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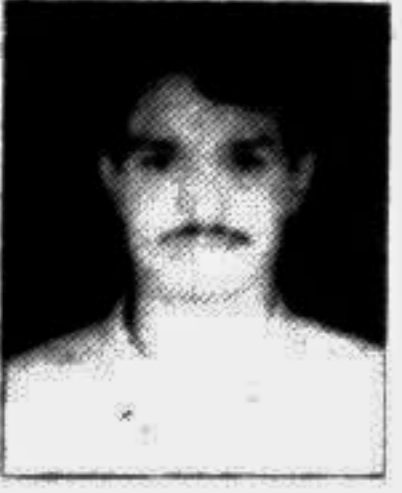
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**WB Vice President calls on Hasina**  
 World Bank Vice-President of the South Asian Region Joseph Wood yesterday called on Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at her Dhanmondi residence. They exchanged views on matters of mutual interest between Bangladesh and the World Bank. Awami League leaders SAMS Kibria and Ataur Rahman Khan Kaiser were present, reports UNB.

**TCB imports masur dal**  
 Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) has taken steps to import good quality of lentil (masur dal) from Nepal to meet the demand in the country. The first consignment of the contract has already been reached the country, said a TCB press release yesterday. TCB will sell the pulse at fair price, reports UNB.

**Malaysian envoy hosts reception**  
 The Malaysian High Commissioner in Bangladesh Dato Mahayuddin Abdul Rahman hosted a reception here yesterday evening to celebrate the 38th anniversary of the Malaysian National Day, reports BSS.

**IA cancels Sept 2 flight**  
 The Calcutta-Dhaka-Calcutta flight of Indian Airlines on September 2 has been cancelled due to unavoidable reason, an airlines press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

## Airstrikes on Serb positions continue Pentagon sending more warplanes for NATO

PALE, Aug 31: NATO jets roared over Bosnia today searching for more bombing targets in the alliance's high-stakes standoff with rebel Serbs. Officials said more strikes were planned, reports AP.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon is sending more electronic warfare planes to the Balkans to add punch to NATO's air assault on Serb positions. Twenty-five Air Force and Navy planes were singled out Wednesday for possible deployment, and an unknown number of them were heading out, a senior defense official said in Washington.

NATO airstrikes against Bosnian Serbs will not halt until the siege of Sarajevo is lifted and all heavy weapons removed from positions from where they can threaten the city, a senior Alliance official said today.

Yasushi Akashi, the senior UN envoy to former Yugoslavia, said "the attitude and the policy of the Bosnian Serbs" would dictate how long NATO bombing raids and UN artillery attacks on the rebels would be kept up. Asked if more were planned today, he told reporters in Zagreb, Croatia, "yes, indeed."

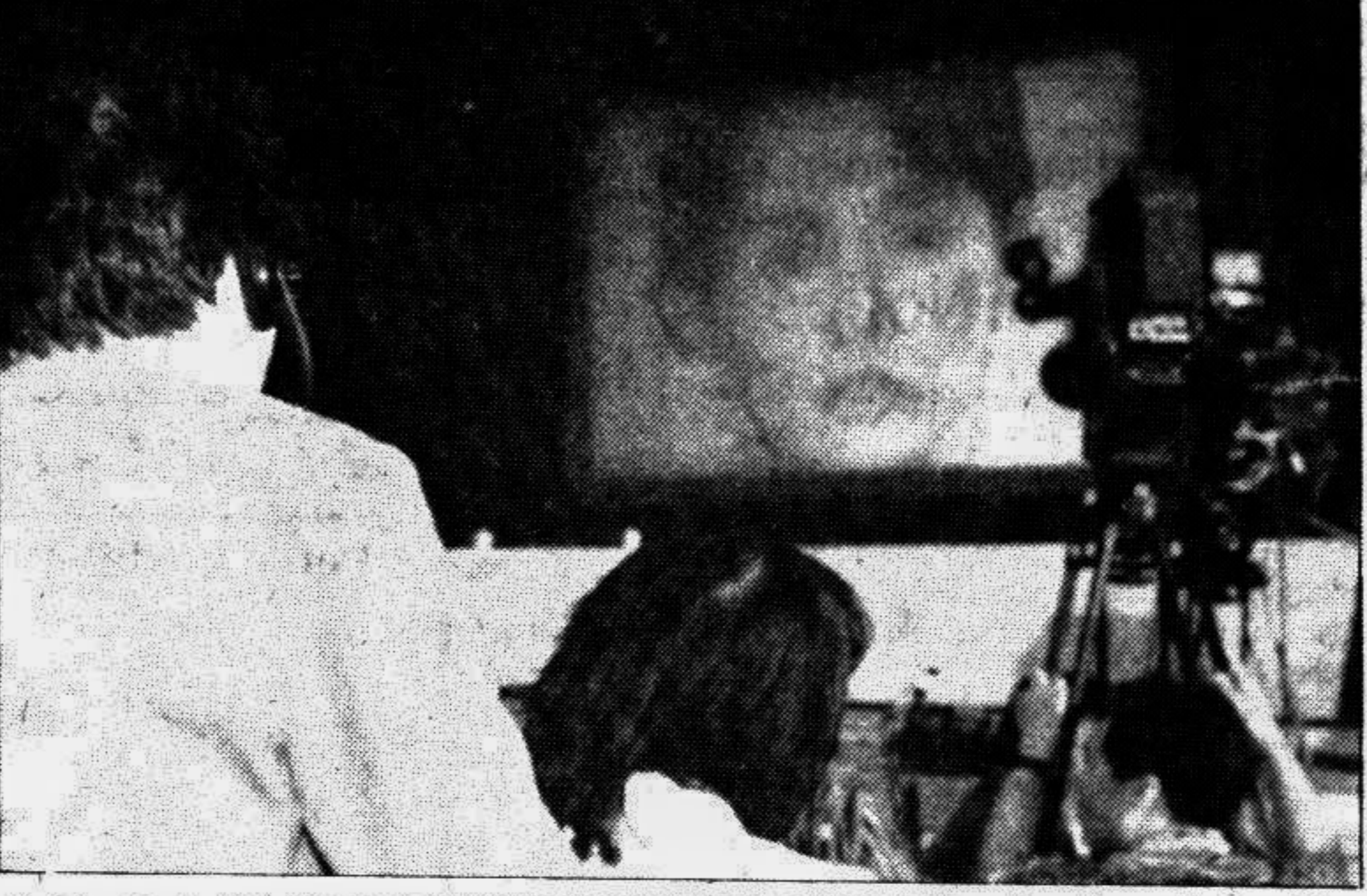
In Naples, Italy, Adm. Leighton Smith, commander of NATO's southern flank called the raids "very successful" with 300 sorties attacking 90 different targets. He also said the attacks would continue.

Smith said the attacks "clearly reduced the effectiveness" of the Serbs' integrated air defense system over eastern Bosnia. Among the weapons used were 1,000 pound and 2,000 pound bombs and surface to ground missiles.

NATO war planes began air attacks on Serb targets around Sarajevo and elsewhere early Wednesday in the wake of a Serb mortar attack that killed 37 people in a crowded Sarajevo market. Big guns of the UN rapid reaction force joined in around Sarajevo, hitting artillery and mortar positions of the Serbs ringing the city.

Video footage at Smith's news conference showed missiles and bombs hitting the following Serb targets within 40 kilometers (25 miles) of Sarajevo.

## Suu Kyi's videotape steals the show



A delegate to the Women's NGO Forum listens to a translation of a video addressed by Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi at the plenum meeting yesterday in Huarou, 60 km from Beijing. — AFP/UNB photo

HUAIROU (China), Aug 31: Keynote speakers at the largest international women's meeting in history did what their Chinese hosts feared most today. Led by Myanmar dissident Aung San Suu Kyi, they challenged governments, big business and religious fundamentalists, reports AP.

Outside the opening plenary session, Amnesty International tested China's decision to limit demonstrations to a tiny schoolyard by marching for several blocks and holding a protest. Chinese police filmed it but did not interfere.

Amnesty International also displayed pictures of 12 women including two Chinese, they say are victims of human rights abuses.

Police tried to seize a videotape brought to the conference by a group of exiled Tibetan women, who evaded Chinese efforts to keep them out of the country. But when



The Chinajpur Line where fleeing from people's wrath all of the police force had taken refuge after August 28 wears a very tell-tale forsaken and desolate look on Tuesday. The writing on gate and to the left of the guards reads, "We are the true friends of the people." — Star photo by Morshed Ali Khan

## Uneasy calm at Dinajpur Most shops, schools closed: Protests on

By Staff Correspondent

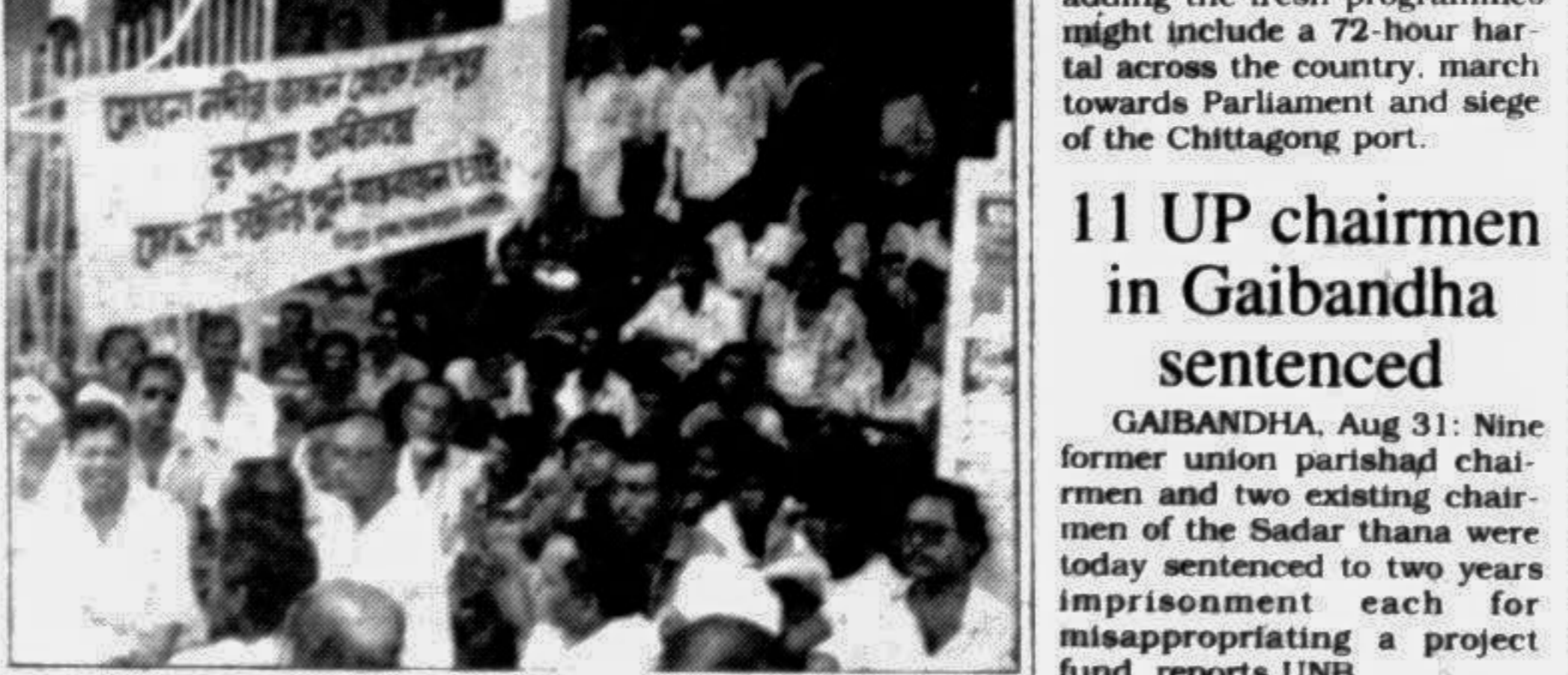
The tense situation in Dinajpur is slowly returning to normal as the authorities are preparing to withdraw the BDR patrols and redeploy police forces in the trouble-torn town.

All educational institutions in the town remain closed while most shops and businesses are yet to reopen. The public schools are scheduled to reopen on September 4. Attendance at most government offices also remained thin yesterday.

The situation in the town is calm, but the people are still in a shock, said Mohammad Mohsin, editor of the Dainik Uttara, one of the local dailies ransacked by angry protesters on Sunday last, said over telephone yesterday. "Nothing like this has happened here before."

The exhumed body of Yasmin Akhter (14), whose death during a ride in a police van near the town triggered violent public protests, was handed over to her family Wednesday evening following a second autopsy.

Meanwhile, a number of protest meetings and rallies were held in the town yesterday. District administration officials also held a meeting to review the situation.



People from all walks of life staged a sit-in demonstration in front of the Chandpur DC office demanding protection of Chandpur town from river erosion. — Star photo by Shirin Akhter

## Chandpur river erosion Mass sit-in demanding steps to protect town

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Aug 31: A mass sit-in was staged in front of the DC's office in Chandpur from 10 am to 2 pm today.

It was organised by the Chandpur Town Protection Committee, Jahangir Akhand Selim, in the chair.

The meeting was addressed by among others, Md. Shafiqul Islam, Dulal Patwari, Salimullah Selim

erosion. People from all walks of life participated in the sit-in.

A protest meeting was also held with the convener of the Chandpur Town Protection Committee, Jahangir Akhand Selim, in the chair.

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## PM leaves for Beijing Sunday

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia leaves Sunday morning for Beijing to attend the Fourth World Conference of Women, the biggest-ever women's gathering, reports UNB.

The 12-day international conference, to be attended by some 20,000 delegates from 182 countries, UN agencies, regional organisations and NGOs, will begin in the Chinese capital on Monday.

Begum Zia, attending the conference at the invitation of the Chinese government, is expected to address the opening session of the extravaganza.

She will also be a speaker in the panel of eminent personalities in the opening session of the UNICEF-organised programme of "Education: Priority Action for Girls" on Wednesday.

## BNP celebrates 17th founding day today

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) celebrates its 17th founding anniversary today.

Founded by late president Ziaur Rahman on September 1, 1978, the BNP was voted to power thrice — under the leadership of Ziaur Rahman in 1978, Justice Abdus Sattar in 1981 and Begum Khaleda Zia in 1991.

Joint Secretary General of the party Rafiqul Islam Mia thinks BNP's faith in the power of the people, its slogan of "politics of production", and the concept of Bangladesh nationalism led the party to repeated victory in the electoral battle.

The BNP and its front organisations have drawn up elaborate programmes to mark the 17th founding anniversary of the party.

The programmes include hoisting of the national and the party flags atop the offices of the BNP and its front organisations, discussions, rallies and processions across the country. Besides, recorded speech by Ziaur Rahman would also be played.

In the capital, Prime Minister and BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia, her cabinet colleagues and other leaders of the party and its various wings would visit the mazar of Ziaur Rahman at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, place wreaths and offer latha there at 9 in the morning.

## Local NGOs organise workshops

Shaheen Anam from Beijing

The Bangladesh National Preparatory Committee yesterday organised here a successful workshop titled 'Empowerment of Women Vision for the 21st Century'.

The workshop was chaired by Najma Chowdhury and speakers were from Australia, The Philippines, Malaysia, Kenya and Fiji.

## Hasina asks people as deadline expires Force govt to accept demand

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina yesterday blamed the government for "ignoring" their ultimatum to accept the demand for general elections under a neutral caretaker government by August 31.

"They have ignored our ultimatum. But now they would be compelled to accept the people's demand," Hasina told a rally at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city.

President of the city AL and Mayor of Dhaka Mohammad Hanif chaired the rally held as part of the party's demonstration programme against the killing of two party activists in the capital and five persons in Dinajpur and government's non-acceptance of the demand for a caretaker government for holding general elections.

Addressing the rally, organised also to drum up public support for the 32-hour hartal on September 2 and 3, Hasina called for making the country-wide hartal a success to force the government to accept the people's demand.

About the proposed resignation of the Prime Minister ahead of the next general elections, Hasina said, "We do not want to bargain over 30 or 60 days. We just want to establish people's right to vote."

She said her party was struggling for the people's right to vote and food. "We will compel the government to establish these rights

## Indian contention on tariff concessions under SAPTA disputed

By Staff Correspondent

The Foreign Secretary yesterday disputed the acting Indian High Commissioner's contention that his country had already granted tariff concessions for 106 commodities under SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement (SAPTA) to be operational by the end of this year.

"India has granted tariff concessions for 59 commodities to Bangladesh which virtually boils down to only 3 commodities," said foreign secretary Farooq Sobhan while presenting the key note paper at a discussion on "Economic Cooperation in South Asia in the Context of SAPTA."

The ambassadors and high commissioners of the SAARC countries in Dhaka except the Maldives, took part in discussion.

"Consider that it is the beginning and it will continue," said AK Basu, acting High Commissioner.

## Punjab CM, 10 others killed in bomb blast

CHANDIGARH, Aug 31: A powerful bomb blew up the car of the leader of Punjab state Thursday, killing 11 people, including the man who claimed credit for crushing a decade-long uprising by Sikh separatists, reports AP.

Chief Minister Beant Singh was getting into his bulletproof car outside the 10-story state government headquarters building in the capital, Chandigarh, when the explosion went off, information Secretary SS Dawa told AP.

Singh's car and two other vehicles were ripped apart in the blast. Most of those dead were Singh's armed guards, and their mutilated bodies were flung all over the concrete porch of the state secretariat building, police and witnesses said.

Police had earlier wrongly said 13 people were killed, but rescue workers later pieced together only 11 bodies.

## যৌথ উদ্যোগে শিল্প স্থাপনে আগ্রহী স্থানীয় উদ্যোক্তাদের জ্ঞাতব্য

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