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PM pays tribute to Moni Singh
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has paid rich tribute to the memory of comrade Moni Singh on the occasion of his 6th death anniversary to be observed today, reports UNB. In a message yesterday, she said comrade Moni Singh, a bright name of the national history, had a close relation with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The Prime Minister said personal relations between Bangabandhu and comrade Moni Singh was a unique example of cordiality despite difference of their opinion.

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ASA is involved in replicating its model in Jordan, Ethiopia, Tajikistan, Pakistan and Afghanistan through Save the Children (USA). It is expected that in the coming year replication of ASA Model will be extended to some countries in the Middle-East and Africa.
ASA has become a partner of World Bank-PKSF Poverty Reduction Program.
In the year 1997, ASA planned to cover more 2 lac families under poverty alleviation program through setting 150 new unit offices.
We thankfully remember the contributions of our well-wishers and expect to have continuous cooperation from all throughout the country.
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JU convocation Jan 5
By JU Correspondent
The first convocation of the Jahangirnagar university (JU) will be held on January 5, 1997. All the preparations for the programme have been completed.
A total of 2290 former students will be conferred on graduation, post graduation, M Phil and Ph D degrees at the ceremony the VC Prof Aminul Islam Chowdhury informed the journalists while exchanging views with them yesterday.
Meanwhile, all the examinations of the university have been postponed till January 5, 1997 for the convocation.

Fashion show on Friday
By Staff Correspondent
Designers Mehnaz Faisal, along with Tahmina and Shahbina Nahid Labib will organise a fashion show at the Sonargaon Pan Pacific Hotel on Friday.
The profit made from this show will be donated to a school at Mirpur for the underprivileged children, says a press release.
The fashion parade will be followed by a buffet dinner and dance. Indonesian Disc Jockey Stevie Witjacksono will play the music.
Tickets for the show will be available at Sonargaon Hotel lobby. Video Connection, Film Fair, La Bamba, Agrang Restaurant and the Young Bin Kwan Restaurant.

BCS Tathya Samity polls Jan 3
By Staff Correspondent
The elections of the executive council of 97 BCS Tathya Samity will be held on January 3, said a press release.
The voting will begin at 3 pm in the auditorium of the DFP and will continue till 5 pm. The persons concerned are requested to contact Begum Hafiza Akhter (phone 865083), the press release added.

Masuma Khan's solo painting show
By Staff Correspondent
A fifteen-day solo painting exhibition by Masuma Khan will be inaugurated Friday at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, says a press release.
Prof Muhammad Yunus is expected to inaugurate the show while Dr Razia Khan Amin will be the special guest. It will be the 11th exhibition of the artist. The exhibits will be on display until Jan 17 from 4 pm to 8 pm.

JMBA Karmachari Welfare Trust polls
The election of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority (JMBA) Karmachari Welfare Trust for 1997-98 was held in the office premises, says a press release.
The office-bearer elected are: Enayet Hossain (president), Asim Kumar Datta (general secretary), other office-bearers are: Kamrul Islam (vice president), Effekhar Alam (joint secretary), Moklesur Rahman (organising secretary), Hemayet Uddin (finance secretary), Lufar Rahman Chowdhury (publicity secretary), Abul Kalam Azad (office secretary), Tohur Zamil (sports secretary) and member Al-Mahmud, Mizanur Rahman.

Asian regional meet of global youth confce begins
A two-day second Asian regional meeting of the global youth conference began in the city yesterday, reports BSS.
A total of 145 delegates, including 40 from Japan and one from Indonesia, are attending the meeting being held at the Academy of Planning and Development. The youth conference is aimed at developing a deeper partnership among the member countries to alleviate hunger and poverty through youths development.
State Minister for Youth and Sports, and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader inaugurated the meeting organised by Hunger Project.

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Passes will be available at Jet House from 2 - 7 January 97 and at Sylhet Auditorium from 8 - 9 January 97.
For further information contact Mr. Harun Rashid, Cultural Officer at 5 Fuller Road, Telephone : 868905-7, 868867-8 e-mail hrashid@bedhaka.pradeshta.net

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