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Six killed, 13 hurt in road accidents

Six persons were killed and 13 others injured in separate road accidents in Rajshahi, Tangail Faridpur and Comilla yesterday, reports UNB. A man was killed and another injured when a speeding bus ran over them on Rajshahi-Chapainawabganj road at Balia yesterday.

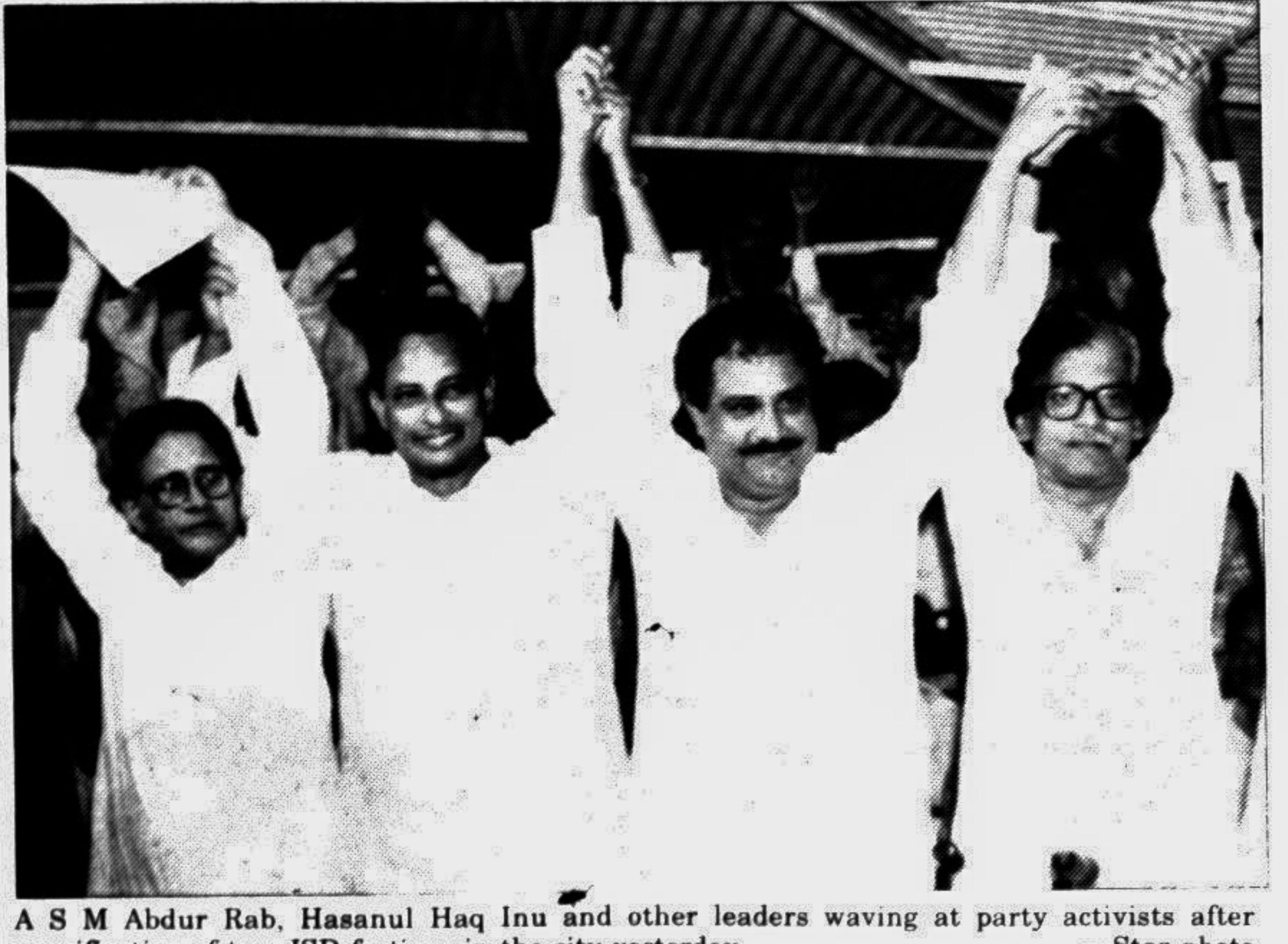
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Tolerance must to solidify democracy: President

President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday stressed the need for institutionalising the hard earned democracy, restored in 1991 after many years of struggle, reports UNB. In independent Bangladesh, parliamentary system worked for three years from January 11, 1972 to January 25, 1975, he said.

AL programme on Jail Killing Day

Awami League will observe the Jail Killing Day on November 3 in a befitting manner, reports UNB. On this day in 1975, four national leaders - Syed Nazim Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, Capt Mansur Ali and AHM Kamruzzaman - were brutally killed in the Dhaka central jail.



A S M Abdur Rab, Hasanul Haq Inu and other leaders waving at party activists after reunification of two JSD factions in the city yesterday. -Star photo

Albright to visit Dhaka shortly

US Ambassador to Bangladesh John C Holzman handed over a letter of US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad when he called on the latter at the state guest house, Meghna yesterday, reports BSS.

JSD factions

From Page 1 A seven member JSD Reconstitution Committee, with ASM Rob and Hasanul Haq Inu as President and General secretary respectively was also announced at the press conference. Other members of the committee are Noor Alam Ziku, Kazi Aref Ahmed, Sharif Nurul Ambia, Syed Zafar Sajjad and Moinuddin Khan Badal.

Dhaka elected IFAD chairman

The Prime Minister said in the city yesterday that Bangladesh has been unanimously elected chairman of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), reports UNB. Addressing a press conference after her return from Commonwealth Summit in Edinburgh, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina further said that Bangladesh had also been elected member of World Food Council (WFC) and chairman of the fifth committee of the United Nations.

Sharif agrees to appoint five SC judges

ISLAMABAD, Oct 31: Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif late today announced his decision to accept Chief Justice Sajjad Ali Shah's demand to appoint five more judges to the Supreme Court, reports AFP.

Terry Fox From Page 1

Terry Fox, a Canadian student and cancer victim. The run was later named 'Marathon of Hope'. Terry Fox, who lost his right leg six inches above knee due to bone cancer in 1977, ran across Canada for 145 days - every day 23 miles - to collect funds to support cancer research.

BNP won't join

From Page 1 proportionate representation in the JWS standing committees and withdrawal of 'false' cases against BNP leaders and workers. Mannan Bhuiyan said, 'In January last, a 4-point agreement was reached between the ruling party and BNP at a Speaker-brokered dialogue. But, no progress has been made so far'.

Draft CHT treaty

From Page 1 Replying to a query about the coming Aid Club meeting in Dhaka, Sheikh Hasina said, 'It bears immense significance for us, as, for the first time, the venue of the annual meet has been shifted from Paris to Dhaka.' At this stage, she invited Finance Minister SAMS Kibria to elaborate, further, Kibria said, 'We expect the donors will appreciate policies taken by the government and see for themselves the developments.'

Jalil specialised in forging any road transport paper

By Morshed Ali Khan For Abdul Jalil and his associates, any document related to road transport in the country, was no problem at all. They could produce any paper - driving licence, blue book, registration receipt, post office receipt, insurance certificate, vehicle fitness certificate, route permit, owner transfer certificate and tax token - provided you were ready to pay a fixed rate for each paper. Jalil and his associates, believed to be one of the largest organised gangs engaged in the forgery business in road transport sector, have been active for years. Police detects believe they have 'issued' thousands of such fake papers and thousands of professional drivers are driving vehicles in the country with fake licences and fake fitness, registration, and other papers.

JSD factions

From Page 1 it said while the government continued structural reforms, a cautious stance was adopted with respect to both fiscal and monetary policies. But much of the imbalances were shifted to the monetary overhang and low external reserves generated by the expansionary policy followed since 1995.

DU teachers' reluctance

From Page 1 suspended for not discharging the responsibilities they have been entrusted with. But no such action has yet been taken against the teachers involved in such activities. According to the Dhaka University Order, 1973, a teacher is primarily responsible to the chairman of his department, the chairman is responsible to the dean of the faculty and the dean to the Vice Chancellor. But number of students of some departments, talking to The Daily Star, said that in most cases the deans and chairmen were not sincere to their duties. They think that they are relieved of their responsibilities as teachers because of their administrative positions and the other teachers simply follow them, the students alleged.

US envoy meets Khaleda

From Page 1 Zia whether BNP will attend the meeting convened by the Speaker today. Begum Zia said her party had always responded to the Speaker's invitation to a meeting. She mentioned that a four-point agreement was signed between the ruling and opposition parties with the negotiation of the Speaker, but not a single part of the accord has yet been implemented by the government. She said the government is yet to take any initiative to re-United Nations.

Times-Bangla

From Page 1 used their work yesterday. The Daily Star, however, wrote a front page editorial announcing end of its publication after 33 years. The Bichitra also made a cover story on the 'retirement' of the weekly. The official BSS news agency had cut off its wire services to the newspapers on Thursday. PDB personnel also came to disconnect power supply on Thursday but they went back, the journalists said. It was, however, not known whether the publications would be available today.