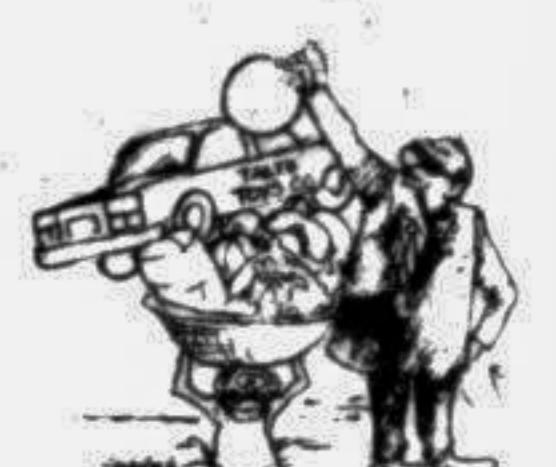
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Cabinet meet held

The regular weekly meeting of the cabinet was held yesterday at Bangabhaban with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair. Ministers, State Ministers in charge of different ministries and divisions attended the meeting. Cabinet Secretary and Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister were present. reports UNB.

10 BCL (S-P) activists
hurt in clash

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Sept 26: At least 10 students of the Pirojpur Suhrawardy College were injured in a clash between two factions of the Chhatra League (S-P) this morning. Former VP of the college students' union, Akhteruzzaman Manik, was admitted to the Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital with serious wounds. Most of the injuries were caused by police action.

Pirates attack
fishing trawler

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Sept 26: Armed pirates swooped on a fishing trawler in the Bay of Bengal and looted fishes and 'nets worth about Taka two lakh early today. Seven fishermen were injured in the attack. The trawler MV Abdul Basir was engaged in fishing 30 km off the Mohiupur sea beach in the southern part of the Bay of Bengal, when the pirates attacked on it.

Antique recovered

KHULNA, Sept 26: The preventive team of the Khulna Customs, Excise and VAT Collectorate headquarters recovered a thousand-year-old 'gouri patra' on Sunday. The recovered antique weighs 52.50 kg and is divided into three parts. The approximate price of the antique in the present international market is Taka 30 lakh, reports BSS.

Commonwealth Secy General issues press release

Khaleda, Hasina agree to a dialogue

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina Wajed have agreed to a Commonwealth-brokered dialogue on the basis of an open agenda to reconcile their political differences, a Commonwealth press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

Announcing their agreement to direct talks, the Commonwealth Secretary General, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, said "I put forward a three-point plan for talks" to them and added: "I am happy to say that I have now heard from both the Prime Minister and Sheikh Hasina, indicating their agreement to these proposals".

The Commonwealth Secretary General who, during his recent visit to Bangladesh, earlier this month, had a series of talks with both the

sides, said: "I am therefore in touch with the parties and hope it will be possible for the talks to begin without delay and lead to a negotiated resolution of the current impasse."

Under the three-point proposal, he said, "For my part, I undertake to despatch to Bangladesh my envoy to who would be available to facilitate discussions between the parties in any way that might be necessary."

The two other points in his proposals are as follows:

The governing party and the principal opposition party agree to commence a dialogue in good faith and on the basis of an open agenda, which would include any topics raised by either side such as strengthening of the Election Commission, the question of a caretaker government, and

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proposals for an overall code of conduct to guide political activity.

"On the commencement of such talks, and given the intensity of feelings on the matter and as a confidence-building measure, the parties agree that at the conclusion of each session of their talks they should issue to the press and public an agreed joint statement only, with the participants otherwise refraining from further public comment."

The agreement for the talks followed the personal intervention of the Commonwealth Secretary General, who has just concluded a visit to Bangladesh, where he had a series of talks with all the parties concerned, the Commonwealth press release sent to BSS by fax said.

Opposition's barricade programme today

The mainstream Opposition parties have called for a dawn-to-dusk road and rail barricade across the country today to put pressure on the government to accept their demand for a caretaker government to hold the next parliamentary polls, reports UNB.

The Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami, which had boycotted the last three sessions of Parliament, simultaneously called for the barricade from 6 am.

Train service throughout the country and roads and highways leading to the cities, districts and thanas will come under the day-long blockade programme. But life and activities within the cities and towns will not come under the programme.

Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina
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Docs stop private practice in Ctg

By Staff Correspondent

BMA central Committee.

The private practice during

the strike became the subject

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Ex-JP MP to die for murder in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Sept 26: A former Jatiya Party MP, Gous Uddin, has been sentenced to death on a charge of killing a noted businessman and Juba League leader Afroz Bakht.

The Additional District and Sessions Judge, First Court, Sunil Chandra Paul, also sentenced two other accused — Akram Hossain and Gousul Alam Gedu — to life in prison. Arun Chowdhury and Mainuddin were acquitted.

Afroz Bakht was shot dead at hotel Gulshan of Sylhet town in the small hours of May 17 in 1990. Police submitted chargesheets against five persons, including the then Jatiya Party MP Gous Uddin, hotel owner Mainuddin and two other businessmen — Arun Chowdhury and Gousul Alam Geddu.

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Hartal observed at Mymensingh

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Sept 26: A dawn-to-dusk hartal was observed here peacefully today demanding the government declare greater Mymensingh an administrative division.

The hartal called by the Mymensingh Bibhag Andolon was supported by the local units of the ruling BNP and the opposition Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami.

During the day-long hartal, motor vehicles and rickshaws were off the roads and the public and private offices, banks, commercial establishments and educational institutions remained closed.

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8 CCC woman commissioners

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 26: The election of women commissioners of the Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) was held today.

Of the 8 zones under the CCC comprising 41 wards, the candidate of zone-1, Jobaria Nargis Khan, was earlier elected uncontested. In today's polls seven women commissioners, out of 21 candidates, for seven zones were elected.

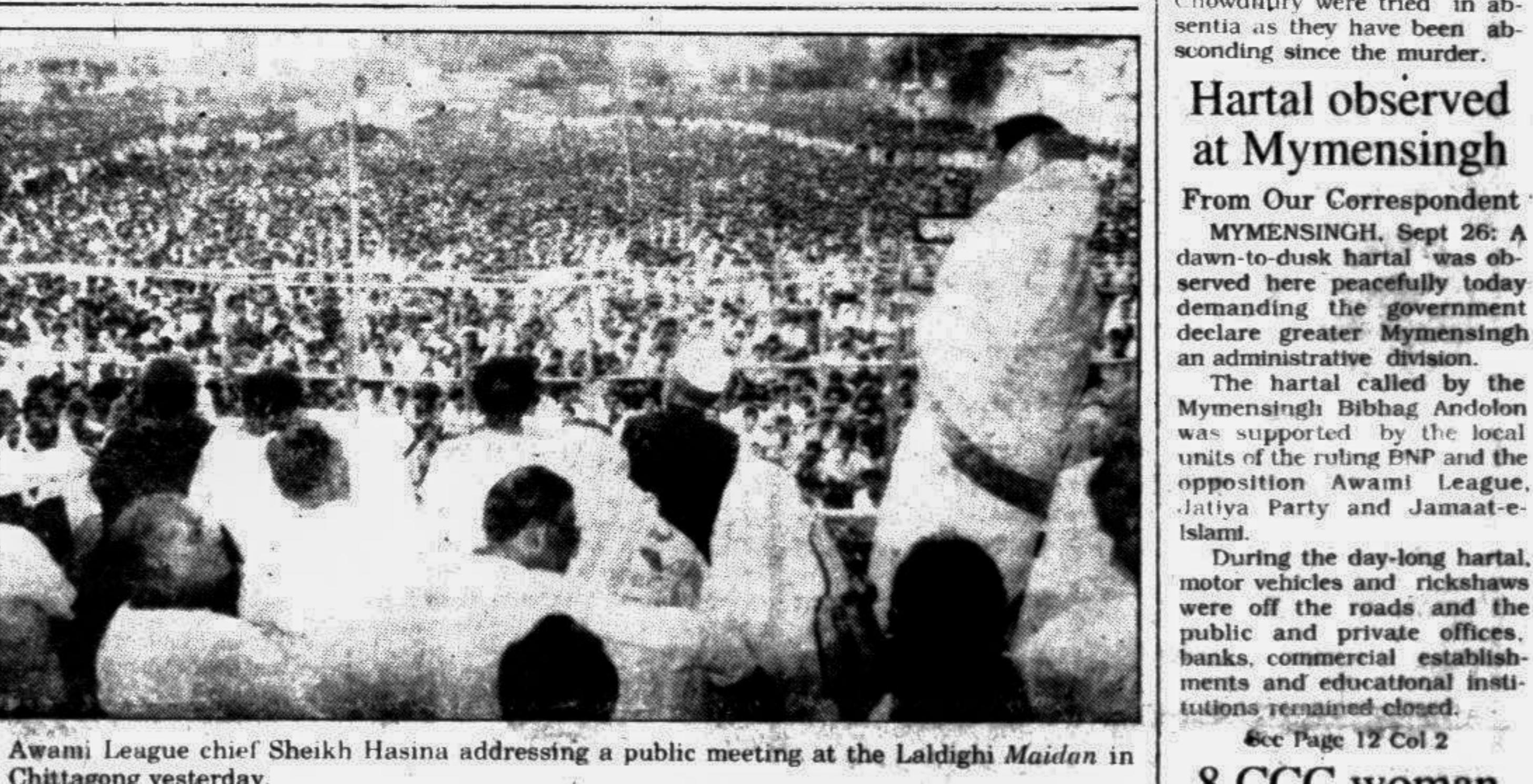
They are Hasina Begum for zone-2, Shakina Akbar zone-3, Tapati Sengupta zone-4, Nilufar Rahman zone-5, Sabiha Nahar Begum zone-6, Hasina Mannan zone-7 and Nur Nahar zone-8.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Chittagong was the returning officer. The election was held at his office at the Chittagong court building.

\$ 120.8m WB loan for gas project

The World Bank will provide Bangladesh with a credit of 120.8 million US dollar for implementation of its Gas Infrastructure Development Project, reports UNB.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the credit was signed in the US capital of Washington on September 23 between the lender and the recipient, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday.



Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina addressing a public meeting at the Laldighi Maidan in Chittagong yesterday.

More foreign investment in Dhaka share market likely

By Staff Correspondent

More foreign investment in the country's share market is expected as a two-member delegation from a Swiss company, United Bank of Switzerland (UBS) Securities Limited, is now to negotiate with some local and multinational firms for this.

The delegation led by Niall Shiner, Managing Director for the Indian sub-continent of the company's Hong Kong branch, arrived in Dhaka Sunday night on a five-day visit to Bangladesh at the invitation of HMMS Financial Consultancy and Services Limited.

The Swiss firm has already completed negotiation with the Square Pharmaceuticals Limited for share purchase and will negotiate with four other companies during their stay here. Managing Director of

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Mother, child killed in road mishap

By DMCH Correspondent

A young mother and her one-year-old daughter were killed in a tragic road accident near the Khilkhet Bus Stand on the Airport road yesterday.

The mother, whose name could not be confirmed immediately, fell victim to a speeding bus around 6 in the evening when she was reportedly crossing the road with the baby in her lap.

Meanwhile, the victims were rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the doctors on emergency duty confirmed their deaths.

World Tourism Day today

By Staff Correspondent

The World Tourism Day is being observed in the country, as in other parts of the globe, today.

The theme of this year's tourism day is 'Quality staff, Quality tourism.'

To observe the day in a befitting manner, the Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation (BPC), the national tourism body, has

force the government to accept the demand for a caretaker government.

"BNP does not want to give up power in any case and that is why 'vote-dacoity' has become its habit" she said.

Hasina alleged that the BNP government fuelled terrorism in the country but failed to solve the problems faced by the people.

This government has totally failed to run the country, she said. Explaining this, she said that thousands of workers and employees had been thrown out of employment by this government in the name of 'golden handshake'. Most of the mills and factories had been ruined due to its inefficiency and wrong policies, she added.

Besides, BNP used to reject whenever we raised the issues of people's rights and their problems in Parliament". It had deviated from its commitments made before the last general elections, Hasina alleged.

The AL chief said while the people in the northern districts were facing starvation the BNP government claimed

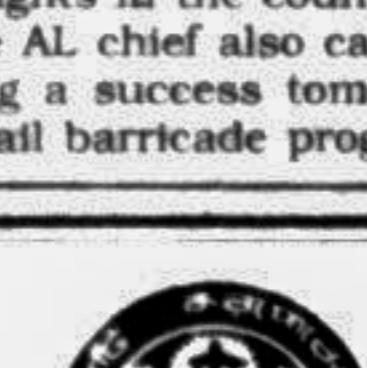
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