

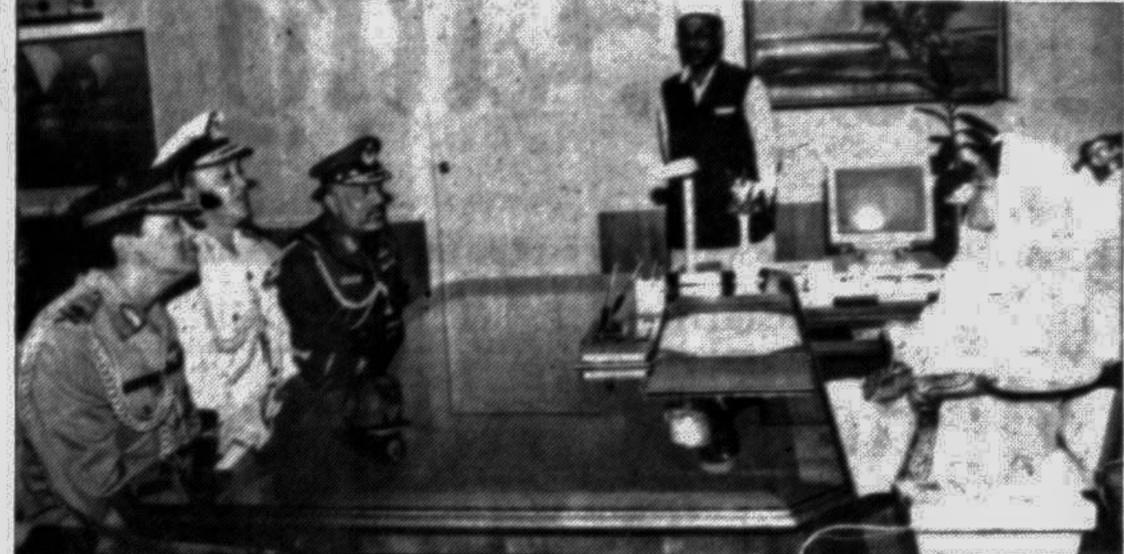
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Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Mohammad Mahabubur Rahman, Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Nurul Islam and Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Mar shal Jamaluddin Ahmed called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yester-- PID photo

Hasina's road to power

Sheikh Hasina 49, who was sworn in as the country's 10th Prime Minister on Sunday, learnt the ABC of politics from her father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in a family atmosphere, since her

She has also become the second woman head of the government of the country. after the BNP chief, Begum Khaleda Zia

Hasina, whose 15-year leadership has brought the Awami League back to power after 21 years, inherits the political legacy of her family.

She had been a close monitor of the long and charismatic political career of her father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman - the lounding father of independent Bangladesh - and took political lessons from him whenever a chance presented itself. Mujib also spared the time to familiarise his eldest daughter with the latest political developments.

A witness of many political events involving her father and other AL leaders, Hasina played an active role in bridging the gap and exchanging information between the AL stalwarts and Mujib, who spent a significant part of his life in

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By Nazmul Ashraf jail during the national move ment in the late sixties.

Hasina got actively involved in politics in the pro-democ racy and pro-autonomy student and mass movement in 1962. She joined processions and street demonstrations against the anti-people rulers of that time:

Hasina was elected vicepresident of the Eden College Students Union and the ool lege chapter chief of the Chhatra League and later served as the general secretary of the organisation's unit at the Rokeya Hall of the Dhaka University. She also participated in the anti-Ayub mass upsurge

During the country's War of Liberation in 1971, the Pakistani occupation forces imprisoned Hasina along with her husband, mother and other family members.

Sheikh Hasina and her younger sister Sheikh Rehana were in Belgium on August 15. 1975, the fateful day Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib along with his kith and kin were brutally assassinated in a military coup.

Hasina and her sister. reached the Indian capital New Delhi on August 25 the same year and accepted political asylum, offered by the Indira Gandhi government. From New Delhi, she made several attempts to return home but permission was not granted by the then Bangladesh government.

During her six years in exile, she kept constant contract with the AL leaders on the country's latest political developments.

Gripped by disunity and frustrations, the AL at a council session held in February, 1981 unanimously elected Hasina the president of the party.

Ending her life in exile Hasina returned home on 17 May, 1981 to take over the party leadership. On the day of her return, tens of thousands of people gathered at the Kurmitola Airport to greet

their dear leader and get a glimpse of her. The sloganchanting people attended a mammoth civic reception accorded her, at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, braving rains and

Addressing the unprecedented gathering, a broken Hasina lamented the gruesome murders of her lather and other family members and promised to lay down her life in her struggle against military rule, for restoration of democracy and people's rights, trans-lating Bangabandhu's dream of an exploitation-free society into reality and upholding the spirit and ideals of the great Liberation War.

As the new AL chief, Hasina reorganised the party and consolidated its strength by removing all intra-party differences. Her leadership also gave fresh vigour to thousands of party activists across the coun-

Hasina then devoted herself to the anti-military rule movement and started mobilising public opinion against the politics of killing and coup that began with the killing of the leaders of the Liberation War She also played the

pioneering role in the antiautocracy movement that culminated in the fall of Ershad's nine-year rule in

Hasina had to face imprisonment and arrest for defying ban on politics in the early days of Ershad's martial law.

Under her leadership, the AL contested the 1986 parliamentary elections and secured 76 seats despite widespread rigging by the then Jatiya Party government of Ershad. In the 1991 general election, AL-led eight-party alliance got 101 seats.

Hasina led the combined opposition movement for polls under a non-party caretaker government in the past two years and the AL emerged as the single largest party in the just held June 12 parliamentary polls.

Fazlul Haq

laid to rest

A K M Fazlul Haq Miah, a member of Awami League advi-

sory council, who died of a

heart attack hours ahead of the

oath taking of his party gov-

ernment, was buried yesterday

at the Uttara graveyard after

Asr prayers, reports BSS.

The qulkhwani of Haq will be held on Wednesday

Weather

Moderate rainfall likely

Moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Dhaka. Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Khulna.

Barisal and Chittagong divisions during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Besides, said Met office, a moderately heavy to heavy falls may occur at places over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions

during the period. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged throughout

In its outlook for the subsequent two days, Met office predieted a little change. While giving an extended outlook for another five days weathermen said rainfall activity is likely to increase at the end of the period.

Country's highest temperature was recorded today 33 degrees Celsius at Patuakhali and the lowest 23.4 degrees at Sylhet

Meantime. Sylhet experienced the country's highest 70 mm rainfall followed by Dinajpur with 29 mm rain while Rangpur had 21 mm rain, Mymensingh 19 mm and Cox's Bazar 10 mm rainfall.

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(What's on today

Drama festival: As part of the ongoing drama festival. organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Mukii by Haripada Sufradhar a production of Manikganj Sahitya Sangskritik Parishad will be staged today. Venue: Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

More greetings to Hasina

Various political and sociocultural organisations yesterday welcomed Sheikh · Hasina as the Prime Minister of the country and expressed the hope that peace and stability would be restored under her able and active leadership in the years to come, reports

The leaders of these organisations in their letters of felicitations also observed that the new government would work under a consensus for the development and progress of the nation and free the society of terrorism and communalism.

Janadal

Janadal chairman Khandker Mahtabuddin Ahmed and other leaders of his party expressed the hope that Sheikh Hasina as the Prime Minister of the country would create a history by changing the lot of the country's teeming millions.

Muktijoddha Kalyan Trust

Convenor of Bangladesh Muktijoddha Kalyan Trust Mahmud Parvez Masud in his statement said that Bangladesh Awami League, which led the Liberation War, had fulfilled the desire of the war-injured freedom fighters by regaining the power after 21 years of the relentless struggle.

Gana Azadi League

President of Gana Azadi League advocate S M Nurul Alam, in a statement, congratulated Sheikh Hasina as the country's Prime Minister and expected a speedy develop-ment in the country's law and

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Khulna city Mayor Shaikh Tayebur Rahman congratulated Sheikh Hasina on her assump tion of the office of Prime Min-

Notice

Our regular feature Dhaka Day by Day could not be carried today due to space constraint. The inconvenience to the readers is regretted.

NOTIFICATION

Date: 23-06-96 BIRDEM Academy will start FCPS Orientation Course from 10th August '96. Intending candidates are requested to apply in plain paper with Bio-Data (Name, Father's Name, Date of Birth), Educational Qualification and Subject. Fees for orientation course is Tk 3,000/- for external candidate other than BIRDEM. For Doctors of BIRDEM who will be selected Tk 1500/will be subsidised by BIRDEM. Classes will be held in Room No 399 of BIRDEM between 7 PM-9 PM everyday except Fridays and holidays. Candidates will be selected on first come first serve basis. Last date for submission of application is 25th July, 1996. Minimum qualification for selection is MBBS or equivalent degree recognised by Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council.

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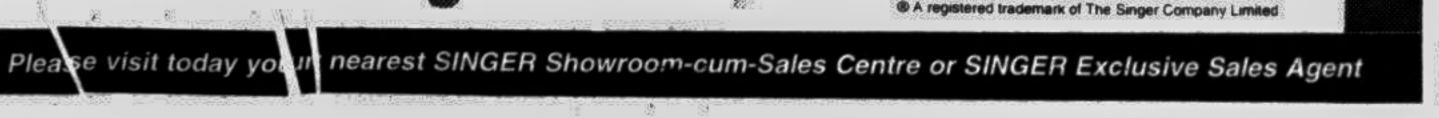
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