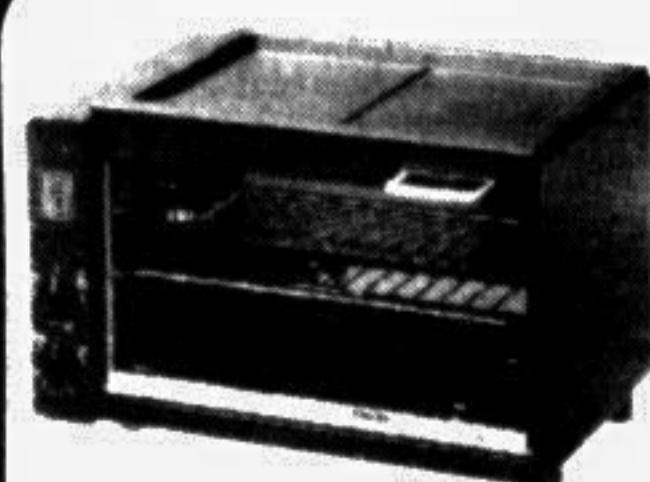


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**JP presidium meet cancelled**

By Staff Correspondent

A meeting of the Jatiya Party Presidium which was scheduled for today was cancelled last night, according to party sources.

The meeting was called last week against the backdrop of three top party leaders' demands for resignation of HM Ershad from the post of chairman of the party and of Secretary General Anwar Hossain Manju from his cabinet post in the Awami League government.

Party presidium members Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, Shah Moazzam Hossain and Kazi Zafar Ahmed had made the demands recently.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed has already been expelled from the party.

Meanwhile, sources in the party told this correspondent last night that hectic parleys was going on to 'save the party from a possible split.'

Golden boys

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"I am extremely happy and delighted at the news," said the President in a message of felicitation as the brawny boys beat Kenya in a nerve-wrecking finale of the tournament in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

He said the victory demonstrated indomitable energy, perseverance and determination of the players for winning the game and for bringing home the ICC Trophy.

"They have earned pride and honour for the nation."

The President mentioned the praiseworthy role of the manager, captain, coach, players and officials of the team in clinching the grand victory and expressed the hope that they would continue to brighten the image of the country abroad in future.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today congratulating Bangladesh team said "the whole country joins me today in congratulating our cricketing heroes on being the ICC champions."

Begum Zia claimed that the country's economy was ruined, export earning come down and imports increased by 100 per cent under the government. The government was borrowing money from the central bank for payment of salaries.

With this the total number of PWs submitting depositions rose to 37 out of 54.

The prosecution counsel did not examine Shahjalal and submitted a prayer before the court saying that the PW might have been gained over by the accused persons. The defence counsel cross-examined him with the permission of the court. Shahjalal, during the cross-examination by the defence counsel denied having said that he knew nothing about the Yasmin rape and murder incident.

Foreign Minister and Awami League Presidium member Abdus Samad Azad will act as acting President of the party in absence of party chief and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Pahela Baishakh

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will broadcast special programmes while newspapers will publish special supplements.

Students of the Fine Art Institute will bring out a colourful rally in the morning.

Bangla Academy will hold a cultural programme at its premises in the morning. Leading artistes of the country will participate.

Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy has arranged a week-long painting exhibition on "Sundarbans in the eyes of an artist" at its gallery.

Chhayanaut will hold its traditional cultural programme at the crack of dawn at the Ramna Batamul. Nazrul Academy will also hold a musical soiree at Ramna Park at 6 am.

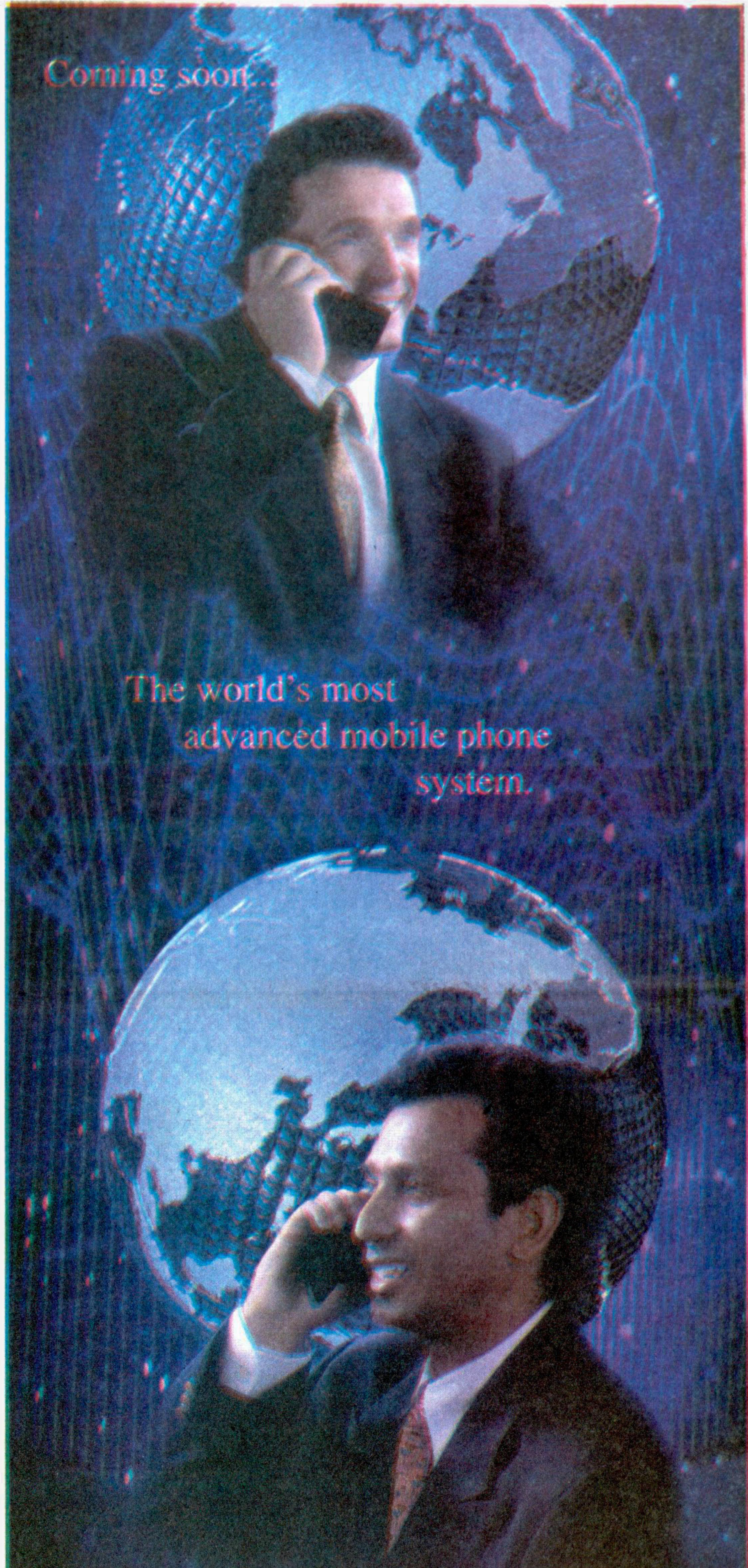
Leading singers of the country will participate in a cultural programme of Bangladesh National Museum in the morning.

Baul singers from different parts of the country will present a cultural programme organised by the Dhaka Reporters Unity at 7 am at its office premises at Segun Bagicha.

Socio-cultural organisations like Bangladesh Uddchi Shilpi Gosthi, Nabagiti Shilpi Gosthi, Bulbul Lalitkala Academy, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, Benuka Lalitkala Kendra, Rabirag, Rotary Club of Dilkhusha and others will also hold separate programmes in different public places across the country throughout the day.

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