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## NEWS BRIEFS

### 25 held from ZIA

By Staff Correspondent  
At least 25 persons were arrested and five motor vehicles seized from Zia International Airport (ZIA) during the last two days. Police sources said, the arrested were involved in terrorism and different criminal activities.

### Azerbaijan PM removed

BAKU, July 20: Azerbaijan President Heydar Aliyev removed Prime Minister Faiz Guliyev and at least two other members of the government on Friday. Interfax news agency said. It said Guliyev had been asked to resign for health reasons.

## Nat'l consensus a must to improve law & order: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday emphasised on national consensus among the democratic forces for the improvement of law and order, reports UNB.

Local and foreign investment as well as employment and economic activities require a peaceful atmosphere in the country, she said while inaugurating a day-long National Workshop on Law and Order at the Osmani Memorial Hall.

This national workshop is the first step for establishing consensus relating to law and order, the Prime Minister said and regretted the absence of representation of the main opposition party, BNP.

Questioning the sincerity of BNP in curbing terrorism, she said Awami League representatives had attended a similar seminar, organised by the previous government.

The Awami League MPs also

attended the parliamentary committee meetings during the BNP regime, Hasina said. But, she added, the committee stopped functioning after the AL proposed listing the ruling party patronised terrorists by the opposition parties and vice versa.

Quoting figures of the country's rising deterioration of law and order from 1991 to 1995, she said the situation not only depicted the government's inefficiency and irresponsibility, but also of a "horrible picture of crime and state terrorism in the interest of the vested quarter occupying state power."

Hasina recalled the brutal event of August 15, 1975, which claimed the lives of her father, mother, brothers and other relatives.

The top priority of her new government was to improve the law and order, she said

and called upon the misguided people to surrender illegal arms.

The Prime Minister urged them to leave terrorism, return to normal life and engage themselves in nation-building activities.

"Terrorist is a terrorist. Terrorists have no political identity," she said adding that her party and government would not patronise terrorism and the terrorists.

Hasina said the Home Ministry has already taken an initiative to draw up a working plan to combat terrorism.

"Illegal arms will be recovered. Extortion, killing, dacoity, mugging, repression on women and all other terrorist acts will be dealt with a strong hand," she said. "We want a terrorism-free society, secure life and to live in a normal and dignified atmosphere."

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## Flood engulfs fresh areas as rivers continue to swell



A flood-hit village in Munshiganj district. — Star photo

The flood situation in Nawabganj, Keraniganj and Dohar thanas of Dhaka and in Manikganj and Munshiganj districts worsened further yesterday as rivers continued to swell, reports UNB.

According to official sources, the flood situation in Bogra, Sherpur, Jamalpur, Sirajganj, and Gaibandha took an alarming turn inundating fresh areas of the northern region.

The Brahmaputra registered rise at all points except at Noonkhawa and Bahadurabad and the Ganges continued to rise at all points, according to a bulletin of Flood Information Centre.

Five rivers — the Dharla at Kurigram, the Brahmaputra at Chilmari, Bahadurabad, Sirajganj and Aricha, the Ganges at Goalundo and Bhaigayakul, the Surma at Kanaighat and Sunamganj and the Meghna at Bhairab Bazar — are flowing above their respective danger levels.

The Brahmaputra, flowing above its danger level, recorded fall by 4 cm at Noonkhawa and 5 cm at Bahadurabad while it recorded rise by 6 cm at Sirajganj, 15 cm at Aricha and slight rise at Chilmari.

The Ganges in the Ganges basin recorded further rise by 22 cm at Pankha, 26 cm at Rajshahi, 25 cm at Hardinge Bridge, 13 cm at Goalundo and by 9 cm at Bhaigayakul. The river was flowing above its danger level by 47 cm at Goalundo and 69 cm at Bhaigayakul.

The bulletin effective for the next 24 hours till 6 am today said the Brahmaputra may fall at Chilmari, Bahadurabad and Sirajganj and rise at Aricha points and it is likely to flow 12 cm, 34 cm, 20 cm and 53 cm above their respective danger marks.

The Ganges, during the

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100 YEARS OF MODERNISATION: Performers at the gala opening of the Atlanta Olympics on July 19, form the five familiar rings and a one hundred to symbolise the centennial anniversary of the Games' modern era. — AFP/UNB photo

## Biggest sporting extravaganza

ATLANTA, July 20: In a blaze of light, colour and music, the Atlanta Olympics were launched here Saturday as the 1996 Olympic torch and the traditional old South met to give a hearty American send off to the Centennial Games, reports AFP.

US President Bill Clinton opened the biggest sports event the world has ever seen, telling an estimated 3.5 billion television viewers worldwide: "I declare open the Games of Atlanta, celebrating the 26th Olympiad of the modern era."

Shortly afterwards the Olympic flame was kindled into glowing life by Muhammad Ali, who as Cassius Clay won the 1960 heavyweight boxing gold medal and later became World Champion and one of the most famous sportsmen in the world.

Ali, chronically ill with Parkinson's disease, accepted the Olympic torch on the final relay leg from Janet Evans, the United States swimmer who has won four Olympic gold medals.

### US-Bangladesh caucus soon

A US-Bangladesh caucus comprising Senators and Congressmen is being launched to give a boost to the Washington-Dhaka relations, reports UNB.

US Congressman Bill Richardson who is working to launch the body disclosed this while briefing newsmen at the press club in Washington DC on Friday, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

Bill Richardson said he himself would be the leader of the Democratic group in this caucus and declare the names of other members of the 'friends-of-Bangladesh group' and leader of the majority party soon.

The objective of the caucus will be to create awareness in the Congress and the American people about Bangladesh.

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Atlanta 1996

His left arm and hand shook uncontrollably as he lit the torch with the torch clutched in his right hand. Seconds later flames burst from the Olympic cauldron that will burn until extinguished at the closing ceremony on August 4.

But getting to the spectacle proved a nightmare for the 83,000 spectators. It took nearly three hours to fill the stadium as security personnel combed through personal belongings in a clear indication of just how seriously the Olympic city is taking the threat of terrorism.

Security throughout Atlanta, a prime target for terrorists during the Olympics, was stepped up on the eve of the opening ceremony following the deaths of 230 people aboard a TWA flight to Paris which plunged into the Atlantic off New York late Wednesday.

Only hours before the opening ceremony a bomb scare forced security officials to seal off the Olympic International Broadcasting Centre from where television pictures are beamed to the world. It reopened after the alert, which was prompted by a suspicious package, was ended.

In the stadium purpose-built for the Olympics, which will later be used by the Atlanta Braves baseball team as their new home base, people who had paid from 420 to 636 US dollars for tickets fanned

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## Task Force on law & order soon: Home Minister

Star Report

Formation of a task force for improvement of law and order was announced by Home Minister Rafiqul Islam at the end of a day-long workshop organised by the Home Ministry in the city yesterday.

The task force will work as a contact point for the people to put forward suggestions for improvement of law and order, he said. "It will be part of the ministry and headed by an additional secretary," the minister said. He said he will take personal interest in the functioning of the task force.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the workshop at the Osmani Memorial Hall.

The workshop, aimed at

finding out ways to improve the law and order, was divided into four working sessions.

Rafiqul Islam later talking to The Daily Star said, "the task force will scrutinise the suggestions put forward by the people for necessary action. Those will be placed before the Jatiya Sangsad whenever required."

During the first session some women wearing badges "Where is Kalpana Chakma?" Distributed pamphlets asking the Home Ministry the whereabouts of Kalpana.

By and large, the discussions and participants were seen enthusiastic about the workshop. There was, however, a

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## Jail-break Another escapee arrested

By Staff Correspondent

Another escapee of the Dhaka Central Jail-break incident was arrested from Machhdanga village in Nilphamari district yesterday. With this, the number of escapees arrested so far by police has risen to two. Thirteen prisoners, including five convicts, escaped from the Central Jail in the early hours of July 15.

Acting on a tip-off given by the CID, the Nilphamari police arrested Abdul Mannan of Daulatpur, Manikganj, from the residence of one Moulana Md Mizanur Rahman in Machhdanga village. Mannan is an accused in two under-trial cases, CID sources said.

Last Wednesday, a team of the Special Branch (SB) arrested Shawkat alias Abdur

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## JS session resumes today

By Staff Correspondent

The first session of the country's seventh Jatiya Sangsad (JS) resumes after a two-day recess this afternoon, with uncertainty over the Opposition BNP's return to the House.

BNP staged a stormy walk-out on the second day of the session Thursday protesting against the alleged violation of the JS Rules of Procedure by Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury. The party also accused the Speaker of being biased towards the ruling Awami League.

The opposition party did not return to the House on that day.

When asked whether his party would return to the House today, BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan told the Daily Star yesterday that the party's parliamentary wing would decide on the issue this afternoon.

An influential leader of the ruling party told this correspondent last night that they were trying to contact the BNP leaders concerned to have a discussion on their contention to pave the way for their return to the House today.

## Maltese vessel detained

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, July 20: Departure of the Maltese flag carrying vessel MV Blue North which partly sank in front of KAFCO after damaging its jetty on June 25, has now become uncertain following order for detention of the ship by the Admiralty Court.

The detention order came after the KAFCO authorities lodged a case with the court claiming a compensation of Tk 47.6 crore for causing damage to its business, relevant sources said.

Chittagong Port officials informed that they had already received the copy of the detention order against MV Blue North.

As a result, Chittagong Port Authority will not give any clearance to the Maltese ship till the case is settled, port officials said.

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## New 50-taka note from Saturday

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Bank (BB) will issue a new 50-taka note from next Saturday from its Motijheel office, said a press release.

The new note will be similar to the existing one regarding size, design, signature, embossing, and security thread.

But the signature of the Governor, Khorshed Alam, will be sharper and finer.

The clouds in the back of the note will be set in deeper tones and the lines besides the picture of the Jatiya Sangsad will also be deeper. But the words "Fifty taka" will be little faded.

The existing Taka 50 notes will also remain valid.

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বর্তমানে প্রচলিত মোটর ভেহিক্যালস অর্ডিন্যান্স, ১৯৮৩ সমন্বয়গোষ্ঠী ও অনুশীলকদের লক্ষ্যে উক্ত অর্ডিন্যান্স রিভিট করে প্রয়োজনীয় সুশীলক প্রণয়নের নিমিত্ত সরকার, যুগ্ম-সচিব (সে), সড়ক ও রেলপথ বিভাগ-এর নেতৃত্বে একটি কমিটি গঠন করেছেন। এ কমিটি ইতোমধ্যে কাজ শুরু করেছেন। মোটর ভেহিক্যালস অর্ডিন্যান্স, ১৯৮৩তে প্রধানতঃ (১) বাংলাদেশ রোড ট্রান্সপোর্ট অথরিটির গঠন, দায়-দায়িত্ব ইত্যাদি (২) মোটর ভাইসিং, লাইসেন্স (চালকের, দলকর্তা, লাইসেন্স ইস্যু/নবায়ন, ইত্যাদি) (৩) বাস কভারের লাইসেন্স (ইস্যু/নবায়ন, ইত্যাদি) (৪) মোটরবাস রেজিস্ট্রেশন (রেজিস্ট্রেশন, স্টিকিটস সাফিফিকেট ইস্যু/নবায়ন, ইত্যাদি) (৫) পরিবহন যানের পারমিট (স্টিকিট ইস্যু/নবায়ন, ইত্যাদি) (৬) মোটরবাস নির্মাণ ও রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ (৭) ট্রাকিং নিয়ন্ত্রণ (পার্সিং, গতিসীমা, ট্রাকিং সাইনস-সিগনালস, রাস্তার প্রতিবন্ধকতা, ওভারলোডিং, ইত্যাদি) (৮) দেশে সাময়িকভাবে মোটরবাসের আগমন ও নির্গমন (৯) মোটরবাসের বীমা (সড়ক দুর্ঘটনার আহত-নিহতদের ক্ষতিপূরণ) (১০) অপরাধ (জরিমানা, কারাদণ্ড), ইত্যাদি বিষয়ের আইন সংশ্লিষ্টকরিয়ে।

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## Mannan Bhuiyan tells The Daily Star Ruling party trying to turn Jatiya Sangsad into its own forum

By Nazmul Ashraf

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, MP, has blamed the ruling Awami League for attempting to make the Jatiya Sangsad ineffective and turn it into their own forum.

"How can the parliament become effective if the Speaker violates the rules to protect the interests of the Treasury Bench members and denies the rights of the Opposition lawmakers?" Mannan Bhuiyan asked.

In an interview with The Daily Star at the BNP central office yesterday, Bhuiyan said "Our party is keen to see the present parliament as the centre of all national activities and help it play an effective role in

resolving all problems facing the nation. But BNP alone can't do this unless the ruling party is sincere in doing so."

"Making the parliament effective depends on mutual co-operation between the governing party and the opposition in the House and the latter's role is definitely determined by that of the Treasury Bench," the former minister said, adding "they (the government) must create an atmosphere to get our cooperation."

The BNP leader expressed his dissatisfaction over the performances of the Speaker and the Treasury Bench members, saying "They're denying our rights as Opposition law-

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## Food import estimated at 1.7m tons

By R M Titumir

Although the projected food production in the current fiscal year 1996-97 is nearly a million tons higher than that of last year, the country's food import is estimated to be around 1.7 million tons this year, sources concerned said.

According to the World Food Programme (WFP), food aid to the country which is showing a downward trend over the years is likely to stand at 453 thousand tons this year. 190 thousand tons less than last year's, raising the government import by nine per cent.

## Police to be redeployed at ZIA to check crimes

By Masud Arif

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) personnel will be redeployed at the Zia International Airport immediately following a request from the airport authorities, according to a senior DMP official yesterday.

The director of the ZIA, in a letter to the DMP Commissioner last week, requested redeployment of DMP at the airport to check increased movement of criminals there, sources in the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) told this correspondent.

CAA officials said that movement of criminals involved in snatching, harassing passengers, illegal foreign currency transaction etc. in the airport increased since the withdrawal of DMP personnel on June 15.

These criminals are har-

bouring by some organised gangs in Ashkona, Bauma, Khilkhet and other adjoining areas. They disappear in the adjoining areas after committing crimes in the airport area, security officials at the ZIA said.

The airport security personnel, now numbering about 700 are not well equipped to curb the activities of the criminals. They include security personnel of the Bangladesh Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), Armed Police Battalion, Ansar and Golden Guards, a private organisation, the sources said.

Sources in neither in the police nor in the airport could specifically say why police were withdrawn from the airport. Another senior police official of the DMP however said that the team of 25 policemen

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**LATEST FROM ATLANTA**  
**Poland captures first gold**  
Poland's Renata Mauer won the first gold of the centenary Olympics on Saturday, snatching victory from the grasp of German Petra Horneber with her last shot in the 10-metre air rifle final. Horneber, who had led the competition throughout, lost her nerve with her 10th and last shot, scoring only 8.8 out of a possible maximum 10.9. Mauer, a 27-year-old from the town of Wroclaw, registered 10.7 and edged out the German, finishing with an aggregate score of 497.6 against 497.4 for Horneber. Aleksandra Iovosev of Yugoslavia claimed the bronze with a final score of 497.2. It was Poland's first women's shooting gold medal. — Reuters.