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## Seven killed in Sylhet road accidents

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Oct 20: Five people were killed and 30 others injured in a road mishap at Madhabpur on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway this afternoon.

A minibus of Mitali Paribahan (Dhaka-Metro-Ja-04-0378) while on its way to Sylhet from Dhaka overturned near the Company Bunglow point of Surma Tea garden in Madhabpur thana of Habiganj when it was passing by a passenger coach coming from the opposite direction at about 2.30.

Rabiu, 27, driver and an unidentified passenger, 28, died on the spot.

About 35 others were admitted into the Chhajnghat, Madhabpur and Brahmanbaria sadar hospitals. Of them, Abdul Hannan, 40, of Balaganj thana of Sylhet died in the Chu-

## Moudud files petition with EC

By Staff Correspondent

BNP leader Moudud Ahmed yesterday filed a petition with the Election Commission seeking that the 'election of Awami League candidate' in Laxmipur-2 Constituency of the Jatiyo Sangsad be declared void, according to a press release.

Moudud also sought that he be 'duly elected' from that seat, the press release added.

In his petition, Moudud alleged that the AL candidate and his active supporters had violated some 10 provisions of the Representation of Peoples Order, 1972, during the elections.

## PM: New York

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She will address three investors conferences including one to be attended by the chief executives of several leading US firms and multi-national companies.

The Prime Minister will be accompanied by a 72-member entourage that includes Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Chief Whip Abul Hasnat Abdulla, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, State Minister for Law Abdul Matin Khasru, Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim MP, Bir Bahadur MP, Awami League leaders, distinguished personalities, senior officials, businessmen and a media team.

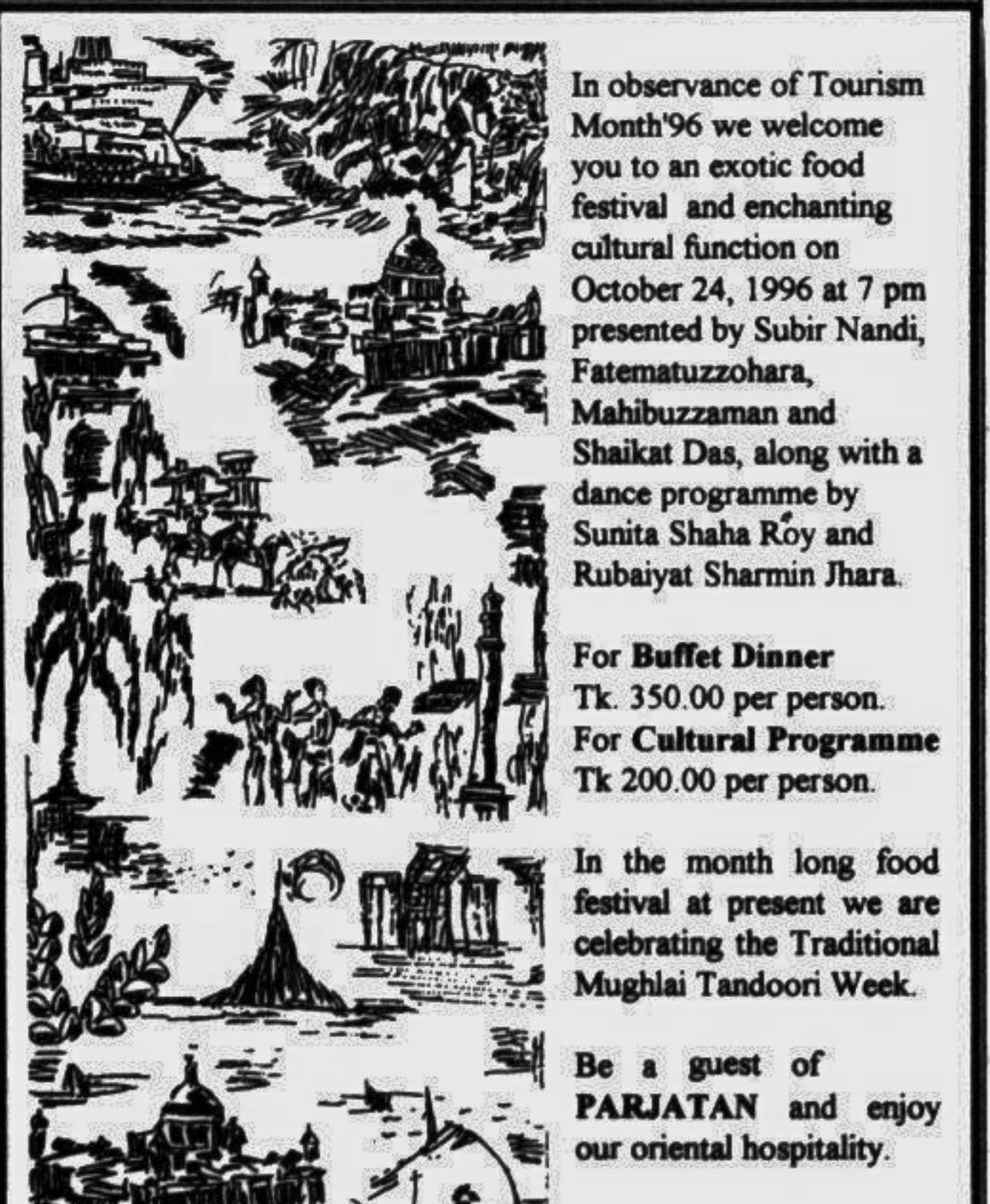
## Ex-UP chairman killed in Jhalakhathi

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Oct 20: A former Union Parishad chairman and freedom fighter Rafiqul Islam, 50, was killed by some unidentified assailants near Uttampur bazar under Razapur of Jhalakhathi district today.

According to police and villagers, Rafiqul was returning home from the bazar around 1pm when a group of armed people attacked him.

In his desperate bid to escape, he jumped into a nearby canal but the miscreants chased him and pushed his face down in water resulting in his instantaneous death, witnesses said.



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BNP urges people to observe Nov 7  
By Staff Correspondent  
BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday called upon the people to observe the 'National Revolution and Solidarity Day' on November 7 with due solemnity.

This was disclosed by Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury in an exclusive interview with Saudi Gazette published on October 10.

In an interview taken by Saudi Gazette correspondent in Dhaka, Humayun Rashid Chowdhury said he had foiled the clandestine move of former president Khondoker Moshtaque, then a member of the government-in-exile during 1971 War of Liberation, for a loose confederation of Bangladesh and Pakistan.

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## Moshtaque took move for confederation with Pakistan

Late president Khondoker Moshtaque Ahmed had initiated a move to forge a confederation between Bangladesh and Pakistan in 1971 at a time when both Bangladeshi freedom fighters and Indian troops joined hands together to defeat Pakistani troops, reports BSS.

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## Babul killing: 2 held from Barisal

Police yesterday arrested two people from Barisal in connection with the killing of Obaidul Haq Babul, a cousin of Commerce and Industries Minister Toafel Ahmed.

Official sources said the arrested, Abdul Hye and Alam will be brought here. Detective Branch is investigating the case.

Babul, an Awami League candidate for by-election in Bhola 1 constituency, was killed in the capital on October 11.

## Col Taher Sangsad

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmad at the Bangabhaban on the eve of her departure for the United States.

The teachers who met Bhuiyan included Mafizuddin Ahmed, Prof Jasim Uddin, Prof Enamul Haque, Prof Ubaidur Rahman, Prof M. Salimullah Khan, Prof M. Majibar Rahman, Prof M. Imam Uddin, Prof Abdul Awal, Dr. Enamullah Parvez, Abdul Latif and Naimul Islam.

## Anticipatory bail

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According to sources concerned, Marshall Services, a private company, on April 3, 1994, had applied to the principal branch of the AB bank for a term loan of Tk 5.22 crore and a running capital of Tk 15 lakh to purchase the Jazd Distilleries, a disinvested unit from the BSRS. The principal branch sent the proposal to the bank's head office.

The management committee of the bank decided to survey the project situated at Panchagarh by its internal surveyors as well as its long time external surveyor, Asian Surveyors, they said.

Based upon the survey reports, the management committee proposed that Tk 2.94 crore could be given to the applicant as term loan in addition to the Tk 15 lakh working capital.

On August 2, 1994, the principal branch of the bank came up with another proposal for increasing the loan amount to Tk 3.50 crore since BSRS had raised the tender value of the project.

After scrutiny by the credit division of the bank, the management committee approved the new proposal on August 6, the same year, sources said.

Accordingly, the loan applicant deposited 30 per cent of the amount as equity with the bank and the bank handed over a pay order of Tk 3.50 crore to BSRS.

But for the interim period till the mortgage of the distillery unit could be made, the bank demanded an additional security from the Marshall services, sources said.

Upon this request, the applicant offered 1.4 acres of land in Kafal as collateral. The internal and external surveyors examined and valued the land at Tk 2.25 crore which the Board of the bank again approved.

Meanwhile, police and customs today began examination of the containers of goods carried by the ship, stacked at the jetty.

## Docs on strike

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Taimur, near the Emergency Gate of the RMCH, was admitted to the RMCH in a critical condition.

Some of these contain harmful chemicals like mercury and arsenic.

There are 'manufacturers' of such dangerous medicines' and beauty aids' under cover of chemical companies or toiletries, who should also be penalised, the sources feel.

who unearthed the deep-rooted conspiracy of Moshtaque and his associates then operating in India to scuttle the bloody liberation war for peace with Pakistan.

"I immediately reported the matter to then Bangladesh government-in-exile and Moshtaque was caught red handed," the Speaker told the Saudi newspaper.

The Speaker named former minister of state for information Taheruddin Thakur and senior diplomat Mahbub Alam Chasi as Moshtaque's associates.

The Speaker told the newspaper that he had incurred wrath of president Moshtaque by giving shelter to Mujib's eldest daughter Sheikh Hasina, her husband and their children in his official residence in Bonn as Bangladesh ambassador to then West Germany in 1975.

"As ambassador, I had to call German riot police to disperse militant supporters of Moshtaque who gathered in Bonn sensing presence of Mujib's daughter in my house," he said.

He said he defied Moshtaque's order to return to Dhaka. "Later I came to know from authentic sources that he had issued a directive to take me straight from the airport to Dhaka central jail," the Speaker recalled.

The Speaker, who was a career diplomat told the newspaper that he was at one time on the verge of quitting foreign service, seeking political asylum in Germany and taking up a teaching assignment with Heidelberg University.

Chowdhury said he thought that India could be the safest place for Hasina and her family. "I telephoned the then Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to give political asylum to Hasina and her family which she had immediately agreed to," the Speaker said adding that even Indira was not sure whether Hasina would like to have India as home in exile, but Hasina agreed. But the Speaker said he had to explain his conduct to the then president Ziaur Rahman. "I told him (the then president) that India was the safest place for Hasina, he said and added that he was punished for this as he was made an officer on special duty (OSD).

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## Fake healers

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Some even use the authority of the World Health Organisation to present it as a recognised form of treatment, taking advantage of the WHO's recommendations on traditional medicine system.

But, sources concerned said, these "crooks" who even use religion to promote their merchandise, have no approval from either the Drug Administration or the authorities on traditional medicines like the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homeopathic. Never before they have received any approval from the WHO.

They range from street vendors who promise recovery from jaundice in three days to more sophisticated ones presenting themselves as self-styled doctors in well-furnished chambers, promising cure to impotency, sexual disorder and baldness.

We have reasons to vote for both of them. And both expect our vote. But, unfortunately, we can cast only one vote," said another official.

Chowdhury maintained, "The decision was 'not taken' till yesterday, sources concerned said. It will be 'conveyed by the highest authorities to our Permanent Representative at the United Nations,' Anwarul Karim, an official said.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury noted that Bangladesh had excellent relations with both the countries and added: "We do not want to violate the sanctity of the secret ballot by making a public pronouncement of our choice."

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The MCCI chief said self-generation was not economic as the cost of fuel supplied for this is 100 per cent higher than that used by the PDB as well as installation cost for such generation was very high.

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