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11 killed, 50 hurt in two road accidents

By Staff Correspondent

At least 11 people including two boys were killed and 50 injured in two road accidents in Chittagong and Sirajganj yesterday.

Of the 11, seven were killed in Chittagong and four in Sirajganj. Those killed in Chittagong were identified as Jinal Abedin, 26; Abdul Hakim, 65; Sudarshan Chowdhury, 35; Md Ismail 12, Helal Uddin, 13; Chandra Mohan Karmakar, 55 and Sudangshu Dey, 35. Of the four killed in Sirajganj, three were identified as Shamsul Haq, 40, of village Dhopapara in Sadar thana; Abdul Jalil, 42, of village Char Ghastina and

Naiyan Mia, 27, of village Char Bari — both under Ullapara thana. Identity of the other, aged around 35, could not be known immediately.

Our Staff Correspondent reports from Chittagong: At least seven people were killed and 30 injured when a Comilla-bound bus ploughed into Banshabaria Bazar under Sitakunda thana yesterday afternoon.

The injured were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital and Sitakunda thana health complex.

Police said as the driver lost control of the vehicle, it entered the roadside market killing and injuring people.

In the other accident, at least four people were killed and 20 injured, 10 of them seriously, near village Dhopakandhi under Ullapara in Sirajganj on Nagarbari-Dinajpur highway.

A Sirajganj-bound bus plunged into a roadside ditch at about 2:30 pm.

Of the injured, 10 were rushed to Sirajganj General Hospital and the others were treated at Ullapara thana health complex.

Police seized the vehicle but its driver escaped. A case was filed with Ullapara thana.

Hasina sends roses to bless PM's granddaughter

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday sent red roses to bless Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's new-born granddaughter, reports UNB.

Hasina last night sent a bouquet of red roses along with a message of greetings to Tareq Rahman and his wife on the occasion of the birth of their first baby on Wednesday.

Tareq received the gift at the Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital at about 9 pm.

PM visits

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia visited her new-born granddaughter at the Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital yesterday evening.

She passed over two hours with her elder son Tareq Rahman's daughter.

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BNP to step up party activities

By Nazmul Ashraf

The ruling BNP has planned to step up organisational activities in the face of the Opposition's anti-government agitation, hartals in particular, and to drum up public support for the party ahead of the next general elections, highly placed party sources said.

The party policy planners would meet soon to chalk out the fresh programmes, similar to those currently being carried out, they added.

"We don't have any decision to counter the Opposition-sponsored hartals. We'll just make the people aware of the adverse effects of such destructive programmes on the economy and the public sufferings caused by hartals," said acting Secretary General of the BNP Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan.

"But we'll have nothing to do if the affected people spontaneously agitate against such harmful political programmes," he said.

Talking to The Daily Star at his Minto Road official residence Wednesday night, Mannan Bhuiyan, who is also Food and Agriculture Minister, said the public rallies and processions being organised across the country were routine programmes of the party.

The ruling party along with its various wings began

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Indian move to build office on 'no man's land'

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Oct 26: A tense situation has been prevailing at the Tamabil border reportedly over the Indian move to construct a pucca building of the Customs Department on the 'No Man's Land'.

The export and import of all kinds of goods through the Tamabil Checkpost has been suspended following the failure to reach a solution even after two flag meetings held between BDR and BSF today.

Meanwhile, BSF has deployed additional forces in the border.

According to official sources, India started construction of a building of the Customs Department on the 'No Man's Land' between the

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PM returns home

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia returned home yesterday morning after attending the special session of the United Nations General Assembly marking the 50th founding anniversary of the world body, reports UNB.

On arrival at the Zia International Airport at 7:15 am, she was received by Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz and the US Ambassador in Bangladesh David N Merrill.

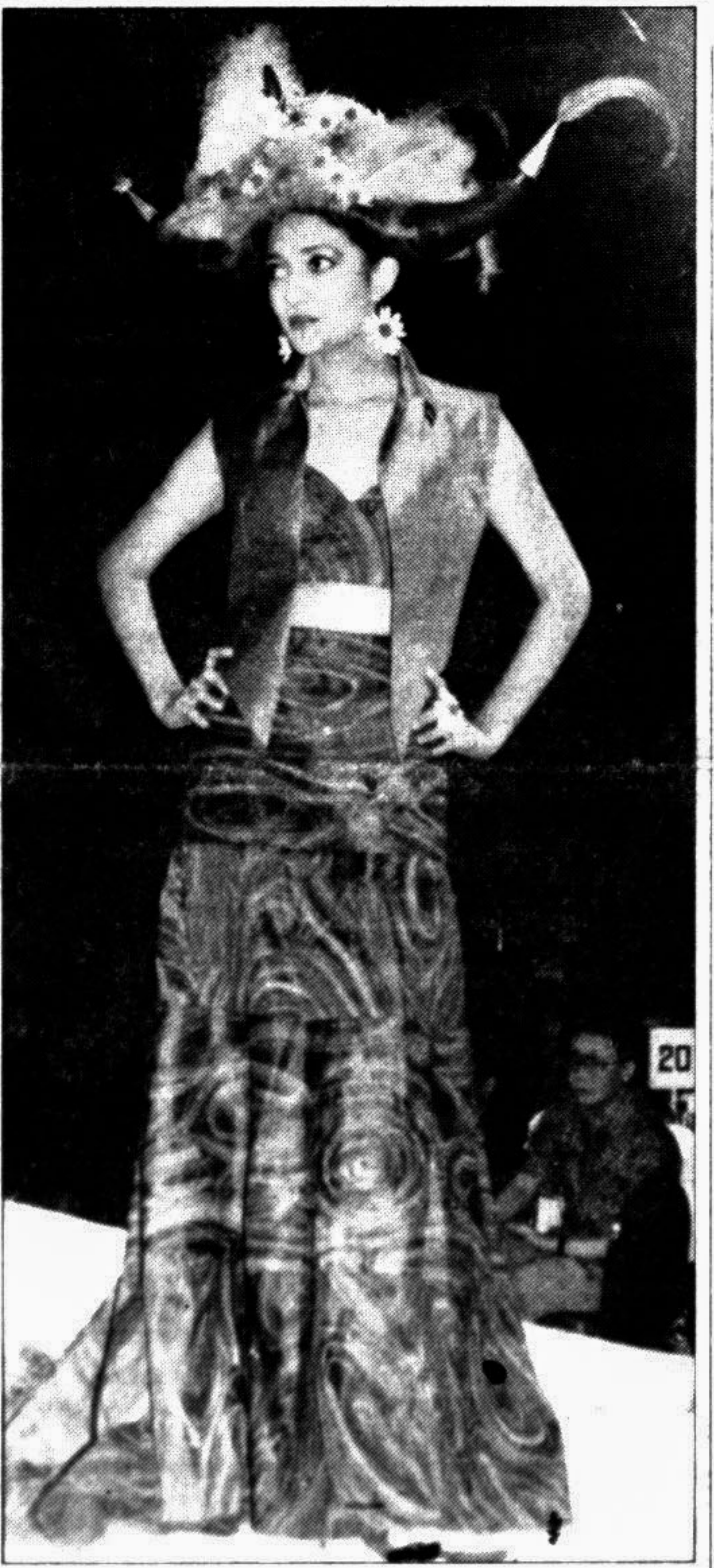
Ministers, diplomats and senior civil and military officials were also present at the airport.

Begum Zia left Dhaka for New York on October 21 on a five-day official visit to the United States, where she addressed the United Nations General Assembly on October 23.

During her stay, she held an exclusive meeting with US President Bill Clinton on October 22.

She also met US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, US

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A model at the Aarong fashion show in a city hotel yesterday. — Star photo

Reforms futile exercise unless politics is disciplined: Saifur

By Staff Correspondent

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman has said budget-making will turn into a meaningless exercise unless the political leadership grasps the full meaning of the financial document.

"The political leaders have a contemptuous disregard for budget," Rahman said. "Unless politics is disciplined, it is a futile and useless exercise to make any reforms."

The finance minister was speaking at the inaugural session of a seminar on "Reforms in Budgeting and Expenditure Control (RIBEC)" in the city yesterday. It was held at the RIBEC project office.

"Government is not a whimsical entity, it means accountability," he said. "Unless the political leadership is made accountable, it will be an impossible to ensure good budgetary control, he added."

Pointing out the current fiscal year's trend of expenditure, the minister said his colleagues in the cabinet are now requesting for 50 per cent higher allocations for different ministries.

"It does not indicate an enabling environment for budgetary control, he said. 'I pray to Allah, good governance down on the country.'

He said despite higher demands for funds by ministries, their funds are lying unused in the banks. "On the other hand, we have to borrow to supply these funds and pay interests on them. This is why we need control on budget," Rahman said.

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Maldives health minister in city

Minister for Health and Welfare of the Maldives Ahmed Abdullah arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a two-day official visit to Bangladesh, reports BSS.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf received the Maldivian health minister at the Zia International Airport.

Later, Abdullah and Kamal Ibne Yusuf had a meeting at the conference room of the Health Ministry. The two ministers exchanged views on strengthening cooperation particularly in the health sector of the two SAARC countries.

They also discussed matters of mutual interest. Exchange of job and training opportunities of nurses and doctors also came up in the discussion. Mutual cooperation in the field of family welfare was also discussed in the meeting.

Train service with Sylhet resumes

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Oct 26: The train communication between Sylhet and the rest of the country resumed at 7:30 this morning. It was cut off following the derailment of 11 bogies of the Inter-city Parabat Express on the Sylhet-Akhaura section at 12:45 pm yesterday. Five persons were killed and over 150 injured in the accident.

Meanwhile, the four-member enquiry committee headed by the Divisional Commissioner of Sylhet began its work today.

Though the cause of the accident is yet to be ascertained, joining bolts of the 11 bogies from the rear of the train were loose connected, a number of passengers said.

CSE market capital up

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Oct 26: Chittagong Stock Exchange has witnessed a mixed trading since its inception on October 10, CSE sources said.

CSE held a total of 11 days of floor trading till today as transaction was not held in other days due to hartal and holidays.

In the first eight days out of 11, the share market here was bullish while in the last three days including today the market showed a bearish trend as price index continued to fall, reports said.

According to promoters, supply of scrips is slow here which is one of the reasons for the sudden fall.

However, CSE's market capital rose by Taka 200 crore. On the first day, its market capital was Tk 795.78 crore while today it

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Taka devalued again

By Inam Ahmed

The Bangladesh Bank yesterday devalued the taka by another 25 paisa against the US dollar, effective from October 28. This is the second such devaluation in less than a month.

The 0.62 per cent devaluation of the taka is being seen as a reactive move following recent devaluations of the Indian and Pakistani currencies.

"The decision was taken following the Indian decision on order to maintain our competitiveness in the export market," a well-placed source at the Bangladesh Bank told The Daily Star yesterday.

With the new downward adjustment of the taka, the Bangladesh Bank buying rates of dollar will now be Tk 40.65 instead of the previous Tk 40.40. The Bank's selling rate will be Tk 40.85 in place of the previous Tk 40.60.

Prokrichi observes hunger strike

By Staff Correspondent

The leaders of Prokrichi and BCS Action Council representing the officers of 26 cadre services observed a hunger strike at the PG Hospital premises from 8 am to 4 pm yesterday demanding cancellation of mass promotion orders and implementation of their 17-point demand.

Addressing the rally, Prokrichi General Secretary Abu Hena threatened to observe work abstention on November 16 and hold a rally at the Engineers Institution if the demands are not met by Nov 10.

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'Govt should help develop polls monitoring culture'

By Staff Correspondent

A well-pledged elections monitoring system is needed to help the Election Commission ensure a free and fair poll in the country.

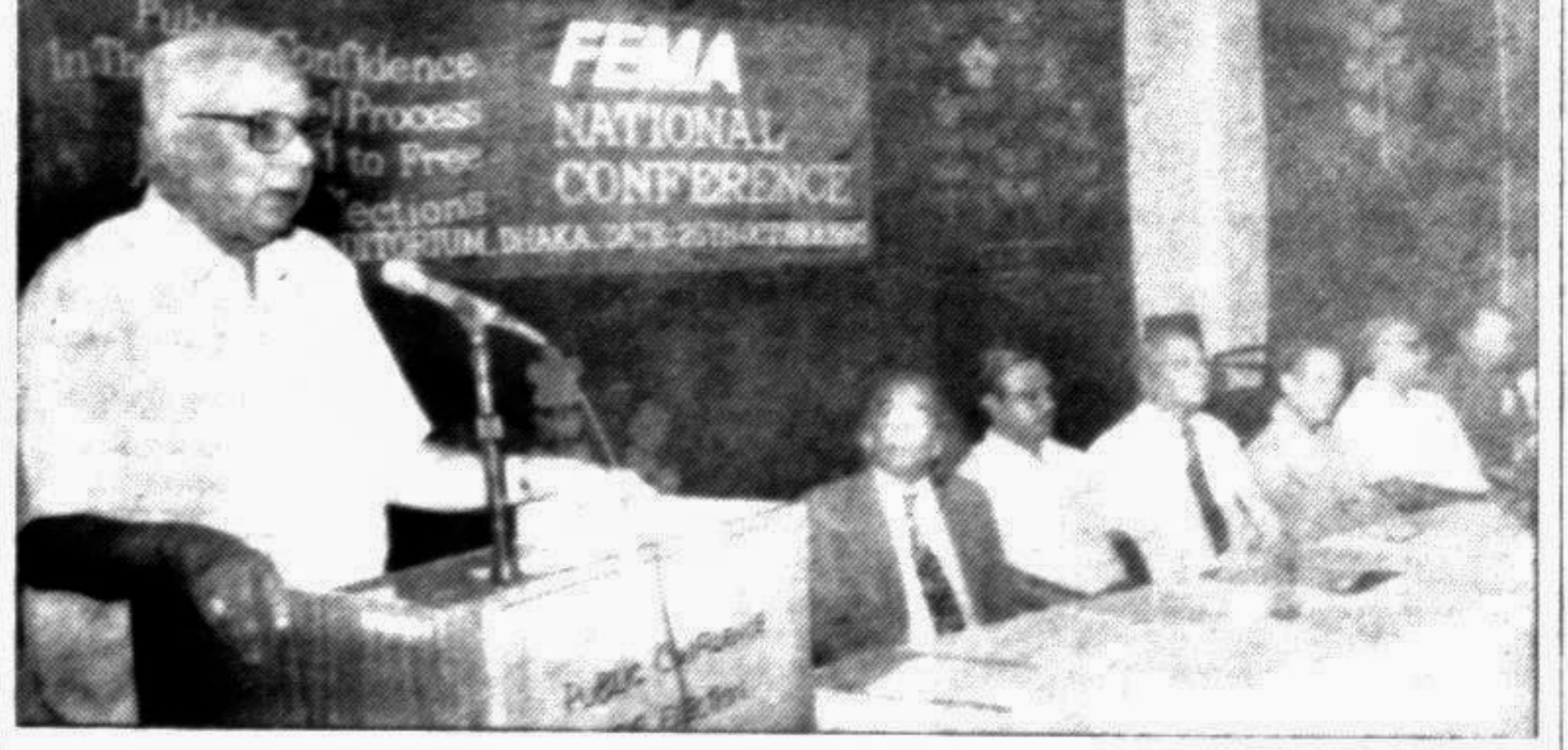
The observation of election has been recognised throughout the world and the government should allow the election monitoring process to develop it as a culture, speakers told the inaugural session of the national conference of Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) at the BMDC auditorium in the city yesterday.

Chairperson of the Alliance, Fakhruddin Ahmed, president over the function, while National Profession M Shamsul Haq, Barrister Ishtiaq Ahmed, Prof Rehman Sobhan, Shefik Rehman, Reazuddin Ahmed, Mahfuz Anam and Dr Qazi Faruque

Ahmed spoke on the occasion.

Barrister Ishtiaq Ahmed discussed the activities of Election Commission in length saying, EC is constitutionally independent, but in terms of employing government officers and members of the law enforcing agencies during the election period, its power is lesser than a

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Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed addressing the national conference of FEMA at the BMDC auditorium in the city yesterday. — Star photo

S Korean investors arrive today

A group of industrial magnates from South Korea arrives in Dhaka today on a week-long visit to explore investment potentials in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

The 28-member team, headed by Kihak Sung, Chairman of Youngone, one of the industrial giants of South Korea, will include high executives of several industrial complexes of the emerging economic power.

The visit, seen in Dhaka as significant, is likely to pave the way for a massive Korean investment in Bangladesh.

The delegation, as its primary task will have a spot survey in the planned Export Processing Zone (EPZ) at Fauzdarhat in Chittagong.

According to an agreement between the two countries during Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's visit to Seoul last May, the government offered to set up an export processing zone on 180 acres of land in the port city exclusively for the Korean investors.

Members of the delegation will meet ministers and officials concerned. They will attend a meeting of Korea-Bangladesh Joint Economic Cooperation Committee, an organisation set up earlier to increase bilateral trade and economic cooperation through private sectors.

Pakistan ratifies SAPTA

Pakistan has announced the ratification of SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement (SAPTA) which aims at boosting trade volume among the seven member countries of the forum, reports UNB.

President Farooq Ahmad Khan Leghari signed the instrument of Ratification on October 22, said a press release from Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka yesterday.

Robbery at Pabna sweepers' colony

From Our Correspondent PABNA, Oct 26: Robberies were committed at the Sweepers Colony in the town last night.

A group of 8 to 10 dacoits looted 12 houses and decamped with booties worth over Tk one lakh.

Dacoits were also committed in six government offices in Pabna town three days ago.

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