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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-Marshal Jamaluddin Ahmed called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday. — PID photo

## Hasina's road to power

By Nazmul Ashraf

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 childhood.

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 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 founding 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

### 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 the country.

In its outlook for the subsequent two days, Met office predicted 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.

The sun sets today at 6:50 pm and rises on the tomorrow at 5:13 am.

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### What's on today . . .

**Drama festival:** As part of the ongoing drama festival, organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Mukti 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 socio-cultural 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 BSS.

**Fazlul Haq laid to rest**  
A K M Fazlul Haq Miah, a member of Awami League advisory council, who died of a heart attack hours ahead of the oath taking of his party government, was buried yesterday at the Uttara graveyard after Asr prayers, reports BSS. The qulshwani of Haq will be held on Wednesday.

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**  
Convener 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 development in the country's law and order.

**KCC**  
Khulna city Mayor Shaikh Tayebur Rahman congratulated Sheikh Hasina on her assumption of the office of Prime Minister.

**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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