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## Sheikh Hasina: A profile

Sheikh Hasina was born on 28th September 1947 at Tunipara, a remote village under Gopalganj district which is also birth place of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. She is the eldest daughter of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founder of independent Bangladesh and the democratically elected Head of the State. Her mother Begum Fazilatunnesa was widely respected as a tender hearted lady and for love for the poor and oppressed people.

In 1968 Sheikh Hasina was married to an eminent scientist of Bangladesh M A Wazed Miah and they are now the parents of one son and a daughter.

After her marriage Sheikh Hasina continued her studies and she graduated from the University of Dhaka in 1973. Scion of a political family, she



was actively involved in student politics in her college and university life. She gained political experience as the go-between in her role to maintain contact between her father and the political and student leaders during Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's repeated imprisonment by the Pakistani rulers in late sixties. Always popular among the students, Sheikh Hasina was elected as the Chief of the Student Union of Eden Girls' College, the leading women's college in Bangladesh when she was studying there. She was a member of Student League of Dhaka University and Secretary of the branch of Student League at Rokeya Hall. She was President of Eden Intermediate Girls' College Student League. She actively participated in the mass upsurge of 1969 and at the time of the Liberation War of 1971, she was imprisoned by Pakistani Occupation Army along with her husband, mother, sister and brother.

On the fateful night of August 15, 1975 when some disgruntled army officers assassinated the Father of the Nation and elected Head of the State Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, his wife, three sons and all the inmates of his residence to capture power, Sheikh Hasina and her only sister Sheikh Rehana

## AL founding day

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The presidential invitation to Awami League to form government came after its emergence as the largest party in the seventh Jatiya Sangsad through the June 12 elections.

The history of Awami League is closely linked with the history of the birth of Bangladesh, the great mass movements and causes for which the Bengalee nation fought for over the period beginning from the Pakistani days.

Awami League pioneered the movement for establishing AL as a political party played the role of a rolling stone that Bengali as the state language, democracy and people's legitimate rights during the Pakistani period and also against autocratic rule in Bangladesh.

In '54 election the then United Front of which Awami League was an ally, had routed

## Tk 8.5 cr Chinese loan for DCC

The Dhaka City Corporation and China National Corporation for Overseas Economic Cooperation yesterday signed an agreement of Taka 8.50 crore interest free loan for importing various machines and equipment under the Dhaka City Road Development and Repair Project, reports BSS.

The China National Corporation for Overseas Economic Cooperation representative Yuo Zang and Dhaka City Corporation chief executive Byed Moniruddin signed the agreement at Nagarbhawan in presence of Chinese embassy councillor (Economic and Commercial) and officials of the city corporation, a corporation press release said.

## 5 killed in road mishap

RAJBARI, June 22: Five people were killed and three others seriously injured in a road accident on the Rajbari-Faridpur Highway today, reports UNB.

Police and hospital sources said the accident occurred at noon when a bus rammed a tempo near Bashantapur railway level-crossing in Sadar thana.

The dead were identified as Alimuzzaman Alam, 35, a businessman, Humayun Kabir Khan, 40, a physician, Chinmoy Biswas, 35, a school teacher, and Zahid Hossain, 30, and one unidentified man.

The injured — Asaduzzaman Chanchal, Ishak and an unidentified one — were rushed to Faridpur Sadar Hospital.

A case was filed by relatives of one of the victims with Sadar thana.

## US envoy holds talks with Hasina

US ambassador to Bangladesh, David N. Merrill, made a courtesy call on Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at her Dhanmondi residence in the city yesterday afternoon, reports BSS.

During the meeting they discussed matters relating to mutual interest between the two friendly countries as well as international issues.

Merrill felicitated Sheikh Hasina on her party's winning majority in the free and neutral Jatiya Sangsad elections of June 12.

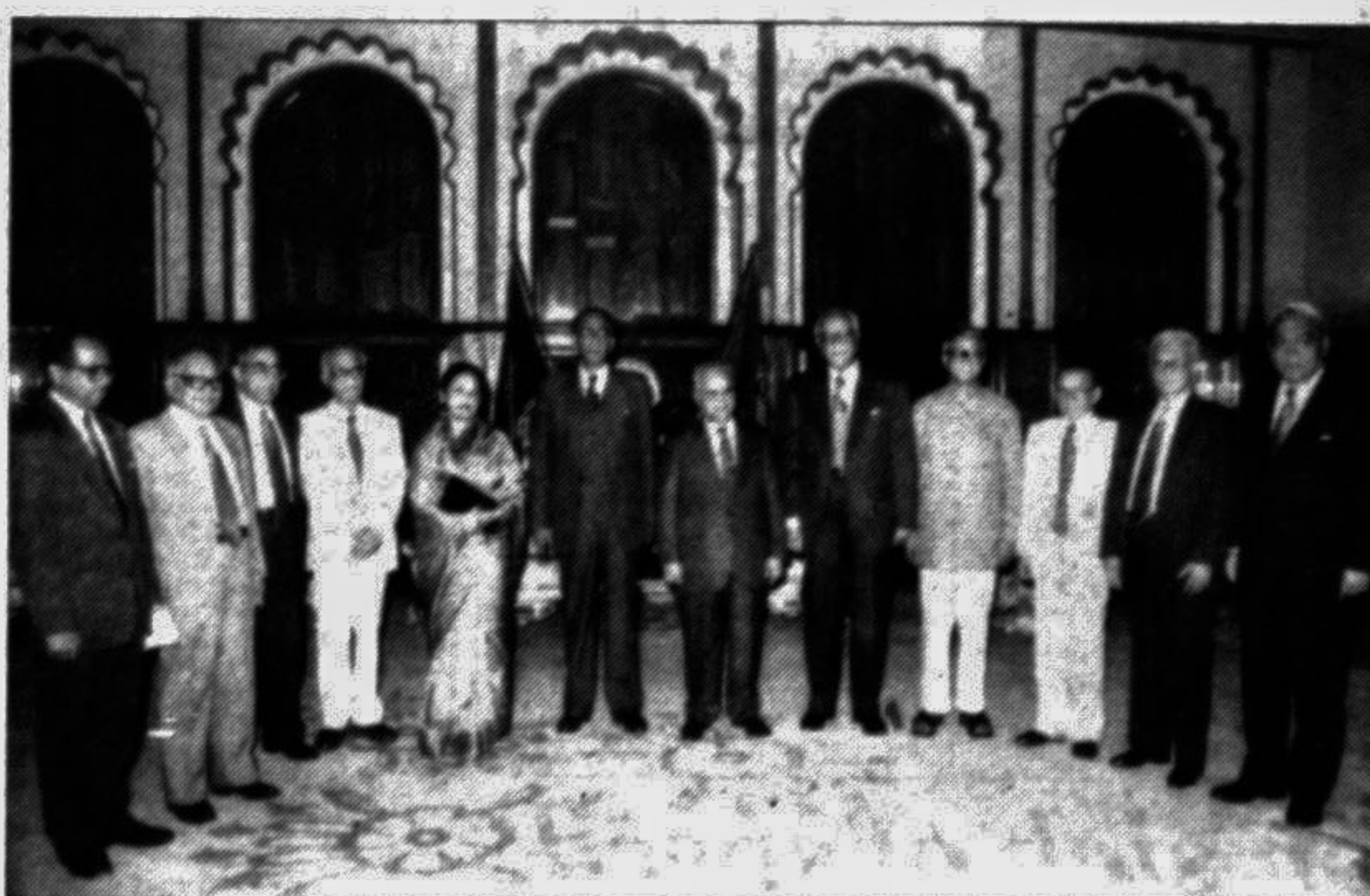
Awami League leader Abul Hasnat Abdullah, MP was also present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, Thailand ambassador Sunthorn Vithayeth, Indonesian ambassador Hadi A Wayarabi Al-Hadar, and the Philippines ambassador Jose E. Colingasan made courtesy call to Sheikh Hasina at her Dhanmondi residence yesterday.

During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest and international issues.

The ambassadors congratulated Sheikh Hasina for her party's victory in the June 12 polls.

Sheikh Hasina's political secretary Shah A M S Kibria, Awami League leaders Ataur Rahman Khan Kaiser, Abul Hasan Chowdhury and Abul Hasnat Abdullah were also present.



President Abdur Rahman Biswas poses for photograph with Chief Adviser Muhammad Habibur Rahman and other members of the advisory council at Bangabhaban yesterday. — PID photo

## BNP resolution Govt, EC have failed to hold free, fair polls

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) said in the city yesterday that the caretaker government and the Election Commission had totally failed to hold a free, fair and neutral election which the nation had expected, reports BSS.

A resolution adopted at BNP's national standing committee meeting, alleged that the caretaker government had thrown partisan attitude and carried out activities in favour of a particular political party in violation of its constitutional responsibility and commitment.

The people's verdict, it

## Hasina, other AL MPs place wreaths at portrait of Bangabandhu

The newly-elected Awami League MPs, led by party president and parliamentary leader Sheikh Hasina, placed wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Bangabandhu Bhawan in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Hasina, on behalf of the party, first placed wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu at about 9:20 am.

Later, she went upstairs where her father and other family members were assassinated in August, 1975.

## 10 police officers leave for Angola

A 10-member Bangladesh police officer team left Dhaka yesterday for Angola to join the United Nations peace mission as police observer, a press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

## CA visits ministries, thanks officials

Chief Adviser Muhammad Habibur Rahman yesterday went to various ministries and offices, mainly to thank the officials and employees for their support in accomplishing his mission, reports UNB.

The Chief Adviser, in his last full day in office, visited the foreign ministry, police headquarters, police museum and attended his Secretariat office when he expressed his good wishes for the officials and employees.

During his visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which was under his portfolio during the tenure of the caretaker government, Habibur Rahman talked to the officials and employees of all levels.

Later in a meeting with high officials, Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan briefed the Chief Adviser about the activities of different sections of the ministry.

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Samannoy Committee with the Nirmul Committee and 70 other pro-liberation political parties and socio-cultural and student organisation.

## Parts of Jhenidah town jolted

JHENIDAH, June 22: A tremor jolted parts of the town today creating panic among its residents, reports UNB.

Witnesses said panicked residents left their homes and ran helter skelter as the mild earthquake was felt twice at 7:47 pm and 7:49 pm. No casualty or damage was reported.

Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Mizanur Rahman said the earthquake could not be measured as there is no meteorological office in the district.

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a self-reliant, laborious and creative nation."

In an emotion-choked voice, the Chief Adviser appreciated the officials and employees of different ministries and government offices and thanked them for performing their duties in holding the June 12 elections in a free and fair manner.

He particularly thanked the members of Army, Navy, Air Force, Police, BDR and Ansar forces for the whole-hearted support and cooperation in creating a congenial atmosphere for a free and impartial election.

Moreover, Rahman expressed his sincere thanks to the Chief Election Commissioner, the two election commissioners, the secretary and the officials and employees of all levels of the EC for conducting the polls in a free, fair and impartial manner.

Appreciating the encouragement given by the President in carrying out his onerous responsibilities, the chief adviser thanked the President on behalf of the Council of Advisers and on his own behalf.

Referring to the experiences gained during the last 12 weeks, he said he himself and other advisers had worked relentlessly remaining above all controversies to conduct a free and peaceful election.

"We have tried all the time for maintaining the government's constitutional supremacy and not indulged in any harmful imagination in this regard," he said, in an oblique reference to the 13th Constitution Amendment which set off wild controversies.

He said there might be different explanations of a constitutional provision and it is not "often easy to find out the intentions or objectives of the lawmaker in formulating a provision".

Rahman said there were three things before the non-party caretaker government to do — setting in motion the near-stagnant wheels of the economy, curbing terrorism and improving law and order situation, and holding a peaceful and free election in the country.

He noted with satisfaction that the cloud over the fate of the economy had cleared while inflation declined, supply of foodgrains increased, the gradual declining trend in foreign exchange reserve position improved and losses in trade and commerce recovered to some extent.

"I hope the overall situation and the economy will again gain momentum and be rejuvenated with the healing union given by the election," the chief adviser said.

He informed that they had received various advices from different people and organisations which could not be implemented due to their engagement with holding election. The recommendations, however, were left over different ministries.

He said the caretaker government thought about some steps for improving the law-and-order agencies, permanent commission for law reforms, separation of the judiciary from the executive, but only took some interim measures like formulating provisional budget to run the country.

"We have come to the conclusion that the elected government will understand better the requirements of the country and how to meet these, how to bring welfare for the country, and they will take necessary steps to that end," he said.

From the experiences he gathered in running the government, Habib suggested that the first priority should be ensuring political stability and accommodating all shades of opinions, for the development of the country.

Two other things are improvement of law and order situation and continuous vigilance in implementing the principles of running the state, depicted in the second part of the country's Constitution.

The national objectives will have to be set keeping in mind the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, education and healthcare," he said, calling for stopping all wastage and following austerity in the administration.

He also observed that any practice aiming at profit in poverty alleviation and development, ignoring social, cultural and economic tradition of the country, would prove incomplete.

"The responsibilities of resolving the problems of the country will have to be shouldered by the sons of the soil. None other than he who is at pains can feel the pains," Rahman said.

The chief adviser also pointed out their decision not to request the President, if not an urgent necessity, to promulgate ordinance as the application of the power to promulgate ordinance in a democratic polity should be used on limited occasions.

He said he deemed that indirect hindrance to lawmaking power of the parliament would not be good for the nurturing of the democratic election in the country.

Regretting the unnatural deaths during the elections, he expressed shock and conveyed sympathies to the members of the bereaved families. It, he hoped, is not far away when

## The Midnight File

### Taliban rocket Kabul: 6 civilians killed

ISLAMABAD, June 22: At least six civilians were killed and 24 injured when Taliban militia struck the Afghan capital with rockets today, state-run Radio Kabul reported, says AFP.

### Revenue collection may fall slightly short of target

Star Report

The government's revenue collection for the current fiscal year may fall slightly short of target, according to a highly placed source at the National Board of Revenue (NBR).

"We are now lagging behind by about only Tk 104 crore in collections till May," said the NBR source. "We hope this gap could be filled up by end of June. But even if we can not, the shortfall would not be more than Tk 50 to Tk 60 crore out of the target of Tk 12,000 crore."

The government's revenue collection target fell short by about Tk 308 crore in March as collections on all fronts dropped because of the political unrest. The NBR source, however, noted that the revenue collection shortfall was reduced to Tk 238 crore in April and Tk 104 crore in May.

The NBR's revenue collection target for June is Tk 1,406 crore, and NBR officials are optimistic that it could be exceeded by Tk 100 crore.

### RU senate session begins today

RAJ/SHAHI, June 22: The 17th session of Rajshahi University Senate begins at the Senate Bhawan tomorrow. The two-day senate session will announce the annual budget for the year 1996-97 of the university, reports UNB.

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parole for oath-taking as in 1991," the Home Ministry source said.

He has been serving 13 years of prison terms in three cases, but the verdicts of lower courts were challenged in the higher court. The appeal cases are still pending.

Jatiya Party finished third winning 32 seats and lent unconditional support to Awami League reportedly at the instruction of the jailed leader for forming government.

### Hasina's oath

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AL presidium members Abul Samad Azad, Amir Hossain Amu, General Secretary Zillur Rahman, MP-elect Abul Hasanat Mohammed Abdullah and political adviser to the AL president Shah A M S Kibria accompanied Hasina during her nearly two-hour meeting with the President.

Cabinet Secretary Ayubur Rahman, Secretary to the President Nooruddin Al Masood and Military Secretary to the President Major General Ruhul Alam Chowdhury were also present.

Earlier in the day, Hasina and some of her senior party colleagues had a meeting at the Bangabandhu Bhawan at Dhanmondi to finalise the new cabinet, according to party sources.

They said a 23-member council of ministers has been charted out by the Awami League high command.

Earlier at nine in the morning, the newly elected AL MPs garlanded the portrait of late president and party supremo Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Bangabandhu Bhawan.

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election was not held in a proper way. The administration acted against us and the polls were marked by massive rigging. The pattern of votes cast proved that there was rigging," she said, adding "We could never think of such an election."

"Of course, we'll file cases regarding irregularities in 111 seats. And we expect that we'll get justice. But the legal process of disposal of our cases should be expedited," Begum Zia told a questioner.

When asked how does she feel that she is going to sit in the Opposition bench in Parliament for the first time she said, "Since we do politics, we always believe in democracy. We're the pioneer of democracy in the country."

In reply to a question if she was planning to bring changes in the party hierarchy following the elections, the leader of the largest ever opposition party in parliament said, "We discussed the matter at yesterday's meeting of the party's MPs-elect and also in today's meeting of the standing committee. We'll also discuss it in a meeting of the party's national executive committee soon to take stock of the post-election situation and only then we will be able to speak on the issue."

### Arab summit

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with Israel be linked to progress in the peace process. Only Iraq has been excluded from the gathering with an empty chair in the conference centre, a reminder of its absence.

On the sidelines of the summit, Arab leaders held a series of meetings aimed at overcoming differences caused by the Iraqi invasion and the signing of separate peace agreements with Israel.

King Hussein and Assad met for an hour today, their first meeting in more than two years and shook hands, while Assad also embraced Arafat in their first talks since 1993.

## \$1706m foreign aid

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tion capacity to draw the needed foreign aid for 1996-97," said the same source. "With our level of capacity, we will be aiming at quality of projects. The recent pruning of the ADP was also done with that in view which also left out the politically motivated projects or projects having little relevance to the country."

Meanwhile, Bangladesh would get an insignificant amount of US food aid that was suspended last year. The US government has decided to divert its unutilised food aid of 10 million US dollars from an African state, the source said.

Earlier, the US government had expressed its inability to provide food aid to Bangladesh under PL-480 Title-III during US fiscal years 1996 and 1997. The country, on an average, received 40 million dollars every year under the PL-480 Title-III.

Bangladesh used to receive around 50 to 60 million dollars as US food aid annually.

Japan, the largest bilateral donor to Bangladesh, is also maintaining a tight position on aid commitment. It provided 93 million dollars during the current year, about 590 million dollars last year and 560 million dollars the year before.

The annual consultation meeting of the donor consortium known as the Paris Club meeting will be held in September. It was shifted twice due to the political crisis in Bangladesh and the date has been finalised to give the new government time to assess the situation and prepare its proposed line of actions.

The donors will make their pledge taking this target into consideration and it is expected that the donors will maintain their earlier level of pledge provided there is adequate commitment of the new government toward reform.

Bangladesh, in the last year's Paris meet on April 24-25, sought disbursement of aid to the tune of 1850 million dollars for the current fiscal year.