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Lankan FM calls on President

Visiting Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar made a courtesy call on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Welcoming the Lankan Foreign Minister, President Shahabuddin said Bangladesh and Sri Lanka enjoy excellent bilateral relations, which have grown both in depth and dimension over the years.

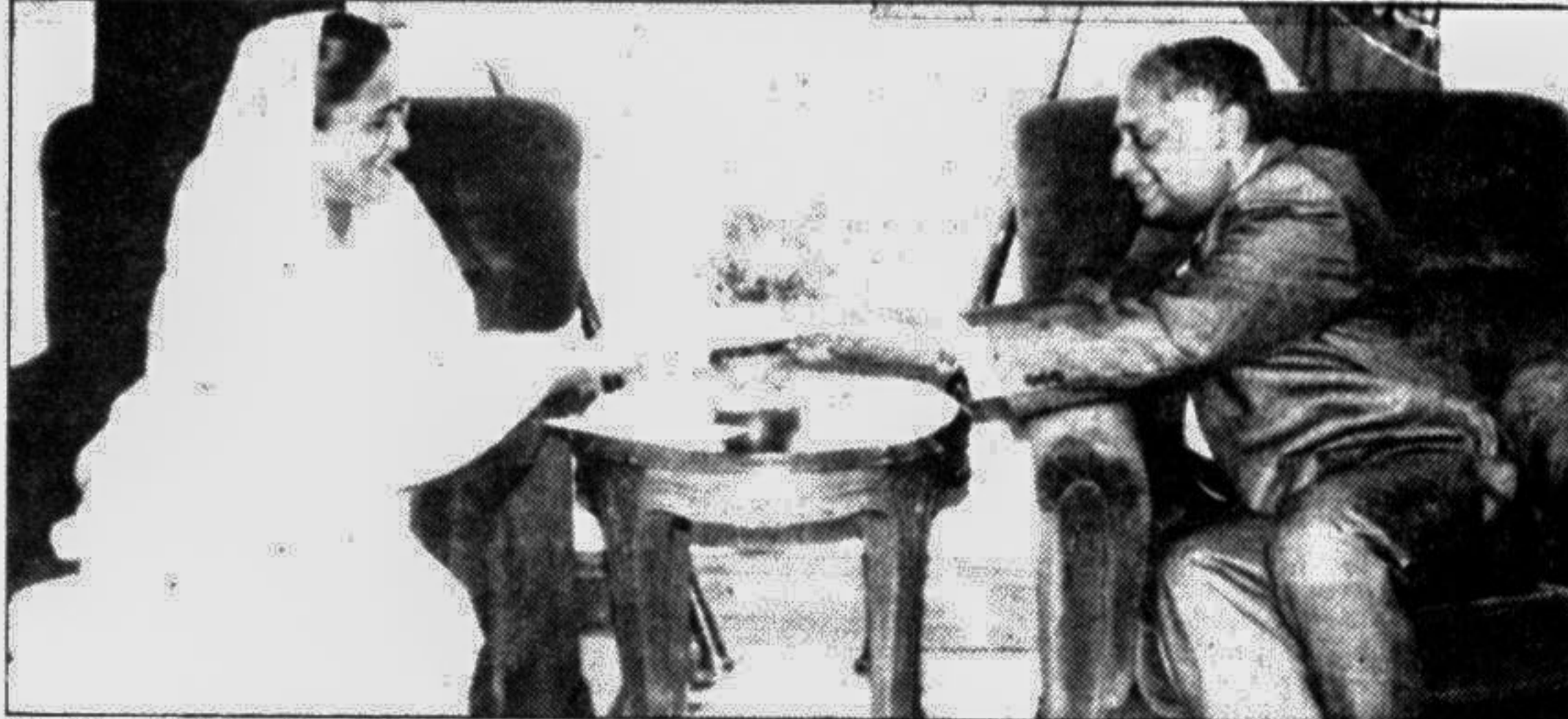
The President underscored the importance of further strengthening relations in the fields of economy, trade and commerce.

Shahabuddin said private sectors of both the countries should be encouraged to develop direct contact with each other to identify new areas of cooperation.

Bangladesh is looking forward to participating in the SAARC summit, scheduled to be held in Colombo next month, he said.

The Lankan minister apprised the President of handing over a formal letter of invitation to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to attend the SAARC summit.

Among others, Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Sri Lankan High Commissioner SB Autogoda and acting Foreign Secretary Mohiuddin Ahmed were present.



Visiting Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar handing over an invitation letter from President Chandrika Kumaratunga to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday. — PID photo

Historic June 7 observed

Historic June 7, commemorating the struggle for realisation of the six-point demand that inspired the nation to fight for self-rule, was observed in the country yesterday, reports BSS.

On this day in 1966, workers Monu Mia, Shafiq and Shamsul Huq were killed in police firing during a countrywide hartal called by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to press for realisation of his six-point demand in then East Pakistan.

The day's programme began with laying of wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu at the "Bangabandhu Smriti Jadughar" by leaders and workers of Awami League and its front organisations, led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Awami League and its front organisations hoisted national and party flags atop "Bangabandhu Bhaban" and party offices across the country. Prayers were also held for peace of the martyrs of June 7.

The main programme of the day was a public meeting at Paltan Maidan, where Sheikh Hasina was the chief guest.

Bangladesh Betar and Bangladesh Television aired special programmes, while major newspapers published special articles highlighting the significance of the day.

ALPP meets June 10

A meeting of the Awami League Parliamentary Party (ALPP) will be held at 9 am on June 10 in the ruling party's conference room of the Jatiya Sangsad, reports BSS.

Leader of the House Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will preside over the meeting.

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One found dead in city

By Staff Correspondent

A gatekeeper of a house was found dead inside a bathroom of the house at Lake Circus in city's Kalabagan area yesterday morning.

Police identified the dead as Mohammad Habib, 40. Blood was around Habib's mouth and there was an injury mark on his right eye, police said.

The landlord found Habib dead inside a bathroom beside a water tank at the ground floor of the two-storey building at about 6:30 am, police said quoting the FIR.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) morgue for autopsy. The landlord, Golam Rahman, filed an unnatural death case with Dhanmondi thana in this regard.

Langal Bandh Bridge opens

The Langal Bandh Bridge on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway was opened to traffic yesterday afternoon, reports BSS.

S M Akram MP, inaugurated the bridge in a simple ceremony, attended by Communications Minister Anwar Hossain as chief guest, Communications Secretary Syed Rezaul Hayat, Emdadul Hoq Bhuiyan MP, Mofizul Islam, former general secretary of Narayanganj district Awami League, and Abdul Hasnat, president of Sonargaon Awami League, were also present.

The bridge, which is 160.54 metres long and 18 metres wide, was constructed at a cost of Taka 13 crore 38 lakh.

Nat'l Road Safety Biennial Strategic Action plan launched

By Staff Correspondent

Communications Minister Anwar Hossain formally launched the National Road Safety Biennial Strategic Action Plan — from July 1997 to June 1999 — at a ceremony yesterday.

Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) organised the ceremony in collaboration with the UK's department for International Development and IDC project.

This plan has been taken to combat the increasing number of traffic accidents and fatalities. Last year, over 2,000 people were killed in road accidents.

The action plan, the culmination of extensive reviews of road safety issues, and inputs from overseas safety specialists, has components that propose to make improvements to the roads, the vehicles using them as well as to the knowledge and behaviour of the users themselves.

Amendments to legislation and its enforcement are also being proposed. Many of these activities will be focused by detailed accident information that is being collected for the first time.

The Action Plan stresses low cost remedial measures with pilot and demonstration projects recommended in each of the three key sectors: engineering, education and enforcement.

Until recently in Bangladesh, road safety was addressed only through temporary measures, occasionally taken after major road accidents, the minister said. As a result, previous road safety initiatives suffered from a lack of coordination and continuity, he added.

The ceremony was addressed by BRTA chairman AN Hossain, National Professor Dr MR Khan, IDC Team Leader Roger Weatherell, RRD Secretary Syed Rezaul Hayat.





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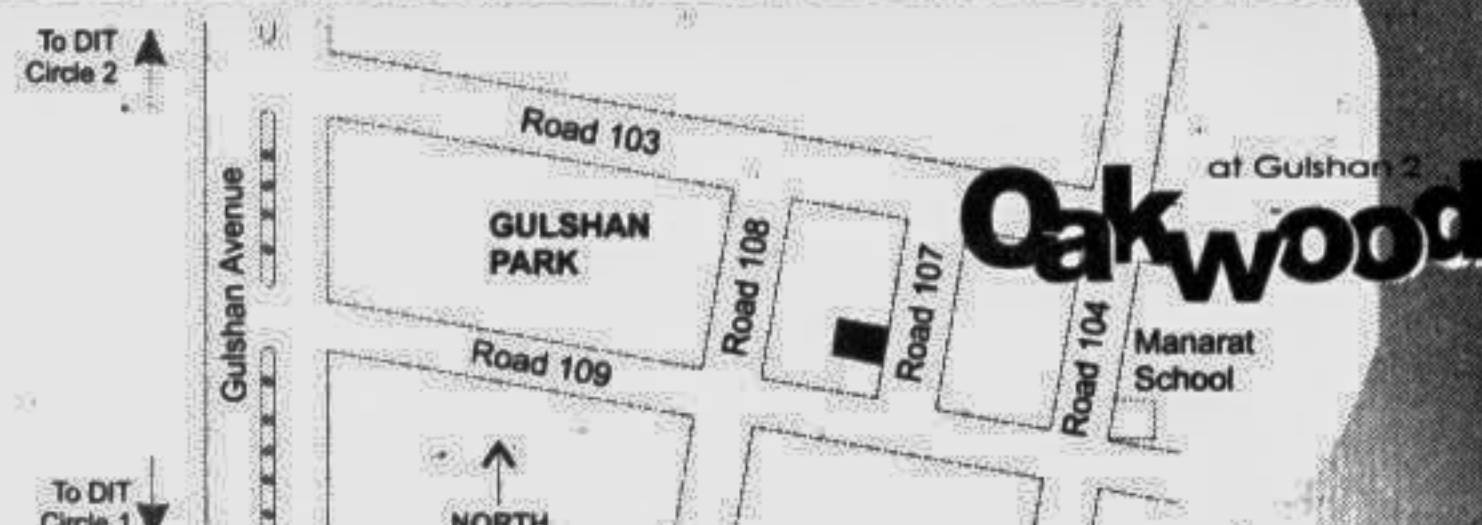


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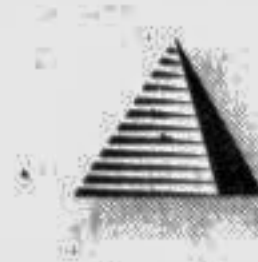
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