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**Opening of B-JMB**

## JS adopts resolution thanking PM amid BNP walkout

By Staff Correspondent  
 Jatiya Sangsad last night adopted a resolution thanking the Prime Minister for opening the Bangabandhu bridge over the river Jamuna.  
 Earlier, before the discussion on the resolution began, the members of the opposition BNP staged a walkout protesting against the Chair's refusal to entertain some amendments to the resolution.  
 The resolution, moved by ruling party lawmaker Abdul Latif Mirza, said that the open-

## Ban on meet near BJMB

SIRAJGANJ, July 8: The government has imposed a ban on holding meeting at the square of Bangabandhu Bridge and the adjacent areas of its approach roads, reports UNB.  
 According to police, steps have been taken to beef up security in the area and a list of police officials is being prepared in this regard.  
 Police from 16 northern districts, including Tangail, will be included in the list.  
 The ban on holding meeting in the area came ahead of the scheduled meetings of the opposition BNP at the east and west sides of the bridge on July 11 and 24 respectively.

**BNP urges govt to lift ban on meet near BJMB**  
 BNP yesterday urged the government to withdraw the ban on public meeting immediately within 3 km of both sides of the Bangabandhu Bridge where the party planned for holding a public meeting on July 11, reports UNB.  
 Shahjahan Siraj, the vice-chairman of BNP, told newsmen that they are destined to hold the public meeting as scheduled at Shamsol, about 2 km away from the east end of the Jamuna bridge. "We shall not give up the programme," he said requesting the government

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**Star MAG TOMORROW**  
 A birth certificate is a child's proof of identity, a ticket to citizenship and represents the first acknowledgment of his or her significance to the country. Star Weekend Magazine this week brings under focus this very basic right of a child which is totally overlooked in Bangladesh.

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## Tk 832cr goods being smuggled in thru' 5 thanas alone

By Staff Correspondent  
 As many as 75 types of items valued at around Tk 832 crore are smuggled into the country from India through five bordering thanas alone every year.  
 The thanas are Daulatpur in Kushtia, Sharsha in Jessore, Komolganj in Moulvibazar, Shibganj in Chapainawabganj and Sadar thana in Comilla.  
 This was revealed in a study jointly conducted by a senior research fellow of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) and a teacher of Dhaka University.  
 The study report was presented at a seminar yesterday at a city hotel. Speakers at the seminar underscored the need for controlling informal trade between Bangladesh and India for saving the country's industrial sector.  
 Development In Democracy (DID) organised the seminar with help from the Asia Foundation. The speakers include Forrest E Cookson, Convener of the DID; Dr Karen L Casper, Resident Representative of Asia Foundation; Rashed Maksud Khan, President of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI); Shamsuddin Ahmed, President Foreign of Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI); Dr Muinul Islam, Director General of Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM); Shah Abdul Hannan, former chairman of National Board of Revenue (NBR); and Dr Fouzul Kabir, Atiur Rahman of BIDS and Abdur Razaq of Dhaka University, jointly conducted the study, assisted by a group of BIDS researchers.  
 They found that mainly cattle, textile items, cotton, silk saree, sugar, salt, bicycle and truck parts were being smuggled into the country. Fifteen items include gold, high count yarn, copper brass and bell metal were mainly smuggled out through those areas.  
 The study analysed the nature and extent of smuggling operation, volume and value of the illegal traded items and their price differentials.  
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# Brazil knock out Holland

MARSEILLE, France, July 8: Brazil moved into the World Cup final after a tense penalty shootout against Holland here Tuesday but coach Mario Zagallo delayed celebrations until they had won their record fifth trophy, reports AFP.  
 "People in Brazil are celebrating right now, but we have to wait until the final, and I'm confident we are going to win the final," he said after the 4-2 spot-kick win.  
 Dutch coach Guus Hiddink, who had fielded a team without injured Winston Bogarde and Marc Overmars or the suspended Arthur Numan, congratulated the Brazilians on their victory. "I'm pleased with the performance of my team."



That's why the match went to penalties," he said.  
 Goalkeeper Taffarel, who saved two spot kicks, said: "That was God helping me. I am very happy to have contributed to this victory. It was a really tough game but Brazil can be proud of its team. Brazil is ready for the final."  
 Dutch coach Guus Hiddink, who had fielded a team without injured Winston Bogarde and Marc Overmars or the suspended Arthur Numan, congratulated the Brazilians on their victory. "I'm pleased with the performance of my team."  
 "It was a victory for the team. We're here to represent Brazil and we're here to win. This is our objective. We have willpower, flair and tactics. Every player contributed to this wonderful victory," he added.  
 "We are alternating between joy and tension and we are only going to celebrate at the final."  
 "Everything was good about this performance. Brazil were good physically and good tactically," he added.  
 Following 130 minutes play the sides were locked at 1-1 after extra time.  
 "We played on instinct in ex-



Brazilian soccer fans in Rio de Janeiro celebrate yesterday after Brazil defeated the Netherlands 4-2 in a penalty shoot-out during the semi-final of the World Cup.— AFP photo

## Business leaders' appeal Refrain from using hartal as means of expressing political differences

By Staff Correspondent  
 Leaders of the business community in a joint statement yesterday appealed to political parties to refrain from using hartals as a "means of expressing political differences" because of the harm it inflicts on the economy.  
 They also regretted that despite repeated appeals made by trade and chamber bodies in the past, the political parties have never considered making an objective review if hartal served any real purpose.  
 The leaders of six business bodies also stated, "In a poor country like ours, dislocation of the economy and sufferings of the people cannot strengthen any cause."  
 "In fact, political programmes which do not take into account the representative feelings on such issues not only do not help in achieving their objectives but also erode the confidence of the public on political parties which undertake them," the statement added.  
 "In view of the critical period through which our economy is passing due to the South East Asian economic crisis, we once again appeal to the political parties to refrain from using hartals as the means of expressing political differences at present and also in the future, because of the harm they inflict on the economy," the statement further said.  
 The statement was signed by R Maksud Khan, President of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Laila Rahman Kabir, President of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, A K M Shamsuddin, President of Foreign Investors  
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## Repression on women & children Tougher laws to punish offenders, compensate victims soon: PM

By Staff Correspondent  
 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said that innocent girls had been languishing in safe custody of jails even without committing any offence.  
 Referring to young girls who fell prey to various social ills, Sheikh Hasina said, "For the sake of their security, in many cases these girls are kept behind the bar, but mixing them up with convicts, instead of having a secured life in jails, in most of the cases, they develop the tendency to commit crimes after living in unhygienic condition."  
 The Prime Minister was laying the foundation of 'Safe Home for Destitute Girls' at Master Bari in Gazipur. Later, she also addressed a public meeting, organised by Gazipur district unit of Awami League, at Rajbari Maidan at the district town.  
 At the foundation laying ceremony, she noted that after living with convicts in jails, those innocent girls later on suffered from mental sickness. "If they are not corrected, many of them would go astray."  
 The 'Safe Home for Destitute Girls' is a joint venture of Social Welfare Ministry, Directorate of Social Welfare and a non-government organisation called 'Bangladesh Shishu Rakkha Samity'. When completed, it will initially provide shelter to 30 girls aged 12 to 18 years and the number will rise to 100 one year later.  
 Sheikh Hasina said her government is preparing a new set of stricter laws to deal with repression on women and children as the existing laws lack provisions for any sort of compensation to the victims.  
 When the new laws come into force, the offenders would not only be punished but fines would also be realised from them to give compensation to victim women," she said.  
 The Prime Minister also announced that quota for women for the posts of teachers in primary schools would be increased to 70 per cent from 60 if necessary. "It's true that finding out so many eligible women candidates is already a problem, but we will resolve that by widening the scope of education for women."  
 Referring to the safe home project, she urged the wealthy section of the society to come forward for the cause of the humanity.  
 Besides, she listed various development activities, particularly those for women, by her two-year old government.  
 The function was, also addressed by State Minister for Social Welfare and Women and Children's Affairs Dr Mozammel Hussain, Ahsanullah, MP, Director General of Social Welfare Directorate Mir Shahabuddin, President and Vice-President respectively of 'Bangladesh Shishu Rakkha Samity' Prof Salma Chowdhury and Dr Shahela Khatun respectively.  
 Later, addressing the public meeting at Rajbari Maidan, the Prime Minister criticised the main opposition BNP for its BTV Bhaban gherao programme today (Thursday). She urged BNP chief Begum Khaleeda Zia to face the people by participating in TV programme, instead of gherao programme.  
 Terming Gazipur as the most important place in the country after Dhaka, Sheikh Hasina told the audience "Now, with the Bangabandhu Bridge over river Jamuna opened, importance of See Page 12 Col 1



A colourful procession was brought out at Narayanganj on Tuesday in observance of Miladunnabi. — Star photo

## Young professionals need a forum to make their voice heard

By Staff Correspondent  
 future course of action.  
 Mahfuz Anam, editor of The Daily Star, moderated the meeting.  
 The proposed voluntary organisation will work for protecting people's rights, ensuring public participation in decision making, harnessing employment and creating employment opportunities under the guidance of an umbrella national body headed by a coordinator.  
 The meeting decided to hold conferences on employment, transparency of government and judiciary in Bangladesh shortly. It also approved a plan to launch a 'website networking system for inter-communication between the entrepreneurs and professionals.'  
 A teacher and entrepreneur, Kazi Mahmud Ahmed, said he would arrange a 'mock interview' for job seekers to develop their skill to face interviews.  
 The meeting was participated by a large number of young professionals and entrepreneurs working in different fields.  
 At least 20 entrepreneurs and professionals discussed various issues relating to their professions as well as issues concerning national life as a whole.  
 Participating the discussion, an established entrepreneur and Information Technology expert, Rizwan Bin Faruk, placed stress on innovative thinking and called upon the job seekers to develop new ideas for self-employment. "The next millennium will be the age of ideas. Digital economy including the information technology sector has a tremendous prospect for employment in See Page 12 Col 1

## Moshood Abiola dead

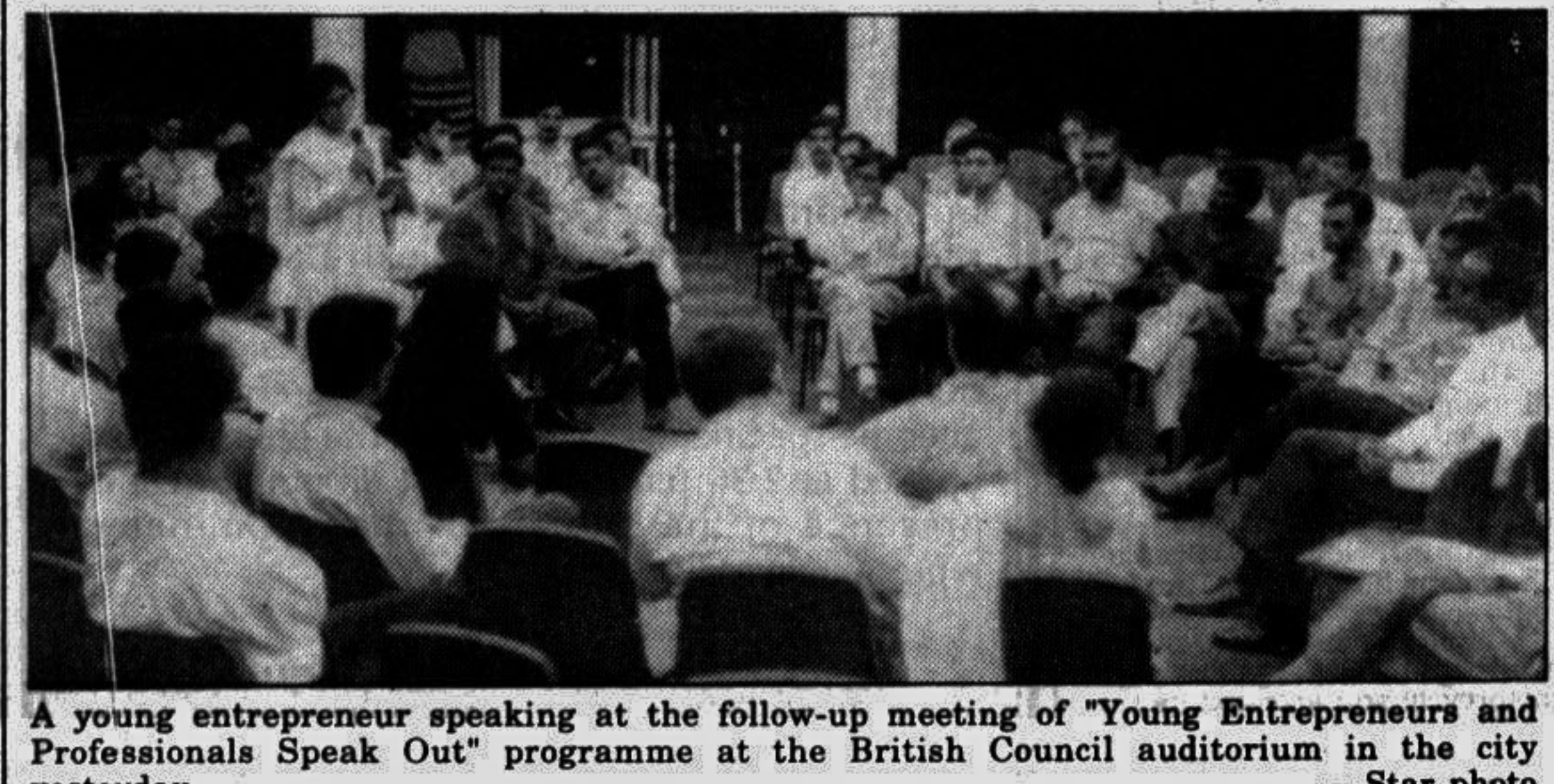
ABUJA, July 8: The death of Nigeria's most prominent political prisoner, Moshood Abiola, came just as the end of his imprisonment seemed near, causing the latest shockwave in a turbulent month for Africa's most-populous nation, reports AP.  
 Abiola died of an apparent heart attack Tuesday after suddenly becoming ill during a meeting with US diplomats who came to push for his freedom.  
 His death came just as freedom after four years in prison seemed imminent. The dictator who had jailed him died June 8, of a heart attack.  
 The news prompted demonstrators Tuesday to vent their See Page 12 Col 4

## BNP to gherao TV Bhaban today

BNP will gherao BTV Bhaban and other TV stations in the country today protesting 'politicisation' of the state-run electronic media and spreading 'falsehood and distorted information', reports UNB.  
 In the capital, the leaders and workers of BNP and its front organisations will gather at Siddheshwari High School ground and in front of Hossain market at Badda at 3 pm prior to starting for the gherao programme at Rampura.  
 BNP chairperson Begum Khaleeda Zia announced the programme from the Paltan maidan before starting the mass procession on July 1.

**The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98**  
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 Shefik Rehman  
 Editor, Weekly Jajaidin  
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 Editor, Bhorer Kagoj  
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 Eminent sports journalist and  
 Afsana Mimi  
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A young entrepreneur speaking at the follow-up meeting of "Young Entrepreneurs and Professionals Speak Out" programme at the British Council auditorium in the city yesterday. — Star photo

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