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### Hasina, Khaleda greet Adhikari

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina have felicitated the new Prime Minister of Nepal, Manmohan Adhikari, on his assumption of the office. In separate messages to the Nepalese Prime Minister, Begum Zia and Sheikh Hasina expressed the confidence that the excellent bilateral relations so happily existing between the two friendly countries would be further strengthened in the days to come, reports UNB.

### Cases against 6 postal employees

CHITTAGONG, Nov 30: The Bureau of Anti-Corruption here today filed five separate cases against six employees of the Chittagong General Post Office on charges of misappropriation of about Tk 4.50 lakh, an official source said. One deputy post master general is among the accused persons. The amount was collected by the accused from owners of 168 vehicles. They allegedly showed fake entry in ledger and did not deposit the money, reports BSS.

### Hartal observed in Pabna

PABNA, Nov 30: A half-day hartal from 6:00 am to 12:00 noon was observed here today to protest closure of local Calico Cotton Mills (CCM). The hartal called by CCM Sangram Parishad was observed peacefully. All government and non-government offices and business establishments remained closed during hartal period, reports UNB.

### Tk 5 lakh looted from Krishni Bank

MANIKGANJ, Nov 30: Daughters looted Tk five lakh from the Balia branch of the Bangladesh Krishni Bank in Dhamrai thana on Tuesday night, police said today. Bandits numbering 10 to 12 tied the bank's night guard to the grille, broke open its vault and decamped with the money at midnight. UNB.

## JS passes Bill to strengthen EC

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Sangsad (JS) yesterday passed the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 1994, empowering the Election Commission to ensure a foolproof electoral system in the country.

The amendments to the original law, made in 1972, was approved by the House, with the Opposition benches empty, amidst thunderous cheers from the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) legislators.

Law Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz, who moved the Bill during the last budget session, told the House yesterday, "With the passage of the Bill,

the franchise of all the adult citizens would be safeguarded effectively."

The amended law has empowered the EC to issue identity card to each voter under

**Excerpts from the text of the new piece of legislation will be published in the inside pages of tomorrow's issue.**

the Electoral Rules Ordinance, 1992.

Under the new law, no ballot paper will be issued to a voter at any polling station until and unless he produces an identity card, issued by the EC, before the polling officer concerned.

The new law has also provided the EC the authority to stop polling at any station at any stage if it is convinced that elections could not be held fairly due to malpractices, including coercion, intimidation and pressure upon the voters by any quarter concerned.

The EC will now enjoy the authority to withdraw any officer including law enforcing agency men performing election duty, who obstructs or attempts to obstruct or prevent the holding of elections freely and fairly.

"Where the Commission withdraws any officer or a per-

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## Remittances go up but manpower export falls

By Sohail Manzur

Remittances from overseas Bangladeshis increased by 18 per cent during the last two years although manpower export declined sharply, according to official sources.

Manpower export in fiscal 1993-94 stood at 1,92,184, declining by about 20 per cent from 2,37,779 in 1992-93. The remittances, however, increased as additional work-force joined the manpower already working abroad, the sources said.

The earning in remittances rose to Tk 4356.83 crore in 1993-94 from Tk 3698.46 crore in 1992-93.

Officials at the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training told The Daily Star yesterday shrinking job opportunities in the Middle East

countries like Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar and Kuwait are the main reasons for the decline in manpower export.

Most of these countries have reduced the job market for foreign workers due to problems in their own economies. They have also reduced the wages of foreign workers substantially which has discouraged Bangladesh workers to look for jobs in these countries, the officials said, adding some of the countries have even restricted employment of foreign nationals by undertaking various regulatory measures.

However, Malaysia, South Korea and some other newly industrialised countries (NICs) are seeking increased labour

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## Khaleda invited to attend OIC summit

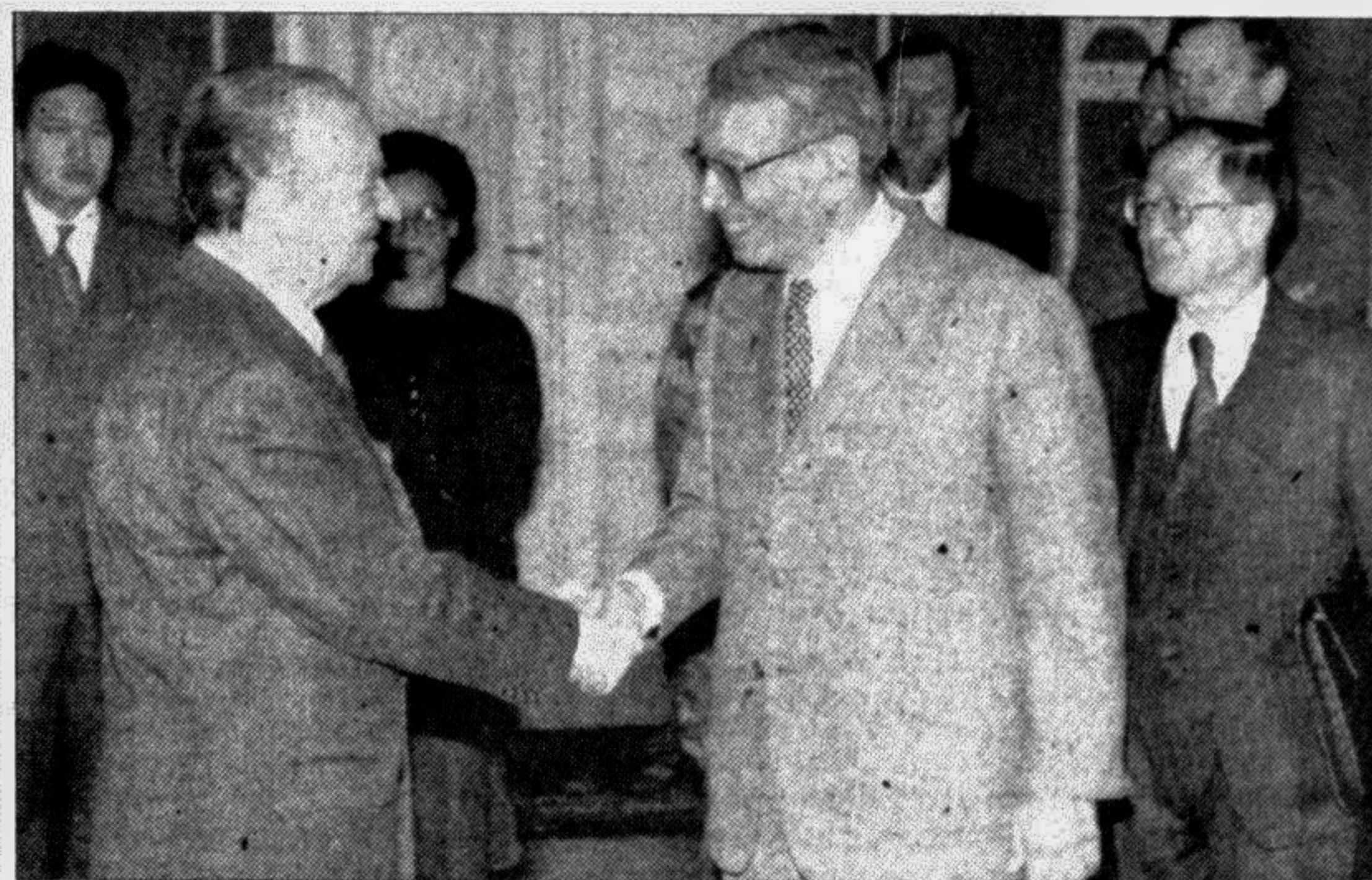
Visiting special envoy of King Hassan of Morocco, Dr Mollay Driss Alaoui Al-M'Daghri yesterday formally handed over an invitation to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to attend the forthcoming OIC Summit in Morocco, reports UNB.

The two-day Summit of the Organisation of Islamic Conference is scheduled for December 13-14 in the Moroccan Atlantic coast city of Casablanca.

Begum Zia accepted the invitation and said she is looking forward to meeting the leaders of the Islamic Ummah.

During the meeting, the Prime Minister stressed the need for united and tangible steps to mitigate different problems faced by the Islamic Ummah, particularly the Muslims of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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Bosnian president Alija Izetbegovic (L) welcomes UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali (C) upon his arrival in Sarajevo yesterday as Yasushi Akashi (R), UN envoy to the former Yugoslavia, looks on. — AFP photo

## Troops in Bihac performing duties with courage: Mostafiz

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that Bangladesh was in constant touch with the United Nations for the safety of the Bangladeshi peacekeeping forces in Bihac enclave, Bosnia, reports BSS.

Replying to a call attention notice raised by BNP member Abdur Rouf Chowdhury (Kushtia-2), the foreign minister quoting UN sources said, "The world body will play its role to ensure the safety of Bangladeshi troops engaged in peace operations in Bihac."

He said, though the troops belong to Bangladesh but they are now engaged in UN peacekeeping duties and are guided by the UN command and its

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## No ceasefire in sight Bosnia rejects any compromise

SARAJEVO, Nov 30: Bosnia's president dashed hopes today of any new concessions toward a quick cease-fire that could save the UN peacekeeping mission, or a broad peace with Bosnian Serbs, reports AP.

President Alija Izetbegovic told UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali that Bosnia would negotiate only when Serbs accepted a plan that they repeatedly have rejected.

He also told Boutros-Ghali, who was trying to arrange a cease-fire and to save the hard-pressed UN peacekeeping mission in Bosnia, that his republic was ready for a temporary cease-fire on its own

UN spokesman Thant Myint-U said earlier that Boutros-Ghali would be pressing for a cease-fire and an end to harassment of UN peacekeepers in his one-day trip to Sarajevo. If that failed to happen, he said, Boutros-Ghali could suggest termination of the UN mission.

Bosnian Serbs were signalling that they would bargain hard. Doubts emerged about whether Boutros-Ghali even would be able to meet Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, as planned.

Sources said Karadzic did not want to travel to the Sarajevo airport to meet Boutros-Ghali, and that the secretary

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## Salam Talukdar on PM's remark

BNP Secretary General Abdus Salam Talukdar yesterday urged the Opposition not to indulge in mudslinging on matters which have no relevance, reports BSS.

In a press statement the BNP secretary general also counselled the opposition leaders to practice democratic language and behaviour before advising others to do so.

"We also hope that they (Opposition) will confine all their speeches and activities within the limit of the Constitution before accusing others of transgressing it," he added.

He said, "our attention has been drawn to the statements made by the Parliament boycotting parties, criticising a part of the speech delivered by the BNP Chairperson Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at a grand conference of students at the Shapla Chattar on November 28. The Prime Minister in her 37-minute

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## Death in custody: Mirpur OC, 4 others sued

By Court Correspondent

Five policemen, including the officer-in-charge of the Mirpur police station, were sued yesterday on a charge of the murder of a young man.

The deceased, Sanaulah, 21, died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), early Sunday morning while in police custody.

Police said Sanaulah had died of a heart attack but the youth's father, Adar Ali, claimed his son was murdered by the police.

Adar Ali lodged a murder case with the Dhaka Magistrate yesterday against the policemen — Jahangir Alam (OC), sub-inspectors Mohammad Ali, Farid and Yunus and constable Anwar.

In his petition to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka, Adar Ali said that Mirpur police, after arresting his son, demanded Tk forty thousand

for his release.

After yesterday's hearing on the unnatural death of Sanaulah, the court ordered an exhumation of the body for a fresh autopsy at the Mitford Hospital morgue.

The court asked the director of the hospital to constitute a body for conducting the autopsy and also asked the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka, Kamal Uddin, to carry out a judicial inquiry into the circumstances of Sanaulah's death.

Sanaulah was picked up by Mirpur police along with three others, around midnight Saturday on suspicion under Section 54 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) from the Gabtali area.

Complaining of chest pain around four Sunday morning, Sanaulah was shifted to the

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## Commentary Competition of irresponsible statements

By Mahfuz Anam

Our two foremost political leaders seem to have entered a contest of irresponsible utterances. We, the voters, are at a loss as to whom to give the first prize, because they both seem to be so good at it.

Take the Prime Minister's threat of Monday, that her party's student wing, the JCD members, were good enough to tackle the threat of the opposition. In our view it was the most unbecoming statement that a head of a government could have made. It is politically indefensible, socially dangerous and in terms of peaceful atmosphere in the educational institutions, most disruptive.

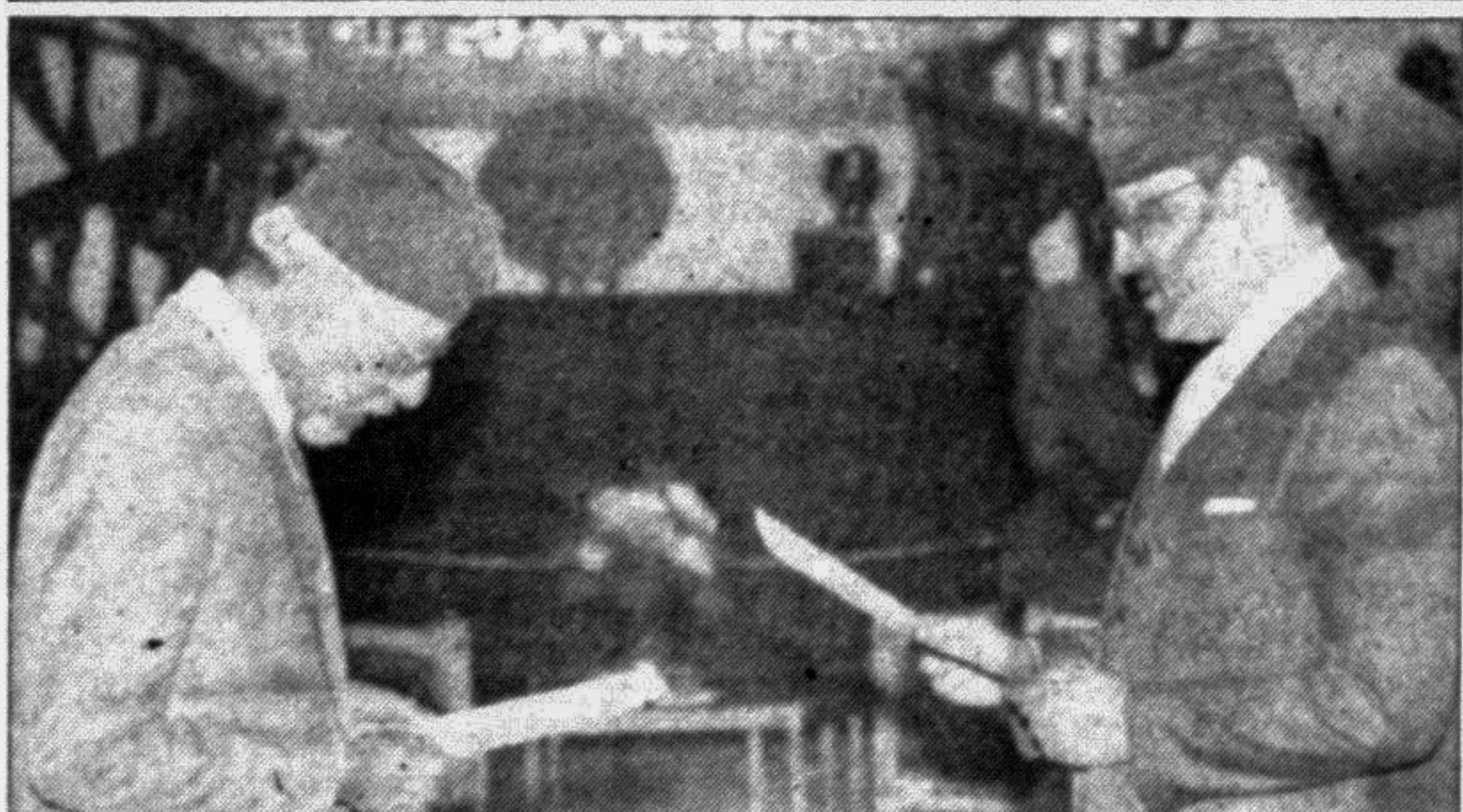
Politically the statement is indefensible because it means

that the PM has decided that no peaceful solution to the present political crisis can be found, and therefore the opposition's street threat has to be met in the streets. Even if the opposition is guilty of the most extreme provocation, the highest officer of law and order, the holder of the office that exemplifies everything legal, constitutional, moral and ethical cannot even hint, leave alone publicly pronounce, a policy that leads to street level confrontation, causing a law and order situation. Imagine now that her JCD boys go on a BCL and AL bashing rampage, leading to one single death. Can the PM then, evade public responsibility of having instigated a situation that led

to that one death?

A very generous interpretation may suggest that the PM said it figuratively, and is not to be taken literally. But it cannot be overlooked that politics is as much about substance as it is of images. It is as much of orders, as it is of signals. It consists as much of the 'said' and it does of the 'unsaid'. Thus, a political leader's statement has to be carefully crafted, meticulously worded and most cautiously delivered so that only what is meant to be communicated is conveyed. Not a word more or a nuance less. This is infinitely more true, if the political leader happens to occupy the highest elected office.

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King Birendra of Nepal (R) administers oath of office to the newly-elected Prime Minister, Manmohan Adhikari yesterday at the Narayanhiti Royal Palace in Kathmandu. AFPphoto

## Communists take over in Nepal

KATHMANDU, Nov 30: A minority Communist government took office Wednesday, making this remote Himalayan land the first country to turn to communism since the collapse of the Soviet empire, reports AP.

King Birendra gave the oath of office to Prime Minister Manmohan Adhikari in a chandelier-draped room of the royal palace that contrasted with the new leader's simple lifestyle and socialist philosophy.

Adhikari, the 74-year-old chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal, headed a 15-member all male Cabinet.

Three important portfolios went to Madhav Kumar Nepal, 42, often described as the real power in the party. As deputy

prime minister and minister of foreign affairs and defence, Nepal will be in charge of keeping a delicate balance between two huge and dominating neighbours, China and India.

Adhikari's government was sworn in two weeks after an election that gave no party a majority in the legislature. It must win a vote of confidence in the House of Representatives within 30 days.

The Congress Party, which had governed since 1991, has promised not to block a confidence resolution and to allow the communists to govern.

But the absence of a majority will mean the new government must tread cautiously in its legislative programme, and many experts doubt it will last

a full five-year term.

"My immediate priority will be consolidation of democracy and providing immediate relief to the people who have been hit hard by a sharp price rise of food items during the Congress rule," Adhikari told reporters after he met with the King Tuesday.

Adhikari heads the world's first communist government under a constitutional monarchy.

Although he has been a communist for more than half a century, he said his government will continue a free market approach to entice foreign capital to Nepal.

Adhikari's appointment ended two weeks of political uncertainty.

## Opposition meets today to finalise next course of action

By Staff Correspondent

The opposition parties in Parliament will meet today to finalise their next course of action including resignation from the House to press home their demand for a caretaker government for holding general elections, Opposition sources said.

The meeting scheduled for 5 pm at the Sangsad Bhaban is to be chaired by Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina, the sources said.

One source, who is an AL leader, said that the next course of action may be announced on December 6.

The major opposition parties — the AL, the Jatiya Party and the Jamaat-e-Islami will

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## Gear up struggle for caretaker govt: Hasina

Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the people to gear up the struggle for neutral caretaker government into a successful finale, reports UNB.

She urged them to express no-confidence in the "vote dacoit, terrorist and corrupt BNP government" by observing a total hartal on December 7 and 8.

She was addressing a function at her Minto Road official residence on the occasion of joining of some 10,000 workers to Awami League from Fatullah, Godnail and Sidhirganj areas of Narayanganj district. Alhaj Abdul Awad, an industrialist, led the team.

Hasina said Awami League was struggling to establish people's right to vote.

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## FBCCI invites AL, BNP leaders to discuss situation

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) has invited top leaders of the ruling BNP and the main Opposition Awami League to a meeting to discuss the country's economic situation.

"We want to apprise them of the impact on the economy of the prevailing crisis," arising from the Opposition's continued boycott of Parliament demanding elections under a caretaker government, FBCCI President Salman F Rahman told UNB last night.

Although no date has been fixed, sources said, the meeting is expected before the Opposition's 48-hour hartal December 7-8 to press for a non-party caretaker government to conduct elections, a demand termed "unconstitutional" by the ruling party.

On Monday, the federation requested Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to

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## BMA polls today

By Staff Correspondent

The 25th elections of the Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) will be held today at 67 polling centres across the country from 8 am to 5 pm.

About 12 thousand members of the association are likely to cast votes for candidates for a total of 187 posts which include that of the president and secretary general of the organisation. The number of central executive committee posts is 32.

Election campaigns by five different panels continued till last night. In the city, supporters of different panels were found busy visiting members of the BMA in different hospitals

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## Sheikh Lutfor Rahman dead

Country's noted singer and composer of popular gano-song (patriotic songs) Sheikh Lutfor Rahman died at his Siddheswari residence in Dhaka yesterday after a prolonged illness. He was 74, reports BSS.

The head of the Nazrulgeeti department of the Music College till his death, Sheikh Lutfor Rahman will be ever remembered by the countrymen for his popular songs which in

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## Jahangirnagar University no more session-jam free

By Govinda Bar

Once reputed as the session-jam free university, Jahangirnagar University (JU) is now behind the academic session by two years. Unscheduled closure of the university due to acts of terrorism and violence, strikes, faulty examination system, agitation for rescheduling examinations, and deteriorating teacher-student relations are the main causes that have created a session jam in the university.

The students of the 1987-88 academic year took seven years to complete the four year Honours and Masters course — the one year Masters course

at present, classes of five academic batches are being held at the JU. And classes for the first year Honours students of the session 1993-94 will start on December 3. The session that was scheduled to start in July 1993 is delayed by 18 months.

The students of the 1987-88 academic year took seven years to complete the four year Honours and Masters course — the one year Masters course

look about two and a half years. The classes of the 1988-89 academic session began about one and a half years later. The students are scheduled to complete their Masters examination by December next. The students of 1989-90 academic year are also facing the same problem. They have just completed their Honours final examinations. The students of 1990-91 and 1991-92 academic sessions have recently

started their third year and second year classes respectively. The students of 1992-93 academic year are behind schedule by about one and a half years. They are scheduled to sit for their first year final examinations in December next. The classes of 1993-94 session will start on December 3 with the burden of 18 months of session jam.

During the session 1993-94 the university remained

closed for 231 days due to different reasons. — Education Minister Bariur Rahman told the House on June 30. In 1991, the university was closed following violence over the JUCSU polls. In 1992, the university was closed because of a clash between the students and the transport workers on the Dhaka-Aricha highway. The university remained closed from January 13 to February 7 in 1993 following

agitation by the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) demanding withdrawal of an expulsion order against one of their leaders. The JU was again closed on July 29 in the same year following an assault on some 10 JU teachers reportedly by the JCD activists. The students have to lose 110 days from their education life due to the closure of the university. Hartals and strikes called by

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