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## Hasina proposes interim govt headed by CJ



Hasina addressing newsmen yesterday. - Star photo

By Staff Correspondent  
 Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina has proposed formation of an interim government headed by the Chief Justice for holding the next general elections and demanded immediate dissolution of the present Parliament.  
 "Right now, this is our demand. I want exactly a '91 like interim government, to be headed by the Chief Justice, who will be assisted by an advisory council," said Hasina at a post-hartal press conference yesterday evening at the Jatiya Press Club.  
 Other than holding the general elections, the caretaker government would only discharge the emergency and routine functions, the AL president added.  
 In her 35-minute address at the press conference, the former leader of the opposition in Parliament said, "We will be able to give legality to this interim government in the very first session of the next elected Parliament as we did in case of the Shahabuddin government."  
 "Time is running out. Let good sense prevail on the party in power. I hope we will need to call no more hartal for realising the peoples' demand," said Hasina, announcing her party's next course of actions that include a 72-hour countrywide hartal from September 16.  
 Replying to a volley of questions, she said:  
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## 72-hr hartal from Sept 16

By Staff Correspondent  
 The mainstream Opposition yesterday announced fresh identical agitation programmes including a 72-hour country-wide hartal from September 16 to press its demand for dissolution of Parliament and holding of general elections under a non-party caretaker government.  
 Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami, the three major opposition parties separately announced the programmes at post-hartal rallies in the city, addressed by top leaders of the parties. The programmes include country-wide demonstrations and torch processions.  
 The political parties' programmes coincide with a three-day strike by transport workers from September 15 and a four-day strike by jute workers from September 16.  
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## PM sees no possibility of early election

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday said at present she was not thinking about any early election to the Jatiya Sangsad, reports UNB.  
 Talking to newsmen on board the aircraft carrying her back from Beijing yesterday evening, she, however, avoided answer to a question about a possible date for next general elections.  
 Replying to a question on current political impasse at home, the Prime Minister said the prevailing problem could only be resolved through discussion.  
 Opposition parties which have quit parliament are staging street agitation demanding immediate dissolution of the Sangsad and fresh elections under a caretaker government.  
 Speaking about her China visit, Begum Zia termed it a complete success and said the tour would help further cement ties between the two countries.  
 She said the two Asian nations hold identical views on most global and bilateral issues, and this trip would give a boost to Dhaka-Beijing relations and cooperation.  
 Referring to the comments of the Chinese government leaders during her meeting with them, Begum Zia said Chinese President Jiang Zemin and Premier Li Peng both had highly praised the programmes and policies of her government.  
 They (Chinese leaders) lauded various programmes which put Bangladesh on the road to uplift, including the food for education programme, girls' education, poverty relief, etc.  
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## Unicef meet told 'Educate girl child for empowering women'

BEIJING, Sept 6: Bangladesh has called for a meaningful programme supported by various national and global institutions for empowering women through educating the girl child, reports UNB.  
 "The empowerment of women, which is so necessary for the alleviation of poverty, is dependent upon the education of the girl child," Bangladesh Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said today at a UNICEF-sponsored discussion here.  
 A meaningful programme to attain this objective will require the support and involvement of the society, national governments, NGOs and the international community.  
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### fitness royale with rani padamsee

**Announcement**  
 The Daily Star Sport, with a bias to its women readers, will launch a new column tomorrow. However, both the sexes will hopefully benefit from Fitness Royale by Rani Padamsee.  
 Watch your paper every Friday!

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#### 2 bills introduced in Parliament

Two Bills — the Mongla Port Authority (Amendment) Bill 1995 and Ansar-VDP Development Bank Bill 1995 — were introduced in parliament yesterday. Deputy Shipping Minister A B M Zahidul Huq and State Minister for Finance Majibur Rahman introduced the bills respectively, reports UNB.

#### Myanmar trade team leaves for home

From Staff Correspondent  
 TEKNAF, Sept 6: The Myanmar trade delegation left here for Yangon this afternoon after an overnight stay at Cox's Bazar following the signing of the Bangladesh-Myanmar border trade agreement yesterday.



Pickets burned tyres at Mirpur road near the Sobhanbagh area during hartal hours yesterday. Star photo

## 25 hurt in stray incidents Hartal observed

By Staff Correspondent  
 The Opposition called day-long hartal was observed in the capital yesterday amid stray incidents of clashes.  
 At least 25 persons were injured in clashes between pickets and police during the dawn-to-dusk hartal which paralysed life in the city.  
 The day's clashes mostly took place at the entry points of the Sangsad Bahan, specially Farmgate and Manik Mia Avenue where the authorities had restricted all sort of political assembly by imposing Section 144 in the area.  
 A large number of police were deployed at Asad Gate, Crescent Lake Road, Mirpur Road and Farmgate areas from early morning yesterday to foil any attempt of demonstration around the Sangsad area. The 21st assembly of the Parliament began yesterday.  
 Of the injured, five were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) in serious condition. Police arrested three persons from the Gulshan-Mahakhali area and one from Ramna thana area during the hartal hours.  
 Awami League (AL), Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami enforced the dawn-to-dusk hartal in the capital demanding elections under a caretaker government, dissolution of the parliament, and protesting the killing of a rickshawpuller, Rahim Badshah, in Mirpur during hartal hours Sunday.  
 Speaking at a seminar here on finance for women, Clinton said the founder of the Grameen Bank, Muhammad Yunus, had helped to break the suffocating lending approach of the vast majority of the globe's banks, where "many ideas die in the parking lot."  
 The Grameen Bank, launched in 1976, initially channelled credit only to poor families.  
 Now, with a network of 900 branches across the country, it focuses on providing loans to poor women, for...  
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## Grameen now an example for rest of world: Hillary

BEIJING, Sept 6: US First Lady Hillary Clinton today singled out an innovative Bangladeshi bank for offering credit to poor women, saying its courage had blazed a trail for the rest of the world, reports AFP.  
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## JP assures Caretaker govt won't take action against BNP men

By Staff Correspondent  
 The Jatiya Party yesterday spelt out the functions of caretaker government limiting its task only to conduct the general elections, without having any powers to initiate legal proceedings against the members of the BNP.  
 "The caretaker government will be charged with the specific purpose of holding elections only," said Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, the acting chairman of JP, while addressing a post-hartal rally at the south gate of Baitul Mukarram.  
 Mizan Chowdhury said, only the next elected government will be able to start legal proceedings against the BNP government.  
 I guarantee that the...  
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## 100 lawmakers attend JS Most BNP MPs stayed at hostels overnight

By Staff Correspondent  
 The Jatiya Sangsad went into its 21st session yesterday while a dawn-to-dusk hartal was observed in the capital at the call of the mainstream Opposition.  
 Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Panni conducted the business of the day smoothly with a good attendance of the treasury bench members despite an Opposition threat not to allow the "illegal" Parliament to function.  
 The ruling BNP, in the face of the Opposition challenge, took all possible measures to ensure attendance of the party MPs and start of the opening sitting of the session on time.  
 The sitting began right at 5 pm, as was scheduled, with nearly 100 BNP lawmakers remaining present. Most of them were learnt to have stayed at the MP hostels while others came to the House during the hartal hours — in ambulances or on foot, sources said.  
 According to Parliament sources, the lifts of the Parliament building remained operative almost for the whole of Tuesday-night and the canteens opened at 5 am yesterday for the convenience of the MPs, members of the staff of the Parliament Secretariat and others concerned.  
 It may be recalled in the previous sessions of the present Parliament, especially since the opposition members started boycotting the...  
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## Fair polls under BNP impossible, says Jamaat

Jamaat secretary general Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami yesterday announced a non-stop 72-hour hartal from September 16 to force the ruling party to concede the demand for a neutral caretaker government, reports UNB.  
 Announcing a 12-day programme at a press conference at the party's central office in the evening, he said "absence of a democratic culture forced us to raise the demand for a neutral caretaker government to ensure fair polls."  
 Nizami said people's independent rights to vote can only be ensured through this system which was proved in 1991 general election. "Our bitter political experience in Bangladesh as well as in Third World countries have justified the demand of neutral...  
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## Monthly city roundup UD cases increase

By Masud Arif  
 Incidents of unnatural deaths including murders in the city and its suburbs increased last month compared to the previous months.  
 At least 43 people were killed last month. The number of such unnatural deaths (UD) was 38 in the previous month of July. However, UD cases recorded in June were 58 and in May 84. Besides, more than one hundred people were injured in clashes and road accidents in the city last month.  
 According to records with police, at least 11 people including housewives were murdered, 17 were killed in road accident, two allegedly committed suicide and 13 lost their lives in other incidents.  
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## One shot dead

By DMCH Correspondent  
 Gunmen shot dead an autorickshaw garage owner and injured two others in Dhalpur area under Demra thana in the city yesterday.  
 Mojibur Raliman, 35, sustained grievous injuries and...  
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## NGO Forum preparing plan of action

Shaheen Anam from Beijing  
 As the UN debates in Beijing, the NGO Forum on Women is going ahead with preparing strategies for action at the plenary sessions.  
 Besides the nearly 5,000 workshops organised at the Forum site, plenary sessions are being held every day at the Huairou International Convention Centre.  
 The plenary sessions are paneled and moderated by experts in various fields. The sessions have been decided into three parts. The first part was an analytical overview...  
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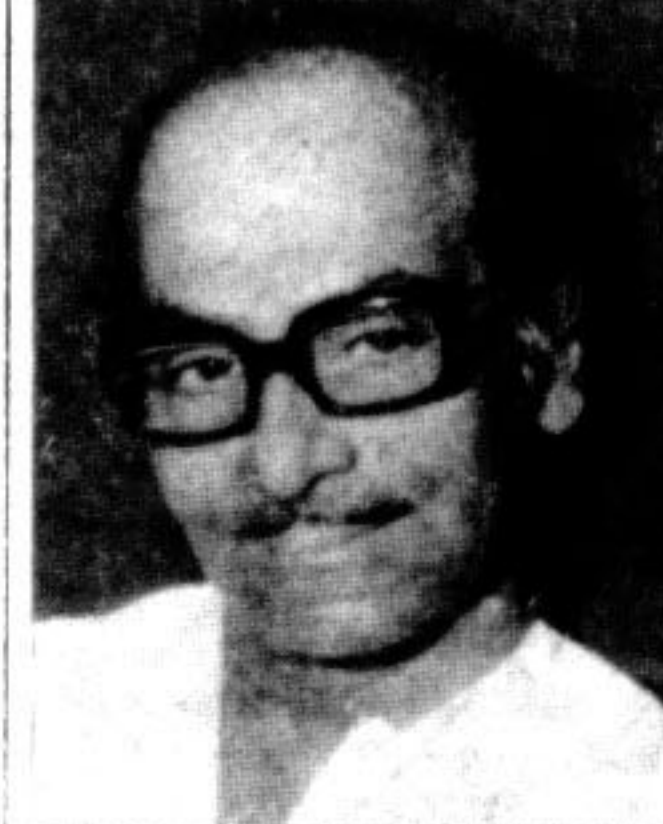
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## Second autopsy report Yasmin was raped

From Our Correspondent  
 DINAJPUR, Sept 6: The second post-mortem report of Yasmin has revealed that the teenage girl was raped and strangled to death.  
 According to the report, marks of injuries were found in her breast and other parts of the body. The first post-mortem report did not mention any rape.  
 The second autopsy report has been handed over to the authorities. Selina Shahadat, Magistrate, who was a member of the medical team for the 2nd post-mortem, said today.  
 Yasmin Khatun, 14, was raped and murdered allegedly by three policemen near Dosh Mile in Dinajpur on August 24. She was on way to Dinajpur from Dhaka to meet her family members there.  
 The CID police has taken over the case. Alzar Hossain, a senior ASP of the CID, Dinajpur Zone, took up investigation of the sensational incident that triggered violent mass protests and...  
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## Salil Chowdhury passes away

CALCUTTA, Sept 6: Salil Chowdhury, who broke new ground in modern Bengali and Hindi songs with his foot-tapping compositions, died last night at the Woodlands Nursing Home, reports PTI.  
 He was 70 and survived by his wife Sabita and two daughters.  
 Salil Chowdhury was rushed to the nursing home on August 1 after he suffered a massive cerebral attack at his residence. He underwent brain surgery for eight hours following which he was shifted to the intensive care unit and put on a ventilator.  
 Though his post-operative condition showed signs of hope, it suddenly began deteriorating from August 29. He again underwent a minor...  
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## French N-test triggers global protests

PAPEETE (Tahiti), Sept 6: Turning a deaf ear to loud protests, France has set off a nuclear blast beneath a remote South Pacific atoll. International criticism was swift and severe, reports AP.  
 The explosion Tuesday on Mururoa Atoll, the first of eight nuclear tests, ended a three-year French moratorium on nuclear tests that had been joined by all of the world's nuclear powers except China, which set off an underground nuclear blast Aug 17.  
 The blast equaled less than 20,000 tons of TNT, the French Defense Ministry announced in Paris. By comparison, the atomic bomb that destroyed Hiroshima was equal to about 15,000 tons of TNT.  
 Public outrage erupted when French President Jacques Chirac announced the planned tests in June, saying they were necessary so that France could create computer simulations that would make further tests unnecessary...  
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