



Students of the Medical Assistant Training Institute brought out a procession in support of their various demands in the city yesterday. — Star photo

### Hasina greets Turkish PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina felicitated Mesut Yilmaz on his appointment as the Prime Minister of Turkey, reports BSS. In a message to Yilmaz, Sheikh Hasina expressed the confidence that the fraternal relations between Bangladesh and Turkey would be further strengthened, expanded and consolidated in the years to come. She wished Yilmaz good health, happiness, long life and continued success and the brotherly people of Turkey continued peace, progress and prosperity.

### Samad Azad pays courtesy call on Shahabuddin

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB. Begum Shahabuddin and Begum Samad Azad were present on the occasion.

### Ershad leaves for Saudi Arabia today

Former President and Jatiya Party Chairman Hussain Muhammad Ershad leaves city for Riyadh today for treatment. "I'm going to Saudi Arabia on doctor's advice for treatment. I will also perform Umrah hajj," he told UNB over telephone. Ershad, who was released on bail on January 9 this year, said it was necessary for him to go abroad for treatment much earlier, but he could not go as he was detained in Dhaka Central Jail.

Ershad is going abroad for the first time in seven years since his exit from power on December 6, 1990. "Now I am free on bail and can go with all honour that I deserve," he said. The JP Chairman said he does not want to stay abroad for a long time and will come back within a month.

He said he would not go to America this time, but may visit London to meet some relatives. "I have many friends in the United States and I had talks with them even yesterday. They have invited me to visit them any time, but it would be convenient for them in September when they will be on vacation."

### Garment worker drowns in lake

A teenaged garment worker drowned in a *jheel* at Meradia under Sabujbag thana in the city yesterday, reports UNB. Hospital sources said, Pradip, 15, a resident of 206 Meradia, fell into the *jheel* while boating in it along with his three friends at 12.30 pm.

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