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NEWS BRIEFS

Hasina addresses city rally today

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will address a grand rally at Manik Mian Avenue in the city at 3 pm today. The rally, organised by the city Awami League, will be presided over by Mayor of Dhaka and city AL chief Mohammad Hanif, says a party press release.

7 HC judges call on President

Seven new additional judges of the High Court Division of Bangladesh Supreme Court made a courtesy call on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday.

They were Justice Ifukhar Rasool, Justice M A Aziz, Justice Hassan Ameen, Justice AK Badrul Huq, Justice Mohammad Joyntul Abedin, Justice M A Matin and Justice Shah Abu Naveem. Mominur Rahman, said an official handout.

Khaleda to meet BNP ward commissioners

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia will hold a meeting with the BNP Ward Commissioners of Dhaka City Corporation at party's Kakrail Office at 7:30pm today. Party sources said BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan will have a meeting with the leaders of Jatiyatabadi Krishak Dal at party's central office at 6 pm today. Meanwhile, Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal Dhaka city unit will hold an emergency meeting today at its central office at 4 pm, reports UNB.

PM pledges to build skilled, disciplined Armed Forces

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday categorically said that one of the main objectives of her government was to build a well-trained, disciplined and skilled Armed Forces, reports BSS.

She said any kind of 'grouping or lobbying' existing in the armed forces would be removed and a guideline upholding the national interests would be given to them keeping in view the hopes and aspirations of the people.

Sheikh Hasina, also holding the charge of Defence Ministry, was addressing the senior officers of the army, navy and air force at the Armed Forces Headquarters here.

Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman in his address of welcome said the members of the Armed Forces would uphold the national confidence and trust at any cost.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak, Industries and Commerce Minister Tofael Ahmed, Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim, Chief Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Abul Hasanat Abdullah and Lt Col (ret'd) Faruque Khan MP were present on the occasion.

Besides, Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Muhammad Nurul Islam, Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmad, Defence Secretary M A Hakim, Secretary of the Prime Minister Dr Mahiuddin Khan Alamgir, principal staff officers, formation commanders and other senior officials of the three services were present.

Earlier, Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman received the Prime Minister when she arrived at the army headquarters. Senior officers of the Armed Forces were introduced to her.

The Prime Minister in her address to the senior officers of the Armed Forces said that her government would soon take up some welfare measures for them.

These include modernisation of the Armed Forces, arrangement of necessary resources and training materials for them and looking after their personal wellbeing by removing any kind of grievance.

The Prime Minister also clearly said that the policies for promotion of members of the Armed Forces would be fixed on the basis of their professional efficiency, personal character and social behaviour.

"I do not think it necessary at this moment to review what has happened in the past but as the head of the government and also minister in charge of the defence I want to assure you that only merit and professional efficiency will be the yardstick of all appointments and promotions during the tenure of the Awami League government," she said.

She also referred to some laws formulated during the British rule for the Armed Forces and said those should not be in operation in an independent and sovereign country. "My government will pursue immediate efforts for removal of those laws formulated during the colonial rule," she added.

The Prime Minister also referred to many irregularities that had taken place in the past and assured that as long as she would be in power nothing beyond the rules and regulations would be allowed to take place in the Armed Forces.

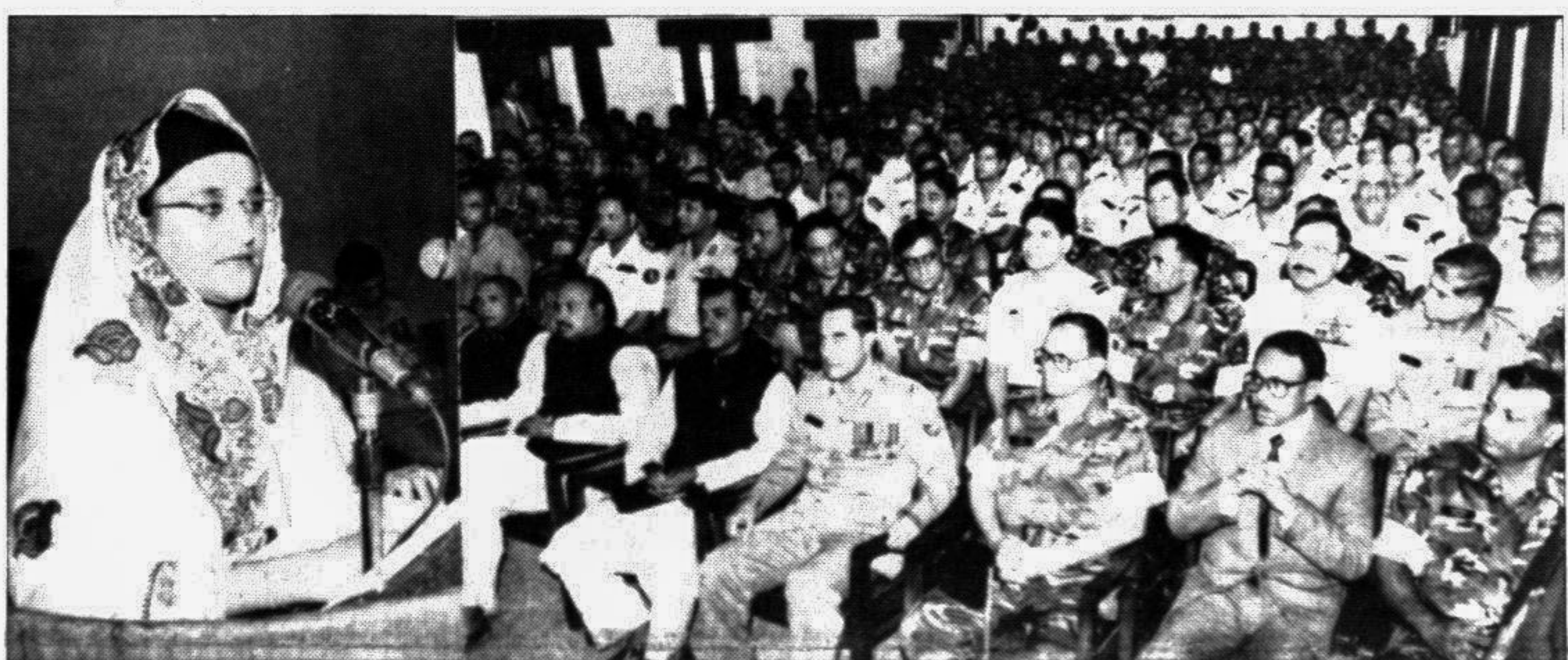
"I will keep the Armed Forces above any unwanted interference and the chain of command will be in full force through the Chiefs of three Services," she said.

The Prime Minister recalled with a sense of pride the birth of Bangladesh Armed Forces on November 21, 1971 and said they, with the eternal flame of the Liberation War in their hands waded across many conflicting and adverse situations and had now reached the stage of full youth.

"The Father of the Nation dreamt of building the Armed Forces as the symbol of national independence and unity and I and my government are pledged-bound to materialise that dream," she said.

Sheikh Hasina hoped that the Army, Navy and Air Force would grow as efficient organisations, emerge as consolidated institutions and work through their own systems.

"I further assure you that each force will run according to their own laws and rules



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressing the senior officers of Bangladesh Army, Navy and Air Force at the Armed Forces Headquarters in Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. —PID photo

CEC's letter to govt Permanent election tribunal suggested

By Staff Correspondent

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Mohammad Abu Hena has suggested the government to set up a permanent election tribunal exclusively to hear election-related complaints and dispose of those expeditiously.

"I have suggested the government to set up an exclusive and permanent Tribunal for expeditious disposal of election disputes," Abu Hena said. One full-time Additional District Judge may be enough to run the tribunal, he said, adding any appeal against the verdict of the tribunal will lie with the High Court.

In the present 61 Election Tribunals, the Judges are hearing election related cases in addition to their day-to-day load of work. So, each case takes much longer time for disposal than it is usually anticipated," the CEC said.

"I will press the government for constitution of the Tribunal," he said, mentioning that a formal letter in this regard had already been sent to the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs on June 18 and it was probably now lying with the Law Secretary.

An unspecified number of election-related cases have piled up at different courts in the country, sources concerned said. Many complaints relating to the 1991 parliamentary elections still remain unresolved. So are cases of other elections, they added.

The Election Commission (EC), prior to the June 12 parliamentary polls, constituted 61 Election Tribunals in different districts to deal with the complaints following the polls.

These tribunals are headed by district and sessions judges or additional district and sessions judges but these are not full-time bodies as the judges have to divide their time between court work and tribunal hearings, the sources pointed out.

The relevant laws, however, See Page 12 Col 3

J's session summoned on July 14

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday summoned the newly elected Jatiya Sangsad into its first session at 3 pm on July 14, reports UNB.

The President had decided to summon Parliament on the day on advice made by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina when she called on him at Bangabhaban on Friday night.

The 7th Jatiya Sangsad was elected in the June 12 election held under the caretaker government headed by Chief Adviser Muhammad Habibur Rahman.

Awami League president Sheikh Hasina was sworn-in as prime minister on June 23 after her party emerged as the single largest party in parliament, bagging 147 seats, including an independent MP who joined the AL.

The former ruling party, BNP, which quit on March 30 in the face of a prolonged movement for election under a caretaker government, secured 116 seats, emerging as a strong opposition in Parliament.

Jatiya Party finished third with 32 seats, Jamaat-e-Islami three, and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Rab) and Islami Oikya Jote one each.

BNP to present new trend of Opposition in JS: Mannan

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan has said the BNP will present a new trend of opposition in Parliament under the leadership of Khaleda Zia as it has confidence in the Constitution, democracy and the people, reports UNB.

Addressing an adjourned meeting of the BNP's national executive committee yesterday, he stressed that the party's present position should be consolidated and the partymen should discharge their responsibilities sincerely.

The BNP secretary general called for forging unity of those who believe in the spirit of Liberation War and Bangladesh nationalism to strengthen the party at grassroots level.

Mannan alleged that the people's verdict was diverted in the June 12 election through massive rigging. But, despite rigging, terrorism, harassment, arrest and oppression, it was proved in the election that the BNP has a massive popularity, he added.

He reiterated his party's stand of extending all support and playing a positive role on the question of protecting the country's sovereignty and continuation of democracy and the Constitution. "But none should take it as party's weakness," he said.

He alleged that leaders and workers of the BNP and its front organisations were being harassed by Awami terrorists across the country though the new government made a commitment not to pursue politics of revenge.

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2 ministers, 4 state ministers sworn-in

Two more ministers and four state ministers were sworn-in yesterday expanding the Cabinet of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, reports UNB.

The ministers are Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Rab) leader ASM Abdur Rab and Awami League leader Salahuddin Yusuf.

Rab has been given the charge of Shipping Ministry while Yusuf will hold the portfolio of Health and Family Welfare.

The state ministers are Prof Abu Sayeed (Information), Hafeez Rashed Mosharrar (Land), AK Faizul Haque (Jute) and MA Mannan (Labour and Manpower).

President Abdur Rahman Biswas, in presence of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, administered the oath of office to them.

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G-7 puts global security at the top of agenda

LYON (France), June 29: Group of Seven (G-7) leaders put global security at the top of the world's agenda today, as they ended a three day summit overshadowed by the spectre of terrorism and regional conflict, reports AFP.

Wrapping up the meeting in Lyon, France, the leaders of the world's richest countries agreed that global prosperity could only be ensured in a climate of safety from bombs and armed conflict.

"We agreed that we now have tremendous opportunities to make the most of this historic moment to achieve security and stability around the globe," said a closing declaration.

But it concluded: "We recognize that we must first work to reduce tensions and resolve conflicts."

The G-7 Summit — of the leaders of the United States, Canada, Britain, Germany, France, Italy and Japan — started and ended under the cloud of terrorist attacks.

The truck bomb on a US military base in Saudi Arabia last Tuesday led to a statement agreed at the opening dinner Thursday evening calling an urgent ministerial meeting next month to back a 40-point anti-terrorism plan.

Then Friday evening as the leaders enjoyed a final dinner at a top Lyon restaurant, a mortar attack on British barracks in Osanabrueck, northern Germany again shook their agenda.

British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind denied that the attack, believed to be the work of the IRA, was timed specifically as a snub to the G-7 leaders.

Regional conflict also dominated the summit talks, specifically in the form of the Bosnian peace process which appears threatened by Bosnian Serb manoeuvring in forthcoming elections in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In particular the G-7 leaders reiterated their warning of renewed sanctions against Serbia if Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic does not quit office "immediately and definitively."

"We are ready to envisage the use of sanctions against any side in the peace accord," the summit declaration added, referring to the Dayton peace accords, a reimposition of sanctions would inevitably complicate the peace process.

The final declaration, entitled "towards greater security and stability in more cooperation," See Page 12 Col 1

BNP calls off today's hartal in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, June 29: The BNP has called off its hartal scheduled for tomorrow in the port city due to HSC examination, party sources said, reports UNB.

The withdrawal of hartal call was also announced this evening through miking in the city.

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and its student wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) had called for the hartal protesting the arrest of JCD leader Saiful Alam and demanding his immediate release.

Police said they arrested Saiful on Thursday night due to his involvement in a murder case.

AL-BNP clash in Moulvibazar: 15 injured

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, June 29: Fifteen persons were injured in a clash between the activists of the Awami League and the BNP at Moulvibazar of Rajnagar thana in Moulvibazar district last night.

Six of the injured claimed themselves as BNP activists. They have been admitted to the Moulvibazar Sadar hospital. Police arrested 4 persons.

Tk 359.5 cr DCC budget for '96-97 announced

The Dhaka City Corporation yesterday announced a Tk 359.46 crore budget for the 1996-97 fiscal year, allocating most resources for development projects without imposing any fresh tax on the city dwellers, reports UNB.

Mayor Mohammad Hanif announced the budget for the new fiscal year at a press conference at the Nagar Bhaban, prioritizing the continuation of the efforts to increase civic amenities for the inhabitants of the metropolis.

The Mayor also announced the revised budget of Tk 266.46 crore, down from the original estimates of Tk 303.48 crore, for the outgoing 1995-96 fiscal year.

He mainly blamed complexities in project implementation and a huge amount of un-realised taxes — which caused resource shortfall for the downsizing of the budget for the current fiscal.

The Mayor said the total un-realised tax is Tk 35 crore in the 1995-96 fiscal year. Out of the amount, Tk 15 crore remained un-realised with government, semi-government and autonomous bodies and Tk 20 crore with general taxpayers.

The budget estimates for the coming 1996-97 year and the revised budget for 1995-96 were approved unanimously by the 11th general meeting of the Ward Commissioners on June 25.

Hanif said a total of Tk 248.66 crore, including an expected grant of Tk 65 crore from government and Tk 70 crore for foreign and government funded projects, had been earmarked for the development of the metropolis.

"The amount is 70 per cent of our total budget allocation for the coming fiscal year," he said, calling for the cooperation and support from the Dhakaites in implementing the budget in order to resolve difficulties.

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Mayor Hanif

HSC exams begin today

Star Report

The Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations begin throughout the country today.

A total of 5,83,771 students under the five education boards will appear at the examinations, according to officials. Of them, 2,06,583 students are from Dhaka Board, 84,793 from Comilla Board, 38,728 from Chittagong Board, 1,41,893 from Rajshahi Board and 1,14,190 from Jessore Board.

There are 240 centres under Dhaka Board and 234 for Rajshahi Board, for the Comilla board the number is 143, and for Jessore Board the figure is 187.

Most of the centres, according to sources, are in the thana headquarters while only a few are outside the thana headquarters.

Five centres have been opened for the overseas students in Tripoli, Jeddah, Riyadh, Doha and Abu Dhabi.

Shantibahini for extending CHT truce till July 30

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 29: Shantibahini leaders agreed to extend the ceasefire in the Chittagong Hill Tracts till July 31 in a bid to continue peace process, sources concerned said.

The agreement came in response to the proposal sent last week by the government for extension of the ceasefire till September 30, the sources added. The ongoing ceasefire is due to expire tomorrow.

The Shantibahini leaders, however, declined to extend it till September 30 as proposed by the government.

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Services of Cabinet, Defence Secys may be extended

By Staff Correspondent

The services of the Cabinet and Defence secretaries are likely to be extended, according to informed sources.

Cabinet Secretary Ayubur Rahman, whose contract service ends today, is likely to get another extension. He was on a two-year contract which ended on May 19. Later, the caretaker government extended his services till June 30.

Defence Secretary Abdul Hakim, whose tenure of service ended on June 26 last is continuing in office and informed sources said he will also get an extension.

Grameen's 6-yr plan for rural cellular tele-network

By R M Titumir

The Grameen Bank-sponsored Grameen Telecom (GT), with foreign equity participation, seeks to bring the entire country under a cellular telecommunication network within six years, if the government grants the licence for operation.

The Grameen Telecom envisages to cover 15 per cent of the country's total area in the first year, 40 per cent in the second, 55 per cent in the third, 62 per cent in the fourth, 81 per cent in the fifth and 98 per cent in the final year, according to sources in the GT.

During its initial phase spanning over 18 months, the GT plans to provide around two lakh cellular telephone connections, 40,000 of those to the Grameen Bank's borrowers, the sources said.

The Grameen Bank (GB) has established a consortium company — Grameen Phone — involving the Grameen Telecom, Telenor AS, the state-owned telecommunication company of Norway, Marubeni Corporation of Japan and Gnofone Development Corp. A New York-based company of non-resident Bangladeshis (NRBs) to bid for a licence to operate a cellular telecommunication network on a commercial basis.

Telenor would contribute 51 per cent of the 13 million US dollar equity capital, GT 35 per cent, Marubeni 9.5 per cent and Gnofone Development Corp 4.5 per cent. Negotiations are on with the Asian Development Bank, the International Finance Corporation, World Bank's private finance window, Norad and other donors to secure the estimated additional amount of 47 million dollars to finance the project.

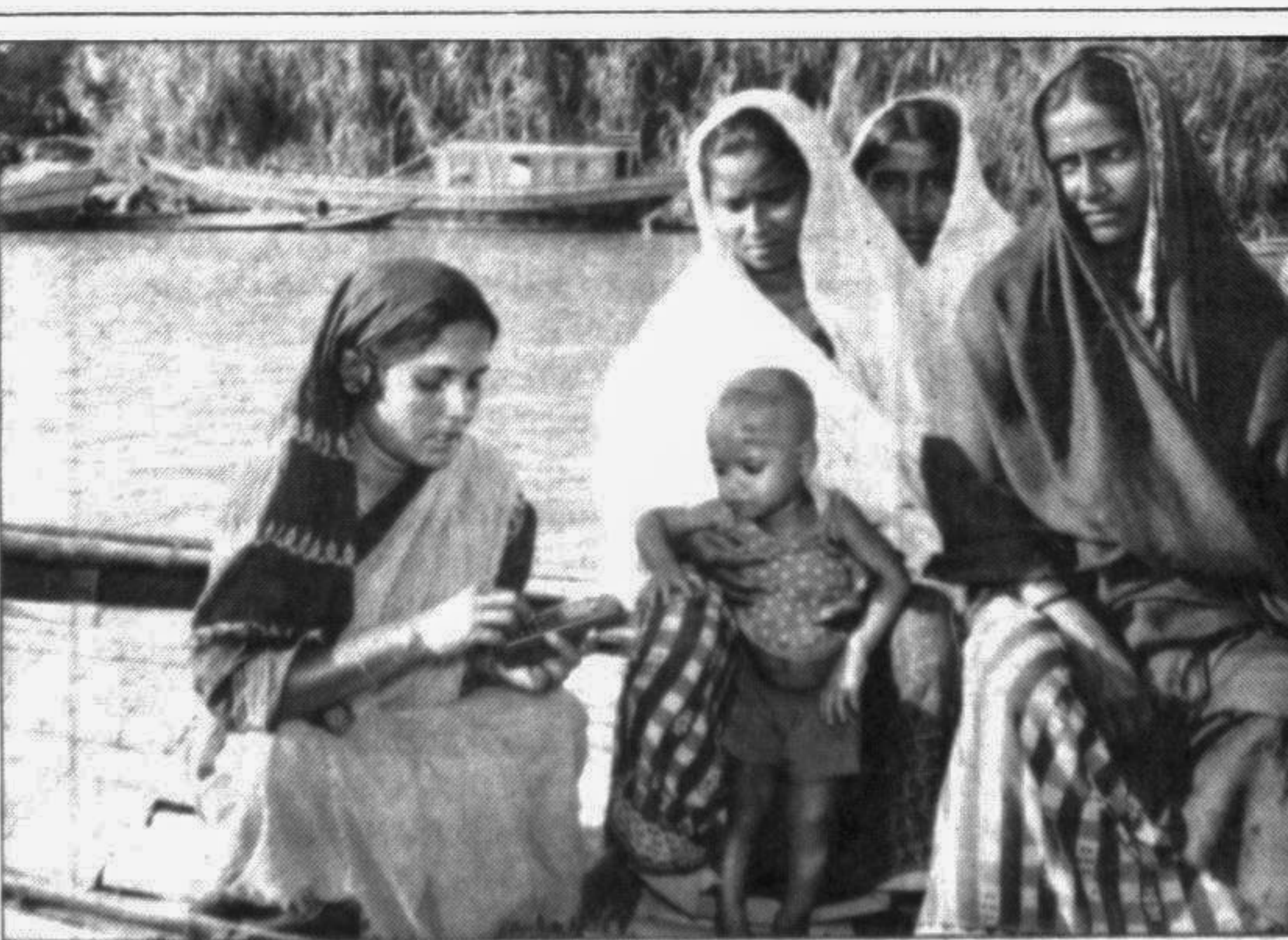
The Ministry of Post and Telecommunication (MOPT) floated tender in August 1995 for cellular telecommunication network. The GB's affiliate submitted a proposal in November alongwith 13 other bidders.

According to official sources, the MOPT carried out a technical evaluation of the bids in December 1995 and prequalified four bidders including the Grameen.

In early May this year, the Ministry requested the Crown Agents, funded by the British Overseas Development Agency, to arrive at an award recommendation, the sources added.

The lack of telecommunication facilities in the rural areas and declining costs of building a network have led the Grameen Bank to take initiative to introduce cellular telephones, said Khalid Shams, Deputy Managing Director of

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Grameen Telecom testing rural cellular telephone service.