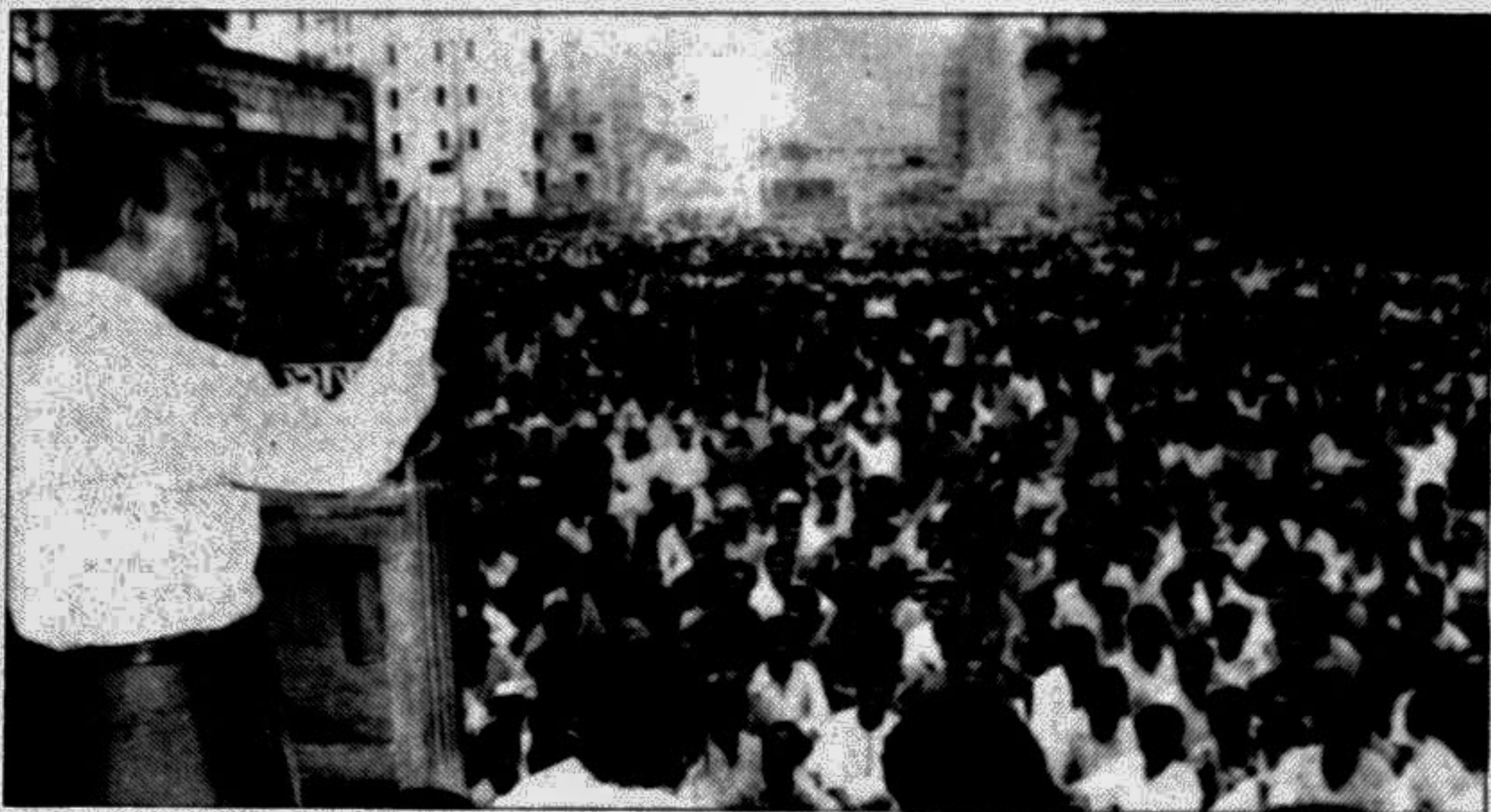


FedEx Federal Express The World on Time SIGNED, SEALED & DELIVERED



BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan addressing a public meeting in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

November 7 today

From Page 1
November 3. They also continued the then Army Chief Major General Ziaur Rahman in his cantonment house. In the first week of November 1975, a series of coup and counter coup took place in the army...

It's better to listen

From Page 1
each other. It finally dawned upon them that it was better to listen to each other than to stall the proceedings. It cost the House expensive minutes. But some off the cuff remarks from certain BNP legislators, trying to draw attention of the Chair, also brought an apparently annoyed Deputy Speaker to say that it was 'unprecedented, unexpected and not desirable'.

Sangsad tidbits

From Page 1
The other day, the Deputy Leader did not want to listen to me. But he read my speech in the newspaper with deep attention and is provoking me today to speak," he said. "Were Alexander to come to this country now, he could perhaps say: Sotti Celucus, Ki Bichitra eai deputi leader," Sengupta commented.

BNP: Nov 7

From Page 1
central leaders will address the meeting. Party secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan will inaugurate a blood donation programme at the BNP central office at 11 am on the day. Lions and Leo Club of Dhaka Paradise will organise the programme.

Sit-in at Kailashtila Gas Field

From Staff Correspondent
SYLHET, Nov 6: Work on Kailashtila Gas Field, a unit of the Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd, came to a standstill today as the All-party Action Committee staged a day-long 'sit-in' at the 4 wells of the field to press their six-point demand. Drilling in the well no. 4 also remained suspended.

Law Secretary injured in road accident

By DMC Correspondent
The acting Secretary of the Ministry of Law, his mother, a nephew and his driver were injured when a speeding truck knocked down their car near the Kanchpur bridge on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway yesterday morning.

GD in connection with killing of 3 army officials

By Staff Correspondent
A General Diary (GD) was filed with Tejgaon thana in the city yesterday in connection with the killing of three army officials on November 7, 1975. The complainants, two law students, in their GD accused the then Captain Asad, Captain Jallil and some unidentified NGOs and jawans of the Bangladesh Army of killing Major General Khaled Mosharraf, Colonel Huda and Lt Colonel Haider.

PM: BEPZA incentives

From Page 1
South Korea is setting up a private EPZ on the bank of the river Karnaphuli covering an area of 2100 acres of land and it is likely to be operational within next two years, Hasina said. Expressing satisfaction over the export performance of the companies under BEPZA she said she was pleased to know that during the last fiscal year BEPZA had contributed about 9 per cent to the total export earning of the country and that the target for this is 11 per cent. Pointing out the advantages of investment in Bangladesh Hasina said it has the least expensive, productive and easily trainable labour force. Bangladesh is capable of providing skilled and semi-skilled workforce at the lowest wages in Asia. Besides, the costs of other factors related to production like land, power, gas, raw materials and communication are very low," she added.

Malaysian women MP says

Bangladeshi men are actually handsome

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 6: A Malaysian government backbencher has raised in Parliament the concern of the ethnic-Indian community over sexual affairs between local Indian women and Bangladeshi men working here, reports AFP. G Leelavathy, a woman MP from the Malaysian-Indian Congress (MIC) — a component party of the ruling National Front coalition government — had the lawmakers in stitches late Tuesday when she told the House that Bangladeshi men were 'actually handsome'. Jokes aside, Leelavathy said the Malaysian-Indian community was concerned with the rising number of Indian women having affairs or marrying Bangladeshi men working in Malaysia. 'Indian women must face the reality that they will not be able to lead a decent life if they marry Bangladeshi men and follow their husbands back to their country,' Leelavathy was reported as saying in Parliament by The Star newspaper today. The backbencher warned local Indian women that 'these Bangladeshi men are economically backward in their own country.' The women, she said, mostly came from poor families and had little education. 'Bangladeshi workers who rent houses belonging to Indian families also take the opportunity to attract or cheat girls from the families concerned,' she said. When asked by another government backbencher, Badrudin Amruddin, the reason for Indian women being attracted to Bangladeshi men, Leelavathy said Indian women found them to be 'good lovers'. 'These men shower them with gifts and listen to the women as they pour out their problems.' 'Also Bangladeshi always have a ready smile,' she said to laughter from the House. She also condemned as deceitful the extramarital relations married Indian women were having with Bangladeshi workers. Although no official figures have been provided, the relevant government department said recently it was investigating reports that 10,000 Bangladeshi workers had married local women over the past five years. The MIC party has said it has received numerous reports of local unmarried Indian women being abandoned by Bangladeshi workers after becoming pregnant.

Debate in JS

From Page 1
total reality on which day the soldiers and the people of the country had done a revolution to defend the country's sovereignty," Badruddoza said adding, "The day has been observed for the last 21 years and it would continue to be observed by the people of the country." The Deputy Leader of the Opposition further said, "We cannot belittle the significance of the November 7 incident which represents a political spirit of the people." Referring to a Treasury Bench contention that Colonel (ret'd) Taher, a key man of the November 7 incidents, was later hanged without trial, Badrudodoza said that a court martial took place in this regard. "Rather, Siraj Shikder was killed without trial," he said. Earlier, Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed told the House that hundreds of soldiers and army officers were killed behind the bars under the directive of Ziaur Rahman.

Lawyer beaten by police in Khulna court

From Our Correspondent
KHULNA, Nov 6: A lawyer of the Khulna Bar was beaten allegedly by policemen in the court of the additional District Magistrate here today. The incident occurred when advocate Habibur Rehman, 35 was talking to an accused of a murder case in the court corridor. He was later rescued by Additional Police Super and some lawyers. The accused policemen — Sub-inspector Mizanur Rahman and three constables — Ukhluddin, Ashraf Alam and Shahidul Islam — of Dumuria thana have been put under suspension. The lawyers of the Khulna Bar have decided to boycott the court if the accused policemen are not removed from service.

Ambassador Waliur Rahman reinstated

By Staff Correspondent
The government has decided to reinstate Waliur Rahman, a former ambassador, according to official sources. He was retired on Feb 14, 1993 on "political grounds". Mr Rahman later applied for review of his retirement order.

Rao gets bail in cheating case

NEW DELHI, Nov 6: A judge today granted bail to former Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao after he pleaded innocent to conspiracy to cheat a businessman offering a bribe for a government contract, reports AP. Judge Aji Bharoke, however, asked Rao to post a 100,000-rupee (2,777 dhs) bond. The trial will begin November 26, he said.

Cyclonic storm may cross Andhra

Severe cyclonic storm with a core of hurricane wind (cp 990 hpa) over West Central Bay and adjoining northwest Bay moved slightly westwards and was centred at 09 pm yesterday about 1075 kms southwest of Chittagong port and 920 kms southwest of Khulna town, reports BSS. It is likely to move in a west-northwesterly direction and may cross Andhra Pradesh coast between Vijak and Cocanada by early this morning. The medicines were hidden inside a TV box and in a briefcase found abandoned after an Emirates flight from Dubai via Karachi landed at the airport at about 9:30am. Customs sources said. The owner of the luggage could not be found.

Islamic varsity reopens Nov 9

JHENIDAH, Nov 6: Islamic University will reopen on November 9, according to university sources. The residential halls of the university will also reopen on November 9, the sources added. The decision was taken by Vice-Chancellor Prof Enamul Haq after a meeting with the liaison committee and leaders of student organisations on Tuesday.

PS gheraoed

From Page 1
shells and later opened fire into the air to disperse the mob. Some 30 people sustained injuries in police action. The mob set fire to a police pick-up van at the Thana compound. According to witnesses, at about three last night three armed miscreants in police uniform raided a Sirajganj-bound truck carrying cattle and snatched money from the driver and also looted some goats. Meanwhile, some people rushed to the spot and caught the three persons. Later, Gobindaganj Thana police reached the spot and took the accused to the thana. The thousands of people gathered and gheraoed the thana.

Benazir

From Page 1
me the justice that others perpetually seek to deny us." Bhutto said the murder of her brother, Murtaza, on September 20 was a pre-mediated conspiracy to destabilise democracy. She also accused the president of kidnapping her husband and of acting out of lust for power. "I have been elected prime minister and I will be prime minister again," she said. She gestured forcefully as she spoke for more than an hour, her voice at times sharp with contempt and irony. Bhutto told reporters she had been unable to determine her husband's whereabouts despite repeated pleas to Leghari for information. Ershad Haqqani, appointed interim information minister by Leghari, had said earlier that "charges of a serious nature" against Zardari would be laid but did not elaborate.

PM: 5 officials

From Page 1
duties of 45 per cent, the sources added. But the Customs officials stuck to their decision of assessing 45 per cent duties against the cartons while the chemical item was released after proper tests. The influential minister reportedly dictated the NBR to immediately issue order for stand-release of the five customs officials, the sources said. The five officials included Joint Commissioner Enayet Hossain, Joint Commissioner Shaifur Rahman Patwari, Assistant Commissioner Shahidul Islam, Principal Appraiser Abu Taher, and Principal Appraiser Nasir Uddin.

Medicine worth Tk 18 lakh seized at ZIA

By Staff Correspondent
A Customs surveillance team recovered banned medicines worth about Tk 18 lakh at Zia International Airport yesterday morning. The medicines were hidden inside a TV box and in a briefcase found abandoned after an Emirates flight from Dubai via Karachi landed at the airport at about 9:30am. Customs sources said.

\$500m export target fixed for CEPZ, DEPZ

The Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) has fixed the export target for the current fiscal year for Chittagong and the Dhaka export processing zones (EPZs) at 500 million US dollar, BEPZA sources has said, reports BSS. Of the total export target for the Chittagong Export Processing Zone has been fixed at 375 million US while that for Dhaka EPZ at 125 million US dollar. During the last year the export target for the two EPZs was 337 million US dollar was earned.

Compact stereo radio cassette recorder Headphone socket for personal listening FM stereo LED indicator Full auto stop at tape end PHILIPS

Sri Lanka take on NZ today

World champions Sri Lanka will take on New Zealand in the opening match as the three-nation Singer Champions' Trophy begins in Sharjah, UAE, this morning. The match will start at 11am (BST). Pakistan 1992 World Cup champions, is the other team featuring in the week-long meet scheduled to end on November 15. Hong Kong-based Star Sports channel will telecast the match live from Sharjah.

JCD activist shot at DU

By DU Correspondent
A student of Dhaka University was shot at the Surja Sen Hall yesterday. Jakir Hossain, reportedly an activist of Chhatra Dal, was shot in the right hand, allegedly by three activists of the same student organisation while he was sleeping in Room No. 263 at around 2:30 pm. After being bullet-hit, he jumped out through the window. Jakir was admitted in the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, Proctor Dr A K M. Nurunnabi and Provost of Surja Sen Hall visited the injured student at the hospital. Sources on the campus said that the incident was a sequel to an earlier episode. UNB adds: On Tuesday, two armed youths snatched a gold chain and Tk 1100 from a guest at gunpoint at Mohsin Hall. Inaral Hasan Babul, an admission-seeker, came from Tangail to Mohsin Hall, a resident of Mohsin Hall to know about admission test. Two youths took Babul from the hall gate while he was asking about Monir and confined him to a room on the ground floor. They beat him and took away his gold chain and money. They also reportedly demanded Tk 2 lakh as ransom. However, the miscreants set him free after torturing for about two hours but forbade him to tell anybody the incident. But he submitted a complaint to the provost of the hall, Dr Khairul Alam, yesterday praying for punishment of the miscreants.

Clinton wins polls

From Page 1
low. Projections based on exit polls showed that 49 per cent of the voting age population cast ballots, which would make it the lowest level since 1924. In Washington, Republican challenger Dole conceded defeat and congratulated Clinton. Clinton polled strongly in every region, making him the first Democratic president re-elected to a second term since Franklin Roosevelt in 1936. Presidential victories in 31 states and the District of Columbia gave Clinton 379 electoral votes — it takes 270 to win the White House. Dole won 19 states. US presidents are not elected by popular vote but by electoral delegates chosen on a winner-take-all basis. Delegates are apportioned to the states according to population. Republicans were assured of increasing their majority by at least one in the Senate, but they won or were leading only in enough House seats to maintain a slimmer majority than they now have. Republicans won 20 of the Senate's 34 races and were leading in one. If Republicans take Oregon, they would have 55 seats compared with the 45 Democrats had after winning 13 races. Tomorrow will be the first time in my life that I don't have anything to do," Dole said. Declaring victory, however, was Republican House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who was re-elected in his Georgia district and emerged once again as a power to be reckoned with. Gingrich said it was 'pretty amazing' that Americans for the first time re-elected a Democratic president while approving a Republican majority in Congress. Clinton polled strongly in every region, making him the first Democratic president re-elected to a second term since Franklin Roosevelt in 1936. Presidential victories in 31 states and the District of Columbia gave Clinton 379 electoral votes — it takes 270 to win the White House. Dole won 19 states. US presidents are not elected by popular vote but by electoral delegates chosen on a winner-take-all basis. Delegates are apportioned to the states according to population. Republicans were assured of increasing their majority by at least one in the Senate, but they won or were leading only in enough House seats to maintain a slimmer majority than they now have. Republicans won 20 of the Senate's 34 races and were leading in one. If Republicans take Oregon, they would have 55 seats compared with the 45 Democrats had after winning 13 races.

President, PM greet Clinton

President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have greeted at gunpoint at Mohsin Hall. Inaral Hasan Babul, an admission-seeker, came from Tangail to Mohsin Hall, a resident of Mohsin Hall to know about admission test. Two youths took Babul from the hall gate while he was asking about Monir and confined him to a room on the ground floor. They beat him and took away his gold chain and money. They also reportedly demanded Tk 2 lakh as ransom. However, the miscreants set him free after torturing for about two hours but forbade him to tell anybody the incident. But he submitted a complaint to the provost of the hall, Dr Khairul Alam, yesterday praying for punishment of the miscreants.

Samad Azad leaves for Delhi tomorrow

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad will leave for New Delhi tomorrow to discuss with Indian leaders bilateral issues, particularly the Ganges water sharing problem, reports UNB. The visit is taking place at the invitation of Indian Foreign Minister I K Gujral who paid his last visit to Dhaka in September, said a Foreign Office press release yesterday. During the visit, the Foreign Minister will be accompanied by Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan, senior officials of his ministry and experts from the Water Resources Ministry. Azad will hold talks with his Indian counterpart I K Gujral on bilateral issues and other matters of mutual interest. "Highest priority will be given to the Ganges Waters sharing issue, which will be at the top of the agenda in the talks between the two Foreign Ministers," the release said. The Foreign Minister will carry messages from President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for their Indian counterparts.

GREEN GEMS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ADMISSION OPENS FOR 97 Play group to A-Level Individual care given by experienced teachers to all students.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Directorate of Primary Education Bangladesh, Dhaka Notice Like every year, the free distribution programme of text books among primary school students has started for 1997 academic year.

Editor: Mahfuz Anam Printed & Published by A. S. Mahmud, Managing Director, on behalf of Mediaworld Ltd, 52, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, from City Publishing House Ltd, 60, Kahzati, Dhaka-1000. Editorial, News & Commercial Offices: House No: 11, Road No: 3, Dhanmandi R/A, Dhaka-1205. PABX: 500093-4. Commercial: 500091 (Direct), Fax No: 88-02-863035, GPO Box No: 3257, Cable: DAILYSTAR, DHAKA. Email: dstar@anglia.net