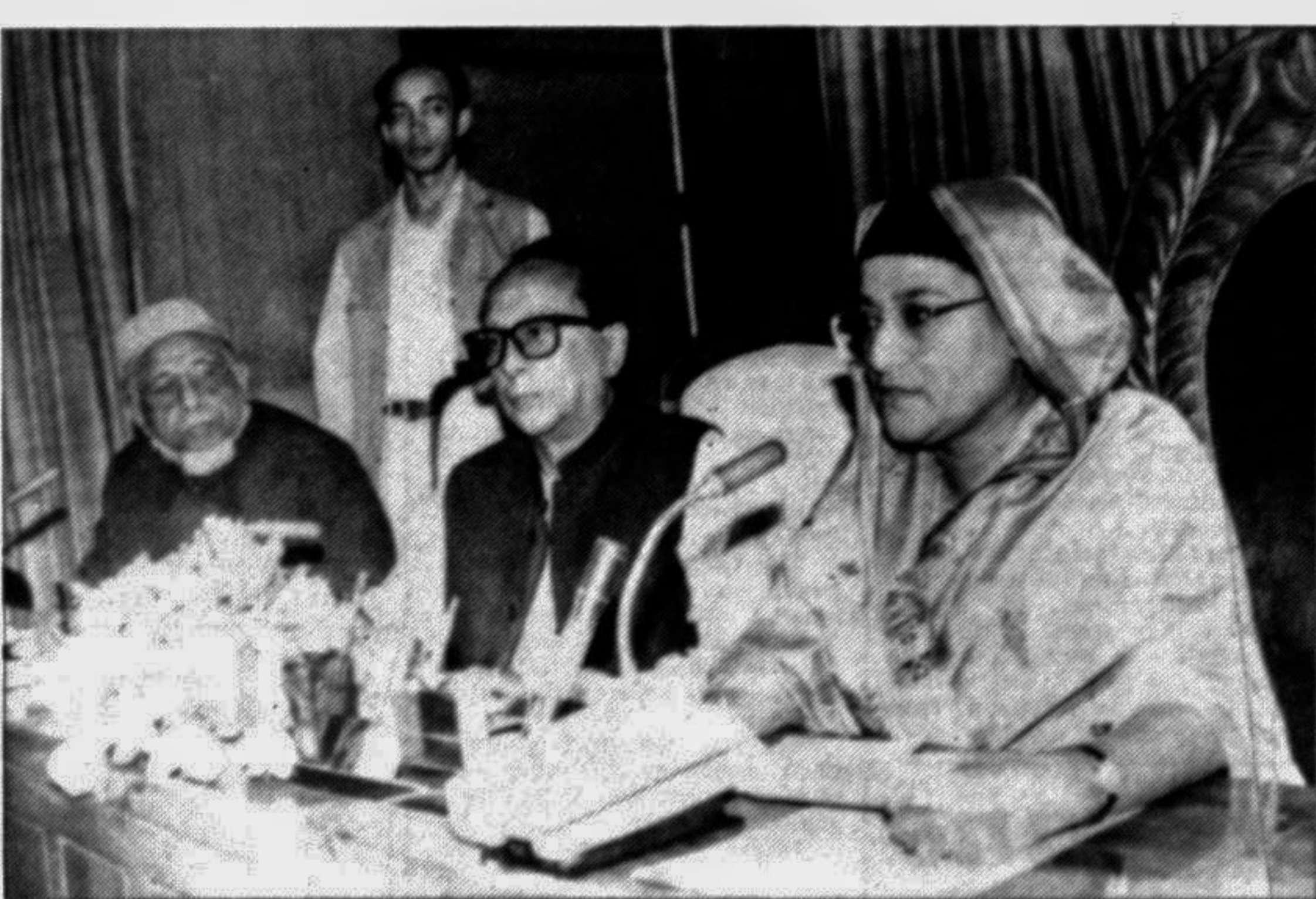


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PM asks govt officials Play neutral role in running admin

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the government officials to render their services with sincerity and neutrality to build a prosperous society for the future generation, reports BSS. Addressing a delegation of Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) Administration Association, who called on her at her office, the Prime Minister sought their all-out cooperation for materialising the development efforts of the government. "The government is a temporary phenomenon — we are here today and somebody will replace us tomorrow," the Prime Minister said, adding, "The public servants will remain as a permanent institution."



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurating a special orientation course for Awami League MPs at the Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. —PID photo

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Finance Minister urges NGOs Create public opinion in favour of reforms

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria has urged the NGOs to mould public opinion in favour of some sensitive reforms awaiting implementation by the Awami League government, reports UNB. "We have to take a couple of tough decisions. A sort of consensus and public opinion are essential for such action. I seek your cooperation to create such opinion," he told representatives of leading NGOs during a pre-budget consultation in Dhaka yesterday.

Rly rewards 9-yr-old boy

Bangladesh Railway authorities have rewarded the nine-year-old boy for averting a probable train mishap by his ready wits near Hajiganj railway station on July 13, reports UNB. Chittagong Divisional Manager N Saifur Rahman on behalf of Railway General Manager Abul Khair Tk 2,500 along with a citation at a simple ceremony at Hajiganj Railway Station on Monday, said a press in Dhaka yesterday.

The Midnight File Attempt on Ukrainian PM

KIEV, Ukraine, July 16: An explosion ripped through Ukrainian Prime Minister Pavlo Lazarenko's car today in what his office called an assassination attempt. There were no injuries in the blast, which occurred in northern Kiev as the prime minister was on his way to the airport, said Lazarenko's spokesman Vasil Mitarchuk reports AP.

Speaker calls on Biswas, Hasina

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Humayun Rashid Chowdhury yesterday called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangladesh, reports UNB. Deputy Speaker Advocate Abul Hamid accompanied the Speaker. Talking to them, President Biswas said that the newly elected parliament would be the "nerve-centre" of law-making leading to the country's development and people's welfare.

UNDP Human Dev Report '96 today

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will release its Human Development Report '96 in the city today, reports UNB. UNDP Resident Representative in Bangladesh Ms Eimi Watanabe will formally release the report through a press briefing at the National Press Club at 11 am.

No trace of escapees

When contacted, the DIG (Prison) refused to make any comment on the claim by the Home Ministry official that the Dhaka Central Jail was built long ago and many of its service installations such as water and gas pipes and electric wiring are old readily providing potential tools for the inmates, opined some policemen saying that the 13 escapees might have got such old water pipes from the roof of Cell No 15. The 13 prisoners escaped by making a hole in the wall of their cell and scaling the 20-foot boundary wall using pipes and bed-sheets.

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From Page 1 to maintain the Palestine designation. Gilady said he was socked by the government's intervention. Palestinian athletes have already competed under the Palestine name at other sports events, including last year's world championships in track and field.

Court holiday

The Appellate Division and High Court Division of Bangladesh Supreme Court and offices under it will remain closed on August 15 on the occasion of National Mourning Day, a press release said. The civil courts and their offices will also remain closed on the day, reports BSS.

Smuggled goods

From Page 1 evasion of custom duty by submitting forged bill of entry came to their knowledge. Customs sources said. When contacted, Commissioner of Chittagong Customs House Fakrul Abedin told this correspondent that they were investigating the matter.

Hasina's gift for Shahabuddin, Habibur Rahman

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday presented jainamaz to Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman, who headed the last two caretake governments, reports UNB. An Assistant Private Secretary of the prime minister carried the gift to the residences of the two distinguished personalities on behalf of the Prime Minister, who recently performed the holy umrah in Makkah.

WARPO

From Page 1 Protection Coordination Organisation (FPCO) with the WARPO, work distribution among officials have not been done. Earlier in January the government merged the FPCO with the WARPO. The new management is more interested in continuing the old order instead of streamlining and strengthening the WARPO, one official confided to this correspondent.

Natore lawyers boycott court

From Our Correspondent NATORE, July 16: Natore Bar Association (NBA) members started boycotting the District and Sessions Judge Court here from yesterday protesting the alleged misbehaviour of the District Judge with the lawyers. The lawyers have demanded immediate transfer of the judge, Serajul Islam, otherwise they said the boycott would continue.

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Indian FM

From Page 1 Samad Azad at his maiden press conference last week said that his government was making all-out efforts to resolve the water sharing issue with India before the next leap period. Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan will visit New Delhi in the first week of August to resume talks with his Indian counterpart Salman Haider.

New exchange

From Page 1 digital ones without payment. Earlier, 3,000 analogue telephones of this group were made digital on experimental basis. The rest 12,000 lines of the exchange will be distributed to new subscribers or subscribers belonging to '32' analogue group on payment, said the press release.

Sub-jail

From Page 1 on parole for the duration of the first Sangsad session, the official said, "Today he is in jail. The order for parole is granted for the period of each days session of the Sangsad." Officials and staff members of the Dhaka Central Jail have been shifted to the house where Ershad is being kept now, said the Home Ministry official adding that all the jail codes would be strictly followed for him.

Flood

From Page 1 Road communications of the district with four thana headquarters and Sherpur district snapped yesterday as some roads and ferry ghat areas went under water. In Sherpur district, flood situation worsened further as water from Old Brahmaputra poured into the lowlying areas.

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JCD activists return to SSMC hostel

By Staff Correspondent A group of activists of PRO-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) who were allegedly ousted from the Sir Salimullah Medical College (SSMC) hostel by Chhatra League activists early this month, returned to their dormitories yesterday. The JCD leaders and activists led by former state minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain were halted by on-duty police in front of the main gate of the college when they tried to enter the campus at about 1 pm, witnesses said.

Exxon

From Page 1 talks with the Power Cell over setting up of a gas-based 110 MW power plant later this month, sources concerned said. The company has completed a site survey for the plant in Baghabari, Haripur, Smutang and Barisal and proposed to set up the plant in Haripur within 15 months of the signing of the final accord. Depending on the availability of gas, the Midland's offer to set up a 110 MW plant would remain flexible. If gas supply is ensured, the plant might be bigger, the sources added.

Correction

The name of Col. Jamiluddin, the late husband of Anjumman Ara Jamil, MP, was mistakenly printed as Col. (ret'd) Shafat Jamil in our report headlined "Record Number of Relatives in the 7th JS" published in Tuesday's issue of The Daily Star. The inadvertent error is regretted.

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The Changes of Office Address

Head Office of the Department of Environment, House # 02 (New), 380 (Old); Road # 16 (New), 27 (Old), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209 and Dhaka Divisional Office of the Department, 7/8, Block C, Lalmatia, Dhaka-1207 have been shifted to Plot No: E/16, Poribesh Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 with effect from the 1st July, 1996. All concerned are requested to contact with the new address: Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Department of Environment "Poribesh Bhaban" Plot No-E/16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Dhaka-1207 DFP-15647-147 G-837 Editor: Mahfuz Anam

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