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France silence samba beats

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to lay it off to Guivarc'h in front of the Brazilian goal. Guivarc'h only had keeper Taffarel to beat from 12 meters but lost control and Junior Balano's challenge ensured his shot was both weak and inaccurate.

The French had another chance in the seventh minute when Zidane swung in a free kick from the left. Djorkaeff and Guivarc'h were both unchallenged as they went for the ball at the near post but Djorkaeff got his shoulder rather than his head to the ball and the Brazilians were relieved to see the effort go tamely wide.

Ronaldo, who was pulled from the initial Brazilian starting lineup because of tendonitis trouble but reinstated only 45 minutes before kickoff, sprang into life in the 22nd minute. He dribbled past Lilian Thuram down the left and sent over a teasing cross which Barthez struggled to hold underneath the crossbar.

Paris explodes

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people out on liberation night (in 1944)," said 50-year Clarice Heurssen, wearing a straw bonnet tied to her head with a French flag.

A million people are expected to take to the streets of the capital tomorrow to celebrate the nation's first ever World Cup triumph, according to AP.

Momentum has been building over the past week as France marched to the final against the defending champions and four-time World Cup winners.

But the French came back to take the lead in the 27th minute after Roberto Carlos needlessly conceded a corner and got a telling off from Moroccan referee Said Belqola for angrily kicking the corner flag in frustration.

Petit curled in the flag kick from the right hand side and Zidane climbed above Leonardo at the near post to head powerfully downwards and past Taffarel.

Three minutes before half-time, the French went close to increasing the lead when the ball broke to Petit in front of goal but hit shot was deflected into the sideling.

Taffarel made a stunning reflex save from the unmarked Guivarc'h and Djorkaeff drove another corner towards the near post where Zidane ducked to head inside the post and put the Brazilians under huge pressure for the second half.

Wily Brazilian coach Mario Zagallo sent on Denilson for Leonardo for the second half but it was Ronaldo who had a great chance to pull a goal back 11 minutes into the second half.

A leftwing cross from Roberto Carlos dropped to the Inter star at the far post and, although he got clear of a defender, his well-struck, close-range shot was held by Barthez.

A blunder by the French keeper set up another chance in the 60th minute when he ran to almost the edge of his area and flapped at a long throw from Roberto Carlos. The ball dropped to Bebeto whose shot was on target but Desailly was back to clear with Barthez nowhere near his goal.

Guivarc'h should have scored a third for France in the 63rd when he punched on Cafu's weak back header but shot over the top with only Taffarel to beat.

France replaced Christian Karembeu with Alain Boghossian and sent on Christophe Dugarry for Guivarc'h.

But the host was down to 10 players in the 67th minute when Desailly, its best defender in the game, was shown the red card for his second caution of the match when he scythed down Cafu. Desailly received his first early in the second half for dissent.

Zagallo's last throw was to send on striker Edmundo for midfielder Cesar Sampaio with 16 minutes to go and Aime Jacquet responded by taking off striker Djorkaeff and replacing him with midfielder Patrick Vieira.

TEAMS

**FRANCE:** Fabien Barthez; Lilian Thuram; Frank Leboeuf; Marcel Desailly. Bixente Lizarazu; Christian Karembeu (Alain Boghossian, 57th), Didier Deschamps, Zinedine Zidane, Emmanuel Petit; Youri Djorkaeff (Patrick Vieira, 76th), Stephane Guivarc'h (Christophe Dugarry, 65th).

**BRAZIL:** Taffarel; Cafu, Adair, Junior Balano, Roberto Carlos; Leonardo (Denilson, 46th), Casar Sampaio (Edmundo, 74th), Dunga, Ronaldo; Bebeto.

Referee: Said Belqola, Morocco.

Barisal by-polls Ruling party violating code of conduct: BNP

BNP yesterday condemned and protested the statements of Awami League leaders Zillur Rahman and Suranjit Sengupta regarding the Barisal by-election, reports UNB.

In a statement, BNP leader MK Anwar, MP, alleged that the ruling Awami League is hatching a conspiracy centring the July 20 by-election. He refuted the claim of Zillur Rahman that they are abiding by the election code of conduct and co-operating with the Election Commission.

He referred to the Chief Election Commissioner's letter to the Prime Minister requesting her to restrict any minister, state minister, deputy minister and persons enjoying equal status from paying any official or unofficial visit to Barisal-5 constituency until the by-polls is completed to keep it above controversy.

But defying the election code of conduct, Anwar said, ministers are addressing public meetings in the constituency to influence the by-polls.

The BNP leader criticised Suranjit Sengupta for telling UNB in an interview that Chief Whip Abul Hasanat was present in the constituency as the general secretary of Barisal district AL while ministers Tofael Ahmed, Mohammad Nasim and he himself went there as part of their organised tour.

He alleged that the government has resorted to rigging in every by-election. The ruling party "snatched BNP's victory in Laxmipur and Mirsarai by-polls," he added.

Homeless girl

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holding the destitute young girls moving on the streets.

"We are giving vocational training to those girls and taking care of them at the vagrant centres," he added.

At present, there is no government programme for rehabilitation of commercial sex workers or to check prostitution on the streets. The social welfare department is now preparing for two projects in this regard.

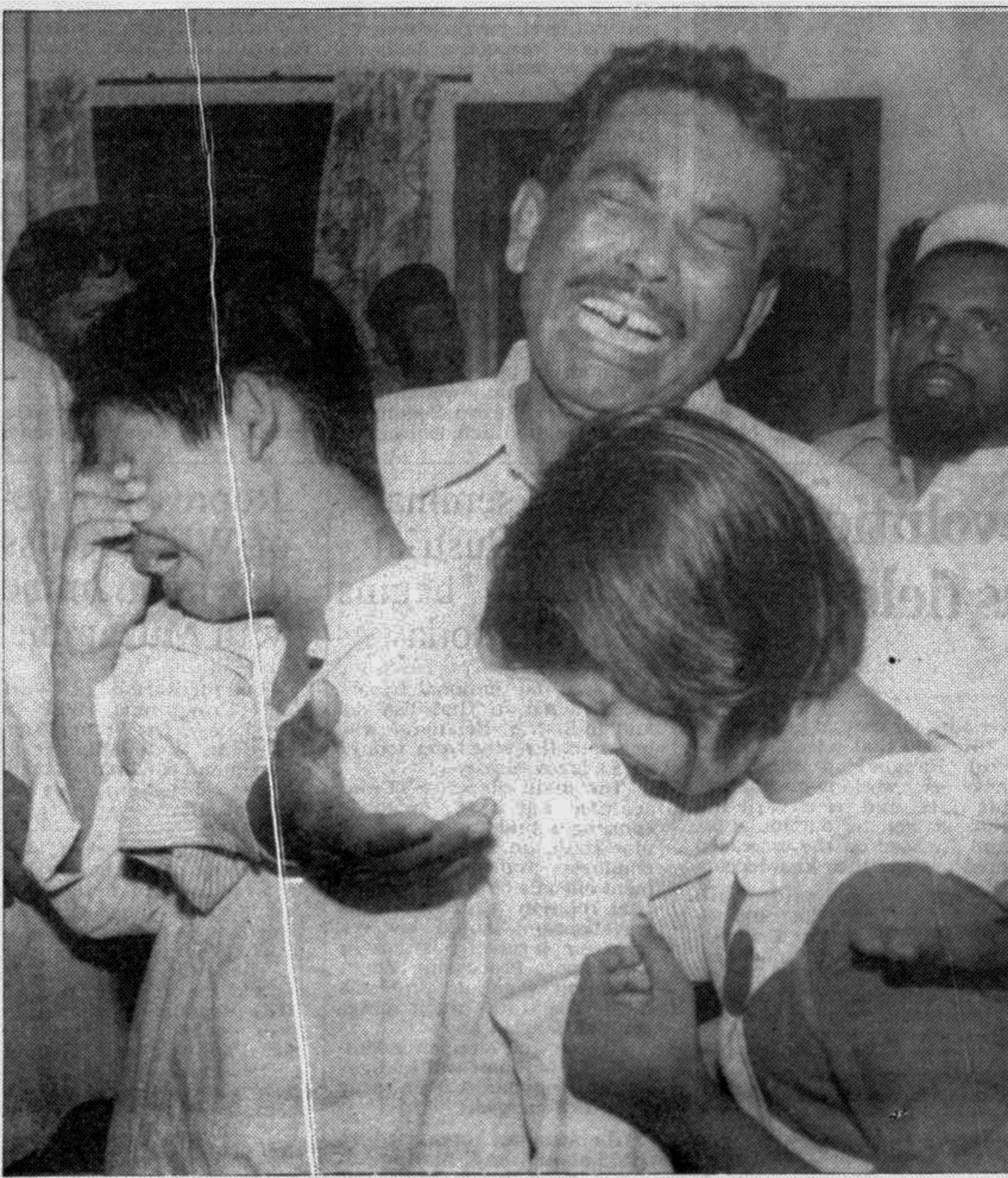
Meanwhile, there is also a controversy as regards the role of police in picking up street girls as vagrants or on charges of creating public nuisance.

If a person is picked up as vagrant, he or she would be sent to the Mirpur Vagrant centre in the city run by the social welfare department. But if one is arrested on charge of creating public nuisance, he or she would be produced before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, officials pointed out.

"Why should we go to the vagrant centre? We are not vagrants. We can earn money," said a commercial sex worker. She also alleged that they often had to bribe policemen to avoid arrest.

Besides, the evicted sex workers of Kandupatty, at a meeting held recently, alleged that police often harassed them.

The increasing number of floating girls in different areas of the city, specially in residential areas, has drawn the attention of police and various agencies concerned. Police officials said they also received complaints in this regard from residents in posh areas.



The wailing husband and children of the victim.

—Star photo

Thousands marooned in three districts

By Staff Correspondent

Flood situation in the greater Pabna district, Kushtia and Gaibandha worsened further with water level in the rivers continuing to rise.

Thousands of people have been marooned in twelve thanas of the districts.

Our Gaibandha correspondent reports: Flood situation in the district continued to worsen yesterday with further rise of water level in all three main rivers. A total of 17 unions of the districts are now in grip of flood. River Ghagat is still flowing above danger mark while water level of river Brahmaputra and Teesta increased by two centimetres. Over two lakh people in different char lands under four thanas were marooned.

Railway track between Balashi Ghat and Trimohoni is being threatened by flood water at different points.

Our Pabna Correspondent says, due to continuous rise in flood-water in the rivers Jamuna and Padma, about 20,000 people in seven thanas of greater Pabna district were marooned. These thanas are Bera, Bhangaora, Faridpur, Chatmohar, Shahzadpur, Chouhali and Ullapara.

Water level of the Ganges at Hardinge Bridge point rose yesterday by 27 centimetres while Goral at Goral Railway Bridge point showed 30 centimetre increase. Rainfall in Kushtia during last five days was recorded at 91 millimetre.

In Kushtia, Flood situation, particularly in Daulatpur thana, has further deteriorated as water level of both the Ganges and Goral continued to increase engulfing more areas and damaging crops and dwellings in eight unions of the thana. About 5000 more people were marooned following onrush of the Ganges water.

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Probe body report on gutted vessels Fire originated from electric spark in a cabin of Gazi

From Ehsanul Haque

NARAYANGANJ, July 12: The fire that gutted three off passenger vessels at Sonachara dockyard in Bandar thana recently, originated from an electric spark in a cabin of PS Gazi which was kept under lock and key with the electric bulb and the fan inside it switched on, according to a probe body report submitted today.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC), owner of all the three under-repair vessels, set up a six-member probe body shortly after the vessels were gutted on the midnight of July 1. KN Poddar, a DGM of the Corporation, headed the investigation.

The report said that Fariduddin, an employee of another BIWTC vessel who used to reside in that cabin of Gazi, left the cabin locked in the morning of the accident with its electric bulb and the fan on, committee sources told The Daily Star.

Due to continuous consumption of electricity, the report said, a spark may have originated from the loose electrical connections, causing the fire. Besides, the probe body said, the lighting bulb also might have blasted and fallen on the bed to contribute to the fire. But the report ruled out any possibility of electric short-circuit as the source of the fire.

The report blamed five BIWTC employees for the accident. The employees were earlier suspended.

The probe body estimated the total loss incurred due to the burning of the three vessels at about Tk 1,03,68,000. The gutted vessels — the 632-seated PS Kiwi and the 532-seated PS Gazi — are still repairable, it said.

and estimated the repairing costs at Tk 16 crore and Tk 14 crore respectively. The committee suggested that the third vessel, MV Lama, needed no repairing as the authorities had decided to sell it.

Owing to the accident, the government would not require an additional amount of about Tk five crore to repair the two vessels while the price of the other vessels would go down, BIWTC sources said.

Foreign assistance would be needed for repairing Gazi and Kiwi, they said, adding that the government of Belgium earlier had promised the Shipping Ministry an assistance for this purpose but the assistance was later diverted to another ministry.

Besides, the E(WTC, the Ministry of Shipping, the Ministry of Defence and the Special Branch of Police were also conducting three separate investigations into the accident, official sources said.

Khaleda

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expressed their willingness to join BNP because of widespread violation and disregard to the laws of the land by the government. "A large number of lawyers will join BNP after the by-election in Barisal, she added.

Accusing the ruling party of violating the election code of conduct, she demanded a free, fair and neutral election in Barisal-5 constituency.

She called upon all to make the half-day hartal on July 16 a success to intensify the anti-government movement.

Young housewife

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from outside and left the flat, police said quoting Hasan.

Returning from school, both the sons of the victim found the door locked from outside. They thought that their mother went outside.

Abdul Quddus returned from his office at about 5 pm. Breaking inside the flat and found his wife lying on the floor dead in a pool of blood.

None was arrested in this connection till filing of this report last night. Police picked up Hasan for interrogation.

Shabbujah police were preparing to file a murder case in this regard last night.

Child murder

Condition of Nargis improving

By Staff Correspondent

The condition of Nargis, who allegedly slaughtered her son Naim at her flat in North Kamalapur on July 2 and then tried to commit suicide by cutting her throat, was improving at the ICU in Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The DB police sources said last night that they would record her judicial statement under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure after she is able to talk again.

For this purpose they have to wait for at least 20 days, the sources said, adding that doctors opined that by this time Nargis would be able to talk.

The investigating officer of the incident said last night that their investigation so far revealed that Nargis herself killed her seven-year-old son and no third party was involved in the killing.

Noakhali TV Station resumes transmission

BTV's Noakhali sub-station resumed transmission at 3 pm yesterday after the experts repaired a mechanical fault temporarily, reports UNB.

The transmission was interrupted due to mechanical fault that developed in the cables of the sub-station on the cables of the sub-station on July 8.

It was restored temporarily keeping in view the World Cup Football final match, said an official handout yesterday.

Petition filed

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case should be conducted.

In the court, Alina quoted the President as saying: "A six-year old girl Tania was raped in the broad day light at the control room within the premises of the Magistrate's Court, but no action was taken against the 20/25 employees on duty during that time. Had such incident occurred in other countries, particularly Saudi Arabia, all those involved with the incident would have been beheaded."

The President had delivered the speech on June 24 at a workshop on the proposed bill on Prevention of Repression (Special) Against Women and Children, held at the Osmany Auditorium in the city. Alina said.

'OIC states should set up common market'

By Staff Correspondent

A noted economist from a US university at a seminar in the city yesterday called for establishment of an Islamic Common Market (ICM) among the countries of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) to boost their economies.

He suggested free trade and free movement of capital and manpower within the proposed ICM.

M Kabir Hossain, Associate Professor of Finance at the University of New Orleans made the call in a key-note paper on "An Exploratory Study of the Success and Failure of Various Regional Groupings among the OIC member countries."

Former Foreign Secretary and Assistant Secretary General of OIC Mohammad Mohsin chaired the seminar, organized jointly by the BISS and the Islamic Economics Research Bureau, Dhaka. Former chairman of the National Board of Revenue Shah Abdul Hannan who is now chairman of the Bureau was the discussant while DG of the BISS Brig (Rtd) Shahedul Anam gave the address of welcome.

Explaining the philosophy behind establishment of an ICM, he said, Islam recognises the right to free movement and migration of manpower to improve their living conditions.

Kabir Hossain said Muslim countries are putting up "negative or extremely poor performance" due to their "inconsistent economic policies, reliance on export of few primary products for earning foreign exchange, negative capital flow because of more imports than exports and a small volume of trade among themselves."

He, however, encouraged formation of small economic blocs among the OIC countries. Formation of the Developing Eight (D-8) with Turkey, Pakistan, Nigeria, Malaysia, Iran, Indonesia, Egypt and Bangladesh is a move in the right direction, he observed.

He said that the OIC member states should participate more in the world trading regime under the WTO and maximise intra-OIC linkages through free movement of goods, capital, and manpower and technology transfer.

Faruk murder

Witness gives judicial statement

By Staff Correspondent

Mustafa, a witness to the killing of former Jatiya Party MP Lutfor Rahman Faruk, gave a judicial statement before the District Magistrate Dhaka yesterday, police said.

In his statement Mustafa said that Faruk, known as Kala Faruk, was strangled to death at the house of Faruk Amzad Khan at Dhanmondi Rd No. 6 on July 6. He was killed by his friend Flora Amzad, three friends of Amzad and gatekeepers of the house — Mizan and Pul Mia — when he became unconscious after taking wine at about 11:30 pm. Police said quoting from Mustafa's statement.

Police were interrogating Flora who was under a four-day remand since Saturday. The others including Faruk Amzad Khan are absconding, police said.

Keraniganj police yesterday produced Mustafa, an employee of Amzad's business firm, before the magistrate who recorded his statement under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Amzad's Dhanmondi house was his residence-cum-office, police said.

The partially decomposed body of Kala Faruk was recovered by police on Tuesday from inside the luggage compartment of Flora's car which was lying abandoned beside the Dhaka-Mawa highway at Bhawar Bhati in Keraniganj.

PM: FBCCI

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were sought and taken from all concerned quarters so that it could fulfil the hopes and aspirations of all sections of the society.

The prime minister said that she wanted to run the country on the basis of national consensus for which she included four members from opposition parties in the cabinet. "We always want that if any of our steps is not acceptable to the opposition they can discuss with us and we are ready to hear their opinion, she said.

Sheikh Hasina said that her government is conducting the business activities on the basis of certain set of principles and procedures. "Like in the past we do not want to politicise the business," she said, adding that breaking monopoly in the cellular telephone business her government granted licences to three companies including one which belongs to one former BNP minister.

The prime minister said that her government invited foreign investors to invest in Bangladesh and good response have been received.

But at the same time we want that our own entrepreneurs should come forward for the country's rapid industrialisation," she said, adding that the special incentives were given so that they could build up the national industries.

Referring to the inauguration of the Bangabandhu Bridge, Sheikh Hasina said that a flood-gate of opportunities had been opened for the hitherto neglected northern region for industrialisation.

"We hope that the business community of the country would seize the opportunities to set up industries in this region."

Similarly she said her government also wants that the southern region which was also neglected, would be developed.

Earlier, welcoming the national budget for fiscal 1998-99 FBCCI President Yusuf Abdullah Harun told the prime minister that this is for the first time intensive discussions were held with the business community and other concerned quarters prior to framing the budget proposals.

"It's a laudable step on the part of the government that the views of concerned quarters were taken into consideration," he noted.

The FBCCI president said that the government had taken a number of realistic measures to boost the national economy. "Although we are the members of a non-political organisation, we still hail such steps of the government," he added.

Harun pointed out that apart from democratisation, the national budget has attached special emphasis to development of various social sectors which are laudable.

ROK Dy FM Due July 15

ROK Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Shin Sung-oh will arrive in the city on Wednesday on a three-day visit.

The main purpose of his visit is to attend the formal opening of the ROK chancery at Baridhara diplomatic enclave, an official of the Korean embassy told BSS yesterday. Shin will inaugurate the new chancery building.

The Korean minister is also expected to hold a meeting with a senior official of the Foreign Ministry and discuss bilateral issues, according to a source at the foreign office.

He will call on Foreign Minister Abulhasan Ali Nadwi on Thursday and hand over a letter from Korean Foreign Minister Dr Park Chung Soo, the embassy official said.

Hashimoto

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voters had cast ballots by early this evening, assuming a higher turnout than the total 44.52 per cent who voted in the last upper house election three years ago.

Today's elections were the first for the upper house since Hashimoto came to power in early 1996. With record-high unemployment, rising bankruptcies, and party members tainted by bribery scandals, the ruling party had geared up for a rough ride.

Worries about the deepening economic morass have sent Hashimoto's support ratings to record lows over the past several weeks.

Zidane joins

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In 1938, Silvio Piola of Italy in 1938, Helmut Rahn of West Germany in 1954, Vava of Brazil in 1958, Pele of Brazil in 1958 and Mario Kempes in 1978.

Zidane is just one goal away from the only second hat-trick in World Cup final history. Geoff Hurst scored three goals for England in their 4-2 win over West Germany in 1966.

Occidental starts drilling at Jalalabad-I well

From Iqbal Siddiquee

SYLHET, July 12: US company Occidental has started drilling at Jalalabad-I well in the Lakattura Tea Garden area in the suburb of Sylhet town yesterday, company sources said.

A major gas leakage occurred at the site on April 28 when the Occidental was conducting a 'work over' of the well. The company, however, brought the situation under control later.

Since then the company kept all activities in the well suspended apprehending widespread public agitation, as the site is located within four kilometres of the town.

The well was discovered and drilled by a Canadian company, 'Scimitar', in 1988 and was plugged subsequently in the face of mass agitation. The company had to leave the country then. The then government had acquired about two hectares of land from the tea estate in late 80s for exploring the well by the Scimitar.

After signing of the PSC in 1995 with Occidental, 7.5 hectares of land were given to the company in 1997 for a period of 30 years for production of gas from the Jalalabad-I well, official sources said.

The well is likely to produce about 35 million cubic feet of gas per day when it goes into production later this year, said an official of the company.

The drilling rig which was

being used in the nearby Jalalabad-2 well had been shifted to the Jalalabad-I. Drilling engineer of Occidental and the Deutag were also present in the well site yesterday.

The drilling would continue for at least eight weeks, the sources added. Unocal is a partner of the Occidental for operations in the Sylhet region while the German company Deutag is the drilling sub-contractor.

Nepalese chopper makes emergency landing in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, July 12: Inclement weather forced a helicopter of Nepal to make an emergency landing at Satkania Aasia High School maidan this afternoon, police said.

The helicopter landed at Satkania at around 4:15 pm on its way from Yangon and after a brief stay it reached Chittagong airport for refuelling at 5:30 pm, police and airport sources said.

The helicopter did not suffer any damage during the emergency landing at Satkania, police said.

It will start for Dhaka tomorrow morning from Chittagong airport and is scheduled to fly to Calcutta on way to Kathmondu, the airport sources said.

BNP meet discusses preparations for July 16 hartal

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday called upon all to make July 16 hartal a success, reports UNB.

Addressing a joint meeting of the central leaders of the front organisations and leaders of the city BNP at the party's central office in the afternoon, the Secretary General said that fearing a mass upsurge, the government has let loose their terrorists on the supporters and activists of BNP.

The meeting also discussed other issues including party's preparations to make the hartal a success.

Expressing concern over the tense situation in Khagrachhari, the meeting warned that a befitting reply would be given if the government resorted to oppressive measure to implement the "black CHT accord."

Protesting the violation of election code of conduct by Awami League, the meeting observed that an out-governed movement will begin from Barisal if the ruling party tries to rig the by-election in Barisal-5 constituency.

Abdullah Al Noman, Sadek Hossain Khoka, Gaysahwar Chandra Roy, Barkatullah Bhuu, Jafrul Hasan, Salauddin Ahmed, Fazlul Hq Milon, Quazi Abul Bashar, Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu and Abdul Waddud Master, among others, were present at the meeting.

JCD submits memo to Home Minister

From Staff Correspondent

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal yesterday submitted a memorandum to the Home Minister demanding release of JCD leaders, including its president Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Amry, reports UNB.

In the memorandum, the JCD also protested the "police harassment" and filing of "false cases" against its general secretary Habibun Nabi Sohel.

Before submitting the memorandum, JCD, the student front of opposition BNP, brought out a procession from the Dhaka University campus. The procession was intercepted by police near the High Court crossing.

They held a rally there which was addressed by JCD leaders.

The speakers at the rally said they would launch a tougher movement to oust the government if what they said repression and harassment were not stopped immediately.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Nasir Uddin Ahmed Pintu, Abdul Khaleq, Monjur-e-Elahi, ABM Mosharrif Hossain, Monwar Hossain Rana, Shahabuddin Laitu, Rafiq Sikder and Kazi Rafiq.