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Ghinva Bhutto (R), widow of Murtaza Bhutto, announced that she will replace her slain husband as leader of the Pakistan People's Party faction (PPP) at a press conference in Karachi yesterday as her daughter Fatima (L) looks on. — AFP/UNB photo

6 killed, 15 injured in road accidents

From Our Correspondent

Six persons were killed and more than 15 injured in road accidents in Jessore, Dhaka and Pabna districts yesterday.

Our Jessore Correspondent says: Three persons were killed and 15 other injured, seven of them seriously, when a Khulna bound bus was hit by the Parbatipur Rocket mail train at Bhanga gate railway crossing near Nowapara of Obhainagar Thana yesterday.

According to police and witnesses, the passenger bus was hit by the Parbatipur bound train while it was crossing the open railway crossing.

Of the three deceased, one has been identified as Torikul, (5) and two others, one of them a woman remained unidentified.

Seven of the injured were removed to the Khulna hospital and the rest admitted to the local health complex.

According to BSS: One person was killed and several others

received injuries when a minibus hit the pavement at Khejurbagan crossing in front of Khamarbari at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city yesterday morning.

Tejgaon police said the Gulistan-bound minibus carrying passengers hit the pavement killing a 30-year-old unidentified person on the spot.

UNB adds: Two persons were killed in a mishap on Bogra-Nagorbari highway at Chakia in Bera thana of Pabna district yesterday, police said.

The victims were identified as van driver Abdul Hamid 35, of Sonatala in Santhia thana of Pabna and passenger Mokarrom Hossain 25, of Sajadpur thana in Sirajganj. The bodies were sent to the Pabna General Hospital for autopsy.

The mishap occurred when a Nagorbari bound bus hit a van at Chakia at 11 am.

Four children rescued from traffickers in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Nov 30: Police arrested two child traffickers from Malidapara in Patia thana and rescued four children from their possession at about 6 pm yesterday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip off, police rescued Din Mohammad, 5 and Nur Mohammad, 4, sons of Syed Karim of Dargabeel, Badul Alam 4, son of Abdul Jabbar of Kutubipalong and Syed Hossain, 3, of Ukhiya thana in Cox's Bazar.

They nabbed the child traffickers — Jafar Ahmed, son of Sohail Ahmed and his wife Delwara Begum of Dargapalong in Ukhiya thana.

A case was lodged with the local police and the arrested traffickers were taken to police remand.

IU extends ban on politics

From Our Correspondent
JHENIDAH, Nov 30: The ban on political activities on the Islamic University (IU) campus has been extended upto January 2.

The decision was taken at a meeting with the Vice Chancellor Prof Enamul Haq in the chair today.

Representatives of all student organizations except the Islami Chhatra Shibir, attended the meeting.

Teachers' benefits

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the society to update the Kudrat-e-Khuda Education Commission and make recommendations to suit the need of the hour. He said that the Ministry of Education alone was not doing anything regarding the education policy. The proposed policy would be formulated on the basis of opinions and suggestions of all quarters concerned.

Giving his personal opinion, the Education Minister said that the country's educational institutions should be locally managed and controlled with full accountability and transparency regardless of their government and non-government status.

About the financial security of the educational institutions, Sadek said there must be guarantees of certain amount of fund for the non-government institutions.

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V-Day programmes begin today

A fortnight-long colourful programme of the government begins today in observance of the 'Victory Day' on December 16 in the backdrop of the silver jubilee of the independence, reports BSS.

Various other non-government forums including the political, social and cultural organisations have already launched their programmes to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Independence.

This year's Victory Day carries immense significance as it synchronises with the silver jubilee celebrations of the independence. The official programmes that begin today will continue till December 16.

The Bangladesh Television and the Bangladesh Betar will initiate the programmes today. A major feature of the programmes is identification of the grave of the shaheed freedom fighters and offering of fateha. The television and the radio will prominently cover such functions.

Special prayers will be held for the freedom fighters who laid down their lives for the independence.

Special function will be arranged in Mujibnagar where the first government of Bangladesh was formed. Other occasions like the 'bijoy melo', discussion meetings, cultural functions and photo exhibitions on the Liberation War will be held. Games and competition in the

educational institutions will be arranged and commemorative postal stamps will be released.

The ruling Bangladesh Awami League, main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party, the Jatiya Party, the Communist Party of Bangladesh and other political organisations have drawn up elaborate programmes in this connection.

Shilpakala Academy
Our Staff Correspondent adds: On the occasion, the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will launch its month-long programme today at its premises at 6 pm, says a press release.

Dr Sanjida Khatun, Samar Das, Haseem Imam, Ali Zaker, Ashfaqur Rahman Khan and Asad Chowdhury will address the function.

Chetona Mancha
Muktijuddher Chetona Mancha has organised a fortnight-long programme from today at the TSC.

Former chief advisor of the caretaker government Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman will attend the inaugural function as the chief guest.

CPB
Communist Party of Bangladesh will hold a discussion at 5 pm today at its office on the occasion of silver jubilee of independence and victory.

India Festival ends

The India Festival 1996, Utsav, ended in the city yesterday with noted Indian singer Usha Uthup enthralling the audience at Mirpur Indoor Stadium, reports UNB.

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria was the chief guest at the concluding function of the 13-day festival that began November 18.

Speaking on the occasion, the finance minister hoped that cultural exchange programmes between India and Bangladesh would help further strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries.

Kibria said an artist has no geographical boundary. So we should not make barriers in his performance. He said Rabindranath Tagore, whose songs are sung as national songs in both the countries, had made the cultural ties between Bangladesh and India.

The minister thanked the Indian government and the artists who participated in the festival, and said more cultural exchange programmes would be arranged in the future.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Kader and Indian High Commissioner Dev Mukharjee also spoke on the occasion.

RU medical centre ransacked

From RU Correspondent
RAJSHAHI, Nov 30: The Rajshahi University Medical Center (RUMC) and the chambers of doctors were ransacked by angry students today.

According to campus sources, Md Shahidul Islam, a final year student of Islamic Studies, who was suffering from asthma was admitted to the medical centre this morning.

He was later transferred to the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital as his condition worsened but he died on the way.

Hearing this news the angry students went to the RUMC and ransacked the chambers of doctors, who fled. The students held the doctors responsible for the death of Shahidul.

The body of Shahidul was sent to his home town in Jessore after namaj-e-janaza in the University Central Mosque.

ADB links

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pending conditionalities of the Bank's Recovery Programme loan be met.

Taylor in his letter to the finance minister said ADB would continue to provide all assistance for further commercialisation of Bangladesh Railway so as to restore and maintain its financial viability.

Jamuna-Mobil

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They also visited the head office of Jamuna Oil Company at Agrabad and held talks with officials of Jamuna.

The decision for installation of the joint venture company came in line with the memorandum of understanding signed between the two companies on November 27, officials said.

The construction work will be started soon and the plant will go into full production by the end of 1998, they said.

The plant, when completed, will be able to bottle 50,000 metric tons of LPG gas and 20,000 metric tons of lubricating oil annually.

TNO, 5 others

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Shahjahan, were taken hostage, the officials said.

The remaining four passengers, identified as tribals, were released late last night, they added.

Azimuddin joined the Thanchi as the new TNO, official sources said.

The Shantibahini shot and injured a boatman, Suruj Miah, official sources said. He later admitted into Ruma Hospital for treatment.

UNB adds: Meanwhile, chairman and members of the local government parishad boycotted its regular monthly meeting today in protest of the kidnapping and demanded of the government to take steps for early release of those abducted by the Shantibahini.

District BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami, in separate statements, condemned the incident, urged the authorities to take appropriate steps to free the remaining abducted people from the hands of Shantibahini insurgents.

Killing of 2 brothers

Police interrogate auto-rickshaw driver, none arrested yet

By Staff Correspondent
Police interrogated the driver of the auto rickshaw in which two brothers were shot dead by unidentified gunmen on the Dhaka-Narayanganj road at Shampur in the city on Thursday.

The driver, Lal Miah, 30, was interrogated by the Demra police yesterday, police said. They were yet to find out the motive behind the killing.

None of the attackers could be arrested till last night, said police.

Unidentified assailants riding a motorcycle gunned down two brothers — Salahuddin, 32, father of two, and Sohail, 19, a college student — and snatched Tk five lakh from them near the Lal Masjid on the Dhaka-Narayanganj road at Shampur at about 11:30 am Thursday.

Police were now investigating whether Salahuddin or his family had enemies regarding business.

Death of tigers

Another zoo staff confesses involvement

By Staff Correspondent
Another employee of Dhaka Zoo, arrested in connection with the killing of four Royal Bengal Tigers at the Zoo recently, gave a confessional statement, Detective Branch (DB) police sources said yesterday.

With this, two Zoo employees have so far confessed their involvement in poisoning the tigers to death. Nine people arrested earlier were placed on DB remand. Seven of them will be produced in court today, seeking extension of their remand, the sources said.

'We have even traced the shop at Mirpur-1 from where the poisonous insecticide was bought and detained the shopkeeper for questioning,' a DB source said, adding that he would be released after questioning as he possessed a valid trade licence.

Short-term solution possible: Basu

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desire to visit Delhi at the earliest. I told her I will leave Dhaka on December 2 for Calcutta and take rest for two days before meeting Prime Minister Deve Gowda in Delhi. I have already sent a message for ministers, whose presence in Delhi at that time would be necessary.

'We have talks on some points and found a formula. Accord will be signed in Delhi. I have said upon my arrival in Dhaka that I am optimistic. Had I not been optimistic, I would not have come here,' said Basu, also a politburo member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) which backs the 13-party United Front government in Delhi.

'We are having open discussions on issues of Ganges water, cultural exchange and trade and commerce. I will meet business leaders here tomorrow,' he said. During talks with Sheikh Hasina, he also discussed West Bengal's experience in land reform, Basu said.

He wondered that the problem of water sharing has not been resolved so far. 'We also need water to save our port, to sort out salinity problem. In Bangladesh, I see lands have dried up here and there.'

Basu said it cannot continue that India will export goods worth Tk 3,000 crore to Bangladesh annually while Bangladesh will export goods worth only Tk 100 crore or so in return.

In his long speech the octogenarian communist leader

also touched upon various aspects of regional and international economic and political issues and expressed concern at the rise of fundamentalist forces.

Speaking on the occasion, Foreign Minister Abdus Aziz said, 'We are very much optimistic about a solution to water sharing.'

Pointed at Basu, Samad said, 'He is not just the Chief Minister of West Bengal, he is very much present in the Centre as well. His party's support is behind the United Front government.'

With Workers Party President Amal Sen in the chair, the reception was also addressed by Workers Party General Secretary Rashed Khan Menon, West Bengal Home and Information Minister Bhuddadev Bhattacharjee, Finance Minister Dr Asim Dasgupta and coordinator of the eight-party Left Democratic Front (LDF) Dilip Barua.

Rashed Khan Menon expressed the hope that the positive initiatives taken by Jyoti Basu would be successful in reaching a permanent solution to Ganges water sharing problem.

He also laid emphasis on just sharing of waters of 52 other common rivers and an end to the trade imbalance between Bangladesh and India.

Earlier, Amal Sen presented Basu a shawl with designs depicting the 'Tebhaga Andolon'. Various other socio-cultural and workers and peasants organisations also presented him

crests and bouquets at the reception conducted by Fazle Hussain Badsha.

Earlier in the day Basu had an exchange of views at a meeting with leaders of the Left Democratic Front at the LDF Office in the city. The two ministers accompanying him in the visit also attended the meeting.

Among others, central LDF leaders, Nirmal Sen, Rashed Khan Menon, Shahidullah Chowdhury, Khalequzzaman, Kazi Aref Ahmed, AFM Mahbubul Haq, Abdul Rauf, Mujahidul Islam Selim, Abdullah Sarker, Hasanul Haq Nini, Moynuddin Khan Badal, Binul Biswas, Haider Akbar Khan Rano, Naim Jahangir were present at the meeting.

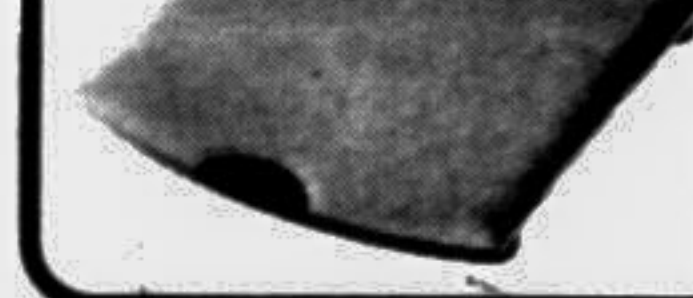
BSS adds: The visiting West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu attended a dinner last night hosted by Workers Party General Secretary Rashed Khan Menon.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed, Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak, Food, Agriculture and Disaster Management Minister Motia Chowdhury, Mr Buddha Dev Bhattacharjee, West Bengal Minister for Information, Home and Cultural Affairs and Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad Dr Badruddoza Chowdhury, among others, attended the dinner held at a private house in Gulshan.

Leaders of different political parties, editors, academicians and intellectuals also attended the dinner.

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Dialogue on share market at TSC

Experts suggest reform programme

Economists and stock exchange experts yesterday suggested a comprehensive reform programme to ensure positive performance in the share market as well as protect the interests of the investors, reports BSS.

Participating in a 'Share Dialogue' organised by Bangladesh Jubo Union in the city they described the present situation of share market as not 'ideal and positive' and proposed for thorough and full reforms of the share market.

They said the share market must be made competitive and transparent to ensure its fair growth and positive performance.

The experts said there should be some institutions to stop speculative trading, which is now virtually occurring in the share market contrary to the fundamental strengths of the companies.

They said the fundamentals of the companies were very important as regards the proper growth of the share market.

Referring to the huge involvement of the people in the share market and their keen interests in the trading they said a large number of people had joined the trading before the corrections and reforms of the market were made.

During the dialogue, a series of questions were raised from the floor by the investors, students, service holders and other professionals and the experts answered to the queries.

Held at the Teacher-Student Centre of the Dhaka University the dialogue was participated, among others, by noted economists Prof Mozaffar Ahmed, Prof Abu Ahmed, Dr Devapriya Bhattacharya, MM Akash, former secretary of Dhaka Stock Exchange Syed Mahbubur Rashid and councillor of Dhaka Stock Exchange Abdul Huq Howlader.

Chairman of Bangladesh Jubo Union Helaluddin delivered an introductory speech.

Opening the dialogue Prof Abu Ahmed of the Dhaka University said the share market is a market of gaining and losing money. Even the stock exchange experts do mistakes here, he added.

He said that the government should go for reforms of the share market.

Akash said the real price of share depend on the economic condition of the respective

9 ex-army officers sued for 'killing'
3 women at Mohammadpur

By Staff Correspondent
A case has been lodged with Mohammadpur thana accusing nine former military officials and drivers of their vehicles in connection with the killing of three women in Mohammadpur area on August 15, 1975, according to officials sources.

A resident of Shersah Suri Road, Mohammad Ali, filed the case yesterday for the death of his neighbours Rezia Begum and her daughters Nasima and Anwar Begum, in shelling on August 15, 1975, Mohammadpur police said.

The nine former army officials accused in the case are: Col Abdur Rashid Khanlari, Col (ret'd) Syed Farooq Rahman, Col (ret'd) Shahriar Rashid Khan, Col (ret'd) Aziz Pasha, Maj (ret'd) Shariful Haq Dalim, Maj (ret'd) Noor Chowdhury, Maj (ret'd) Bazilul Haq, Maj (ret'd) Mohiuddin and Capt (ret'd) A Majed, police said, adding that the names of the drivers concerned were not mentioned in the case.

HBFC
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cies and objectives up-to-date.

It is now necessary to decentralise the Corporation's administration and redefine its objectives to provide low-income groups with housing facilities,' he said inaugurating annual meeting of HBFC's regional and zonal managers at a local hotel.

The meeting was informed that the Corporation had disbursed Tk 260.60 crore during the fiscal year 1995-96 and Tk 237.08 crore in 1994-95. It realised Tk 138 crore in 1995-96 fiscal while Tk 107 crore in 1994-95.

Since its inception till June this year, the HBFC's total recoverable loan had stood at Tk 1244 crore while the recovery was Tk 1070 crore.

The minister called upon all concerned to strengthen the drive for realising loans. He made it clear that the Corporation must remain operative not with government subsidy but on a commercial basis.

Banking Division Secretary Shah Abdul Hannan, Chairman of HBFC governing board, Amirul Islam and Managing Director Fayez Uddin Ahmed also addressed the meeting.

2 stabbed

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unidentified gang cut the tendons of the hands of one Shafiqur Rahman, 25, son of Abdur Rahim of Maniknagar, at about 5pm.

Shafiq, a small trader in Gulistan and reportedly a Jubo League activist, was attacked near the WAPDA colony in Syedabad area following an old enemy. He was admitted to the DMCH hospital sources said.

Brickfields

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serves as a good fuel and its fire produces good quality bricks. 'Tyres burn over a long time and so are economic,' he said.

Concentration of brickfields around the capital is the highest in the country. On an average, there are about 50 brickfields in every district. The District Commissioners are vested with the responsibility to issue licence to open a brickfield, sources in the DOE said.

On an average, a brickfield produces 20 lakh bricks per season burning fuel equivalent to about 10,000 maunds of wood and five tonnes of coal, they said.

Sonargaon Hotel

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the year 2001.

Pan Pacific, a Japanese chain headquartered in Singapore, has been in the management of Sonargaon Hotel, a five-star hotel in the country, since its inception in 1981.

With the expiry of every contract, usually it was renewed by September. But this time, the renewal was delayed due to some problems between the management and the employees a few months back.

After negotiations with the authorities, the Pan Pacific chairman arrived in the capital on Friday from Singapore for the contract-signing ceremony.

M Mosharrar Ullah, Joint Secretary of the Civil Aviation and Tourism Ministry and Managing Director of Hill and Scott Swank, General Manager of Sonargaon Hotel, were among those present at the signing ceremony.

Teenage boy

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him and left the place, police said.

The cause of the killing could not be known immediately.

Mirpur police arrested one person identified as Tanvir Ahmed Badsha in the evening for his alleged involvement in the murder. The body was sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy, police said.

Hasina-Basu

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Secretary Ataul Haq, Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan and Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr. Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir.

Basu was assisted by West Bengal Minister for Information, Home and Cultural Affairs Buddha Dev Bhattacharjee, Finance Minister Dr Ashim Dasgupta and Chief Secretary AK Majumdar.

Bangladesh High Commissioner to India Shafi Sami and Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Deb Mukherjee were also present.

Mostafizur Rahman dead

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Mukarram mosque today after Zohr prayers. Another janaza will be held at BNP central office at 2:30 pm. Besides, janaza will be held at Gulshan Azad mosque after Asr prayers.

As news spread Mostafiz had slipped into coma and his condition worsened, colleagues and friends rushed to have a last glimpse. They included Major Gen (ret'd) Majidul Haq and Lt. Gen (ret'd) Mir Shawkat Ali, senior leaders of BNP and its youth and student fronts.

The kulkhwani of the deceased will be held at his residence at Road No 37, House No 43, Gulshan after Asr prayers on Tuesday, his family said.

UNB adds: He was elected member of parliament in 1979 and 1991 from Bagerhat-2 constituency.

He was born on January 8, 1934. His father, Khan Bahadur Bazul Rahman Khan, was a revenue commissioner during the Pakistan period.

Mostafiz studied in St Xavier's, St Gregory High School in Dhaka and Dhaka Government College. He passed matriculation in 1951.

He joined the Pakistan Army in 1952 and was commissioned on March 13, 1955 in Infantry Branch. In 1956, he was selected to become an Artillery Officer for his technical background.

ASM Mostafiz took part in the 1965 Indo-Pak war, returned to Bangladesh in 1973 and was soon retired from the Army.

He was the president of the Cricket Control Board of Bangladesh, and chairman of Mohammedan Sporting Club and Brothers Union Club. He authored five books.

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleida Zia expressed deep shock at the death of party's standing committee member and former Foreign Minister Mostafizur Rahman.

In a condolence message, she said Mostafiz was one of the top ranking organisers of national-level forces. The void created in BNP politics by his death will be hard to be filled, she said.

Begum Zia prayed for salvation of his departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.