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## Help flourish tech to face challenges of 21st century: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government has attached utmost importance to flourishing talent and technology for rapid development of the country, reports UNB.

"In the coming century, the talent-producing capital will be more important than the financial capital," she said, urging the engineers to develop themselves to face the challenges of the 21st century.

Addressing the inaugural function of the 50th anniversary of the Engineers' Institution on its premises, Hasina said, "The next century will be a technology-dependent century, and the barrier of border to import and export and skilled human resources will be eliminated."

She observed that the present world has now turned into a "global village" due to modern technology and development of communication system.

"We'll have to transform our huge population into skilled human resources to survive in the open global competition of the next millennium,"

Hasina said the country's products will have to maintain the world standard to have a place in the competitive world market.

## Hunger strike

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ity with the token hunger strike programme and make it a success.

The meeting was held at the BNP central office with party Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in the chair, said a party press release.

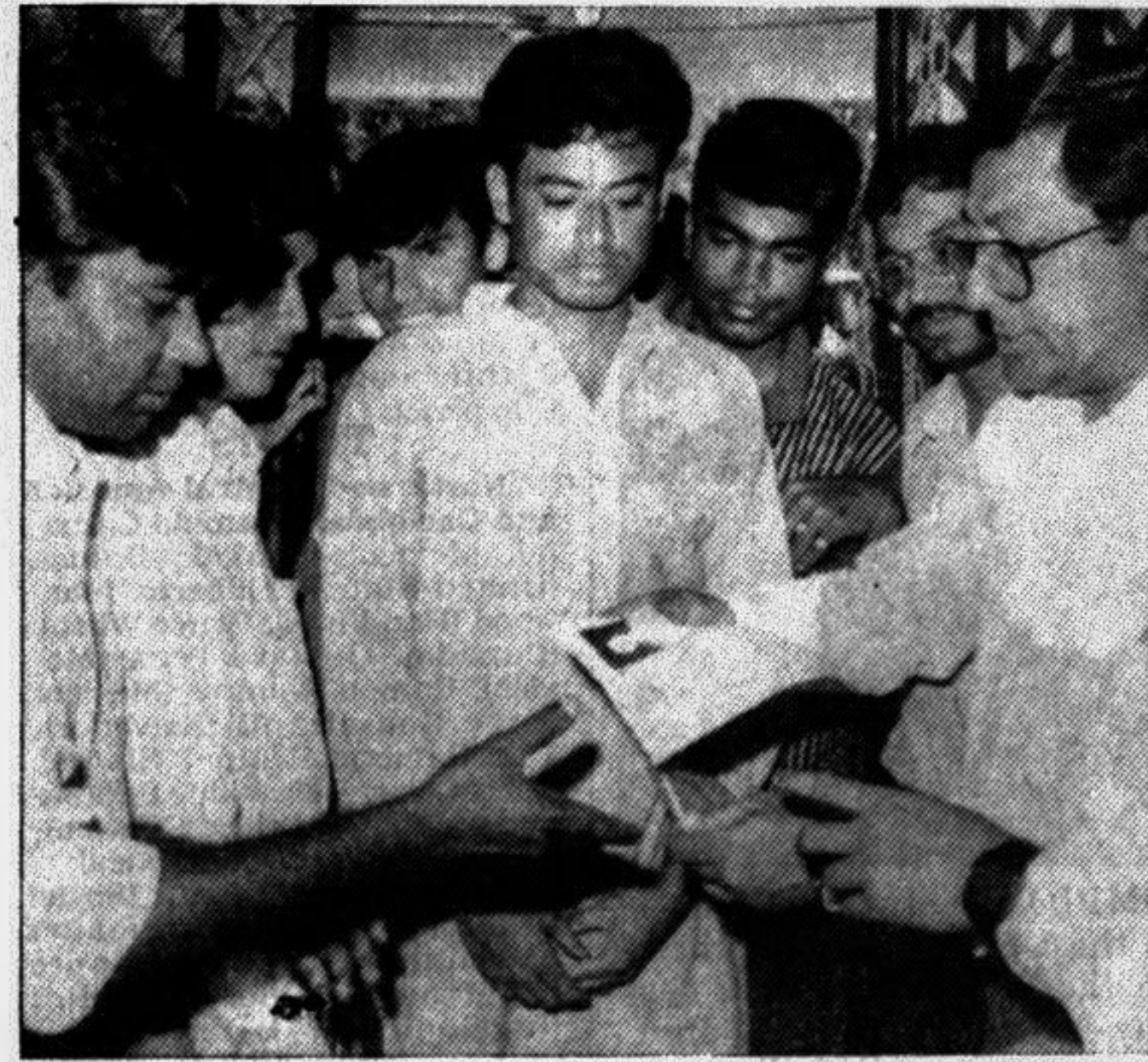
The meeting in a resolution said that by signing the accord with the terrorist 'Jana Sanghati Samity', the government has surrendered the independence and territorial integrity of Bangladesh. It noted that during the signing of the accord no discussion was held with the BNP, and neither in the Jatiya Sangsad nor in the Cabinet.

The meeting resolved that by dint of sheer majority in the Jatiya Sangsad, the ruling party passed four bills through voice vote to give legal cover to the accord in the wake of BNP's negotiation and walkout from the parliament.

Another resolution adopted at the meeting said that the government will have no control over one tenth territory of the country in the CHT and that part will be delinked from Bangladesh if those bills become acts with assent from the President.

It said that people of the country will not accept this "suicidal accord" and the laws concerned.

The meeting also discussed, among other issues, law and order situation, price hike of essentials and problems in supply of water, gas and power.



The provost of Jasimuddin Hall of Dhaka University checking identity cards of students before allowing them to enter the hall yesterday. — Star photo

## Shazneen murder

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Your life will be taken care of," Shahid claimed to have asked Hasan as to why he was approaching him, and not any other servants. To this Hasan said, as claimed by Shahid, "You have access to the portion of the house where the crime has to be committed."

Shahid said that the Hasan made the last approach to him on April 22, the day before the murder. Hasan talked to him under the jackfruit tree in front of the house, and offered him a "huge amount of money" to kill Shazneen.

During yesterday's interrogation, Hasan was present in front of Shahid when the latter made these crucial statements. Shahid also said that the maid (Parveen) was with him during the murder. He said that Parveen did not know that "I planned to kill Shazneen. She only knew that I wanted to violate her."

Parveen held Shazneen by her hair while I stabbed her. Parveen at this stage left the room after I killed her and then violated her. It should be mentioned here that Shahid had made statements earlier which he retracted later.

The CID investigators were still to find independent corroboration of Hasan's involvement. Besides, they were also investigating the motive for Hasan to be involved in this crime.

Shahid has so far been in remand for seven days in total after he was taken into custody on April 27.

Shahid has already confessed to police that he had stabbed Shazneen to death in her bedroom using a kitchen knife. A CID team produced the three accused—contractor Hasan, supervisor Badal and a carpenter, Shoni Ram—before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon.

The CID prayed to the court for a seven-day remand for the three saying that they needed the time to interrogate the three accused for further investigation.

However, the court granted only a two-day remand. The three accused were produced before the CMM's court after the expiry of a two-day remand.

CID in its prayer for remand of the three on May 5 said they were getting information regarding the involvement of the said accused in the murder. They also said that the activities of the accused before and after the murder have given rise to justifiable suspicion against them. Besides, there were inconsistencies in their statements made so far.

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## Block bidding : Go-slow

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Some experts maintained that the government could allocate funds for BAPEX if it wanted.

Questions were raised about Saldia gasfield, discovered and developed by BAPEX, which the authorities are now planning to give away to another agency of the government. Officials said, if BAPEX could operate on commercial basis, it could generate part of the funds needed for new exploration.

They also pointed out that monitoring of the existing PSCs with foreign companies to safeguard Bangladesh's interest was very poor.

There is not enough manpower to monitor the operation of four companies that are currently working. If we sign more PSCs without improving our monitoring system, the consequences would be disastrous," said an official.

Another official claimed that BAPEX could undertake the monitoring work.

A BAPEX official, however, said that BAPEX could currently help in monitoring because it had practical experience. But, as a very few exploration work have been given to BAPEX in the recent years, its lacking new experience. "Worst of all, if it is made a monitoring agency, within five years, you

## JCD activists

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rehabilitation of the JCD activists.

The rehabilitation process began at 9 am on the day and was completed by afternoon.

The Jasimuddin, Ziaur Rahman, Bangabandhu and Surya Sen halls were evacuated for the purpose and the genuine residents of the dormitories were allowed to enter the halls after checking their identity cards.

The Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-VC, members of the Syndicate, the Provosts' Standing Committee and the DU Teachers Association were present.

But sources in the halls said last night that tension was prevailing in the trouble-torn four halls as activists of rival parties were staying in the same halls.

Though leaders and activists of JCD came back to the halls, activists of BCL were "controlling" the dormitories, the sources added.

No untoward incident was reported till last night, after the rehabilitation of the JCD activists.

Meanwhile, the manager the dining hall of Mohsin hall of the university was hit with a bullet in the chest on Wednesday night at the hall. He was sent to the Chest Diseases Hospital.

Two contradictory reports were received regarding the incident.

One source claimed that the manager was hit by bullet as he was playing with the gun while the other sources claimed that he was shot by activists of the Tomi-Ratan faction of BCL.

The Tomi-Ratan faction 'controls' the Mohsin hall.

## CU: One killed

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Their venture was not to recapture the halls knowing well the presence of a large contingent of police, he added.

The Shibir activists, ousted from the halls after the alleged attack by BCL on April 28, mobilised its strength in village Jobra behind the dormitories.

They launched the night attack and succeeded to enter Shah Amanat Hall and Shah Jahal Hall but soon retreated in the face of barrage of fire from reinforced police force, informed sources said.

Police raided their suspected hideouts till 5:30 am yesterday and recovered one 303 rifle and two country-made guns.

The Syndicate met for more than six hours and reviewed the situation. It condoned the death of Ayub Ali.

The meeting squarely blamed 'Chhatra Shibir, the anti-liberation force' for the armed attack, and accused the police, camped in front of the halls, of playing the role of 'silent spectator' at the initial stage of the attack.

Why they (police) did not return the fire," questioned the Proctor of Shah Amanat Hall.

More than 200 Shibir activists brought out a procession in Chittagong city yesterday morning. They chanted slogans demanding resignation of the Vice-chancellor and punishment to BCL activists who forcibly ousted them from the halls on April 28.

## Hanif goes to KSA for treatment

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mohammad Hanif left here for Saudi Arabia yesterday for treatment, reports BSS.

Commissioner of Ward No 70 Mir Shamir will look after the routine responsibilities of the Mayor in his absence, a City Corporation press release said.

## Joint resignation

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their administrative posts.

Meanwhile a press release issued on behalf of the 13 teachers said, "The state of affairs now and the way they have been presented have by passed the real issue, which is the matter of the admission test, the committee for future admission test and a separate institute and importantly at present the subject of our reinstatement."

The spokesman said that the resignations were not aimed at quitting jobs.

"The joint resignation was a token of protest" said Shamsul Wares, adding it was not aimed at quitting jobs.

## Magurchhara

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About the animals, he said that the reserved forest and the adjoining tea garden had been shelter to a variety of wildlife, including a large concentration of Hoolock Gibbon and Capped Langur, two species in the country.

The forest was home to Pig-tailed Macaque, Phayre's Leaf Monkey, Slowloris (tallest monkey), Rhesus monkey, Barking Deer, Squirrel, Wild Boar, Scally Antelope, Cat, Civet, Hare, Fox, Jackal, Jungle Fowl, Pied Hornbill, Python and Rat Snake.

The pythons, deer, hares and birds, which could escape the inferno were killed or taken away by poachers waiting on the fringe of the forest, the committee member said.

The committee is planning further visits to the area before it submits its final report.

## Three medical colleges

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dergo a second Quality Assessment and Audit Review (QAAR) after one year. The colleges which do not require improvements, would be reviewed after four years, he added.

The government had invited Prof Bryce for a series of QAAR in medical colleges to formulate a mechanism for standardising medical education in the country and improve teaching quality. Earlier, the government had formed a quality assurance body (QAB) for medical education.

Prof Bryce and senior members of the teaching staff at medical colleges met in January to design the formal methods of QAAR. He also organised a series of workshop for potential external reviewers, for chairman of course committees and for academic and phase coordinators from a number of medical colleges.

The formulation of QAAR procedures was sponsored and coordinated by the Further Improvement of Medical Colleges (FIMC) Project, supported by the UK Department for International Development and the British Council. FIMC is part of the government's Fourth Population Health Project.

Prof Bryce, also a researcher in the field of biochemistry, said: "One clear message was that the government system of posting of teachers at medical

college was causing major problem in the progress of medical education."

He noted that some other issues hampering providing quality education were topics linked to resources, staff, in most colleges poor budget and space. Besides, academic training for the internships was of very inferior quality, he added.

Asked about the quality of products of the medical colleges, he said: "Naturally, if you don't give quality input, you are not expected to get the quality output."

Asked how did the government respond to the idea of improving medical education in the country, he said: "Director General of Health Services Prof AKM Nurul Anwar, who is also Chairman of QAB is a tremendous supporter of the new idea. The DG does cheer the body a lot, I noticed. And he is very enthusiastic about getting things done as quickly as possible."

In reply to a question he said, "Well, it's not just money. It also needs a lot of commitment to get the idea running till it actually reaches a stage where students would start getting the benefit. At the same time, I am going to seek extra funding from different sources in UK and Europe to strengthen capacity of the centres for medical education."

The quality assessment would also be carried out in other medical colleges.

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## বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ সচিবালয়

### কমিটি শাখা-৩

এতদ্বারা বাংলাদেশের সকল জেলা বার এসোসিয়েশনের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বর্তমানে স্তিমি কোর্টে ২৬,০০০ (ছাব্বিশ হাজার) মামলা পেন্ডিং থাকায় Civil Procedure Code, 1908-এর Section 115 এবং First Schedule-এর সংশোধন অনয়েনের লক্ষ্যে বিগত ১৫-০২-৯৮ই তারিখের জাতীয় সংসদ অধিবেশনের বৈঠকে 'The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1997' বিলটি পরীক্ষা নিম্নলিখিতকমে রিপোর্ট প্রণয়নের লক্ষ্যে আইন, বিচার ও সংসদ বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয় সম্পর্কিত সংসদীয় স্থায়ী কমিটিতে প্রেরণ করা হয়। আইনটির গুরুত্বপূর্ণ এবং সমায়েগযোগ্যী সংশোধনের লক্ষ্যে বাংলাদেশের প্রত্যেকটি জেলা বার এসোসিয়েশনের মতামত প্রয়োজন। বার এসোসিয়েশনের প্রেসিডেন্ট ও জেনারেল সেক্রেটারীকে আগামী ২০-৫-৯৮ তারিখের মধ্যে তাদের লিখিত মতামত নিম্নলিখিতকমরী নিকট পৌছানোর জন্য অনুরোধ করা হচ্ছে। এছাড়াও 'এসোসিয়েশনের প্রেসিডেন্ট ও জেনারেল সেক্রেটারী বা তাদের মনোনীত প্রার্থী সরাসরি মতামত ব্যক্ত করতে ইচ্ছা পোষণ করলে নিম্নোক্ত তারিখ ও সময় অনুযায়ী কমিটির সভাপতি ও সদস্যদের সাথে সাক্ষাত করতে পারবেন।

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