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An ADAB delegation called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the International Conference Centre yesterday. — PID photo

**DU Mourning Day programme on Oct 15**

Dhaka University authorities have drawn up an elaborate programme to observe Mourning Day on October 15, marking the collapse of Jagannath Hall TV auditorium, reports UNB.

On this day in 1985, a good number of students, officers and employees of the university were killed as roof of the Jagannath Hall auditorium fell on them while they were watching a BTV programme.

The Mourning Day programmes include hoisting of black flag at all residential halls and academic building, wearing black badges. The university flag will fly half mast.

Students, teachers, officers and employees of the university will assemble at Aparajeya Bangla to march towards the Jagannath Hall memorial plaque to place wreaths there at 6.30 am.

Special prayers of the Hindu, the Buddhist and the Christian students of the hall will be held at 8 am.

A discussion meeting will be held at 5 pm at the TSC auditorium where Education Minister ASHK Sadique will be present as chief guest. Special munaajat will be offered at the University Central Mosque as well as other hall mosques after Asr prayers.

An arrangement has also been made to display the victims portraits and their used materials at the hall from 9 am to 6 pm on the day.

**Khaleda demands withdrawal of 'false cases'**

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday demanded immediate withdrawal of 'false cases' filed against her party leaders and activists in Barisal, reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday, Begum Zia said the 'terrorists of ruling party' without any provocation, attacked the October 4 peaceful gathering and procession of BNP in Barisal, organised as part of protest rallies for arresting three opposition political leaders, including K M Obaidur Rahman in jail killing case.

She said they also ransacked the BNP and Juba Dal offices but police, instead of arresting the 'terrorists', filed cases against the activists and workers of BNP.

Condemning such undemocratic activities of the government, Khaleda Zia said the government itself was hatching conspiracy to conceal its utter failure and incapability to cope with the aftermath of the devastating flood and post-flood rehabilitation programmes.

She called upon the countrymen to stand against the conspiracy and to accelerate the movement for saving the country and its people.

**4 car lifters held, stolen car recovered**

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Police said the arrested person was cheating the innocent people and leading a terrorist gang for a long time.

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Police said the arrested persons lifted the car from Raj Luxmi Complex on September 9. They were trying to sell the private car by changing the number plate and manufacturing forged papers of the car.

Another team of Tejgaon police arrested Iqbal Hossain, an accomplice of the notorious terrorists Bikash and Prokash, from Agargaon area. The arrested person is an accused in several criminal cases with Mohammadpur and Tejgaon thanas.

Separate cases were registered with respective police stations.

**Motivate people to plant trees, PM asks teachers**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon primary school teachers to motivate the people to plant trees and grow vegetables in school compounds and fallow lands to make up the huge losses due to the prolonged floods, reports BSS.

She was talking to a delegation of Bangladesh Primary School Teachers Association at her office yesterday.

Apart from spreading education, you have to work to motivate the people to grow more trees in their respective areas," she said.

Hasina said primary teachers have a great role to play in motivating the people to work for post-flood rehabilitation programmes.

The Prime Minister said poverty could be eradicated by increasing the rate of literacy.

"You are the persons involved directly in spreading education," she said adding, "Education is the only tool to eradicate poverty."

Hasina said her government is committed to raise the literacy rate to 70 per cent from the existing 51 per cent. She added that literacy rate went up by 4

**Norway keen to invest in Bangladesh**

The visiting deputy secretary general of ministry of foreign affairs of Norway, Ms. Tanja Heiberg Storm, yesterday expressed her country's interest for investment in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

She expressed the interest of her country when she called on finance minister Shah A M S Kibria at his office.

During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest, particularly the possibility and viability of Norwegian investment in Bangladesh.

The finance minister explained the country's most liberal policy for foreign investment as adopted by the government with provision of a lot of opportunities. He pleaded for large scale Norwegian investment for mutual benefit.

**2 Juba League leaders sent to jail**

**By Staff Correspondent**

The two Juba League leaders, arrested on Sunday night from the city, were sent to Dhaka Central Jail on one-month detention yesterday.

Special Branch police arrested Liaqat Hossain and Mushfiqur Rahman alias Hannan from the city's Ramna and Kathalbagan areas under Special Powers Act.

**BCS (Livestock) cadre exam Oct 24**

Written examination for appointment at the BCS (Livestock) cadre under the 19th BCS (Special) will be held at the Government Science College, Farmgate, in the city 9:40 am on October 24, reports APB.

The candidates, who will not get their admit cards by October 19, have been advised to collect duplicate ones by submitting two photographs at the public service commission headquarters.

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**Norwegian team meets FM**

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The members of the delegation included: Deputy Secretary General of the External Affairs Ministry of Norway Tanja Storm, Norwegian Ambassador to Bangladesh Fredrik Lehne, and Per G Stavnam, Tore Toreng and Ole Overaas of the Ministry.

**EC-NGO Dialogue workshop in Sylhet today**

**By Staff Correspondent**

A workshop on "GOB-NGO Cooperation in Relief, Rehabilitation and Development for the Sylhet Region" will be held in Sylhet today under the aegis of the European Commission-NGO Dialogue Project, says a press release.

The workshop, to be held at the conference room of Grameen Janakalyan Sangsad, would focus on the cooperation among the government and NGO in relief work and the role of apex and network organisations as intermediary agencies.

Divisional Commissioner of Sylhet, Md Habibur Rahman, will attend the workshop as chief guest. Dr Berthold Kuhn and Achintya Das Gupta from the EC-NGO Dialogue Project went to Sylhet to organise the workshop, the press release added.

Earlier, EC-NGO Dialogue Project had organised two other workshops in Dhaka and Rangpur.

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**Azad visits ailing AL leader**

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad visited ailing Awami League leader Syed Fazlul Huq Bsc at Dhaka National Medical College and Hospital in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The foreign Minister spent some time with Huq and enquired about his health.

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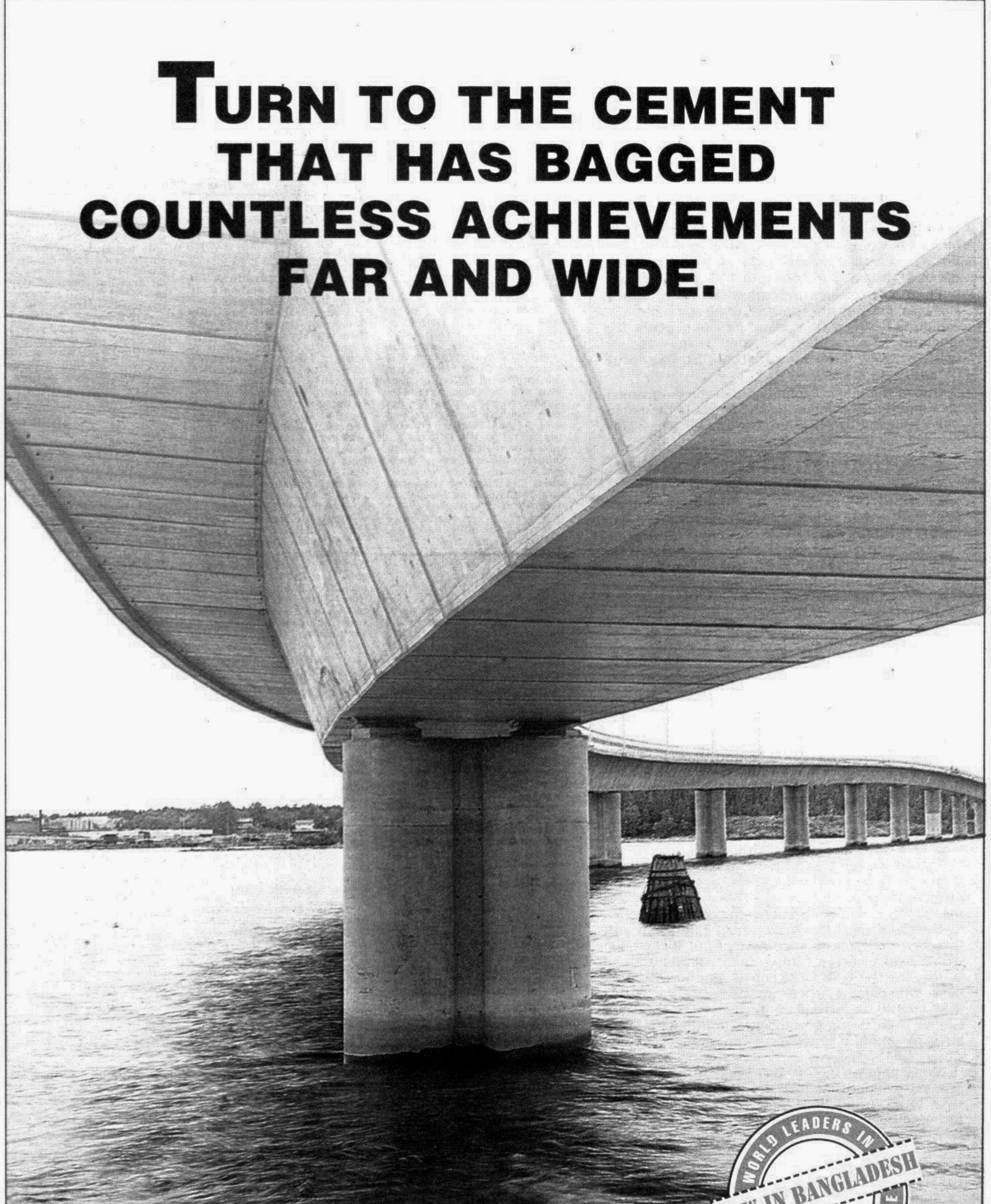
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