



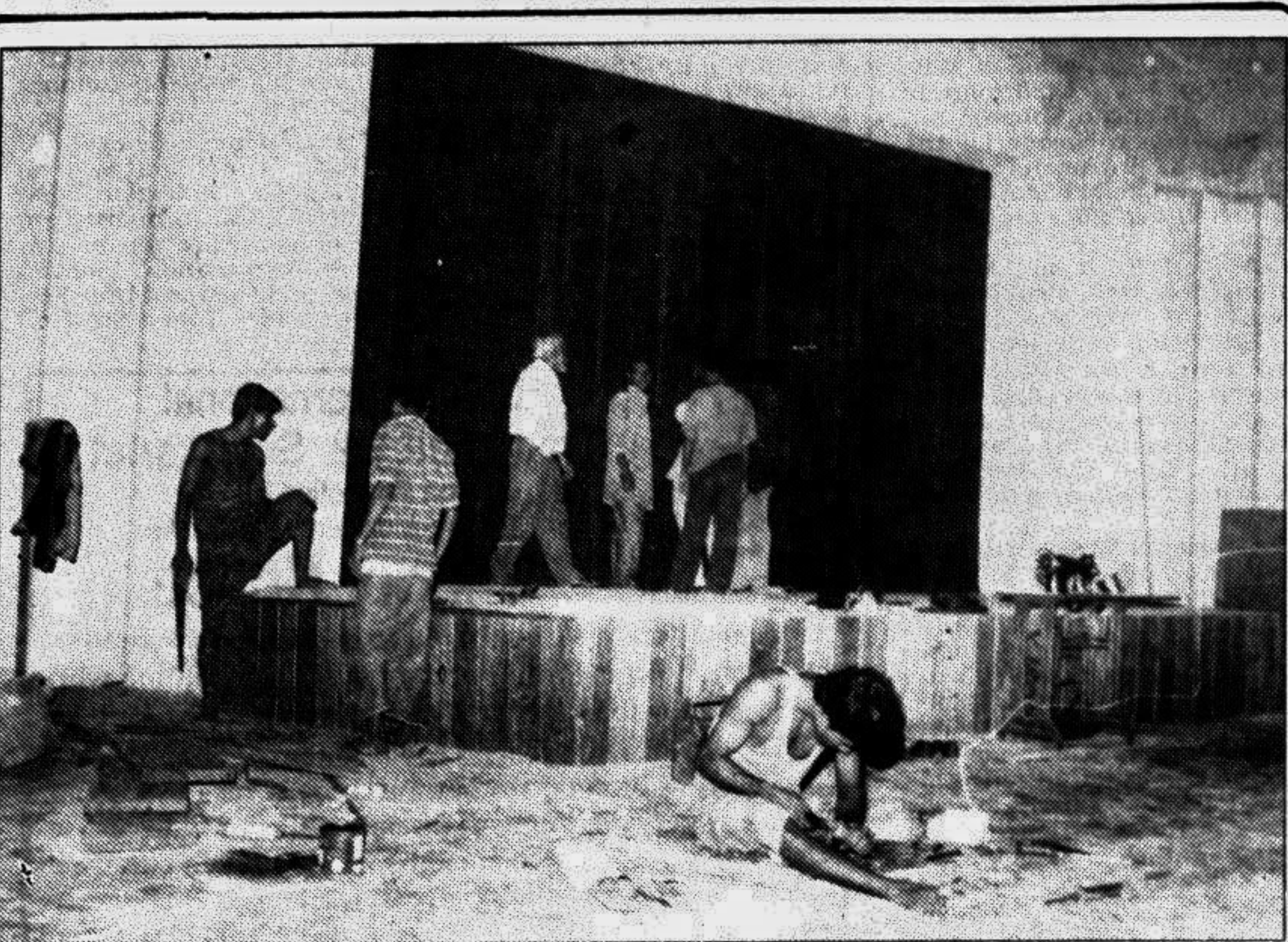
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Workers give final touches to the main stage of the country's first circular theatre on the Dhaka University campus as it prepares for launch in a fortnight. — Star Photo

Nat-Mandal, the first circular theatre may open in two weeks

By Mahub Zaman Cultural activists have reasons to rejoice as the first circular theatre - Nat-Mandal - is due to be open in about a fortnight. Nestled between two blocks of the Dhaka University Central Library, the Nat-Mandal will be housed in a renovated auditorium constructed in 1968.

DU polls: Blue Panel bags 8 seats, White 5

By DU Correspondent Elections to the Syndicate, Academic Council and Financial Committee of the Dhaka University were held at TSC yesterday. Pro-Awami League Blue Panel bagged eight seats while BNP-backed White Panel netted five. Left-leaning Pink Panel failed to get any seat.



BNP leaders march in a procession in the city yesterday to mourn the deaths during the 60-hour hartal. — Star photo

Nine children rescued from traffickers

RANGPUR, Nov 12: Police rescued nine children from traffickers at a village in Kaliganj thana of Lalmonirhat early Wednesday, reports APB. Police also arrested 16 traffickers, including their alleged leader, Manik of Kaliganj.

Grameen Bank to get Tk 100cr govt loan

The government will lend the Grameen Bank Tk 100 crore through Bangladesh Bank for its rural credit programme, reports UNB. Grameen Bank had sought at least Tk 200 crore from the Bangladesh Bank for running its expanded post-flood rural credit programme.

Gaibana janaza, silent procession by BNP in city

By Staff Correspondent BNP yesterday offered gaibana janaza at Baitul Mukarram national mosque in the city after Asr prayer for those killed during the general strike. It was followed by a silent procession where participants wore black badges and carried black flags and banner to mourn the deaths.

Treasury Bench members

From Page 1 held as those who left the House earlier did not return. The BNP lawmakers walked out of the House as soon as Nasim took the floor to make a general statement under Article 300 of the JS Rules of Procedure (ROP). They claimed that a minister could not make such a statement on a private member's day.

Nasim: Cantt house

From Page 1 family of assassinated President Ziaur Rahman by the government of Acting President Justice Sattar. The privileges include: 1. A house on the lake side in Gulshan at a cost of Tk 101.00 only. 2. The house a number 6 on Shahid Mainul Road in Dhaka Cantonment on lease in perpetuity.

AL observes 'thanksgiving day' today

Awami League will observe 'thanksgiving day' today expressing gratitude to Almighty Allah for the historic verdict awarding death sentence to the self-confessed killers of Bangladesh. A party press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

Canada, Zimbabwe to help extradite killers of Bangabandhu

Canada and Zimbabwe have assured full cooperation in extraditing three of the killers of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from their countries to Bangladesh, reports APB. Bangladesh High Commissioner to the United Kingdom A H Mahmood Ali handed over the verdict of the Bangabandhu murder case to the Deputy Foreign Minister of Canada and Foreign Secretary of Zimbabwe in London on November 10.

Business leaders welcome call for shunning hartals

Business leaders welcomed the finance minister's call for shunning hartals as a political weapon, reports APB. A delegation chamber and association leaders extended the business community's support to the call when they met Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria at his office yesterday.

Mysterious death of microbus driver

By Staff Correspondent A microbus driver of a residential hotel was mysteriously killed in the city's Uttara area yesterday morning. The dead was identified as Alamgir Hossain, 34, son of Yakub Sheikh, a resident of House No: 20, Road no: 30 in Sector Seven of Uttara.

PM urges teachers Take extra classes, hold exams on schedule

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon teachers to hold examinations in educational institutions timely by taking extra classes to recoup the losses caused by the devastating floods, reports BSS. A lot of damage had been done to the educational institutions during the floods while classes were hampered as many of school buildings were turned into flood shelters.

College student shot dead in N'ganj

A college student was gunned down at Qayumpur in Fatullah thana under Narayanganj district today, reports UNB. Family sources said a group of unidentified assailants fired, gun shots targeting Roman, 20, a first year student of Tolaram College, in front of his house at about 5:30 pm.

Zia killing

From Page 1 the then government led by acting president Justice Abdus Sattar in an order on June 24, 1981 stopped the police investigation. The case was revived when the Manjoor Murder Case was filed in 1996.

7-party threatens tough agitation

The 7-party alliance is likely to go for a tough agitation programme on November 18-19 if the ruling party tried to foil the march towards Parliament, reports UNB. They will go for mass hunger strike on November 23 at Paltan Maidan in the city as programmed earlier. Jamaat-e-Islami, Jatiya Party (ZM), JAGPA, PNP will assemble at Moghbazar crossing prior to start the march towards Parliament while BNP is likely to start from Engineers Institution and NDA and Democratic League from Shahbag.

Dhanmondi lake

From Page 1 Ministry of Public Works said that one illegal occupier at 134 C/1, Road-2 has 'mysteriously' obtained official permission to demarcate 3.35 kathas of lake-side land which he encroached upon. The permission was the first of its kind given by the ministry and it was done because a senior engineer of the ministry lobbied for it, said a ministry official requesting anonymity. He also pointed out that in its survey to identify encroachment, the PWD did not include this particular case.

Accord signed

From Page 1 gamut of bilateral relations, particularly the issue of repatriation of the remaining 21,000 Myanmar refugees. Samad Azad briefed his counterpart on the political and economic situation as well as the post-flood rehabilitation operation in the country. They also exchanged views on Joint Economic Commission and BIMSTEC.

Businessman

From Page 1 grammes of the government, the OC said. During interrogation Hossain told police that he was former editor of a weekly magazine, Sugandha, the OC said. After his arrest on Wednesday, Motiheel police filed a case against him under sections 15 and 25 of the Special Powers Act, 1974, court sources added.

Pabna by-polls Body to probe pre-election irregularities

The Election Commission has formed an Electoral Inquiry Committee to investigate pre-election irregularities and infringement of election code of conduct in Pabna-2 constituency, reports UNB. The committee has been constituted with judiciary officers of the district ahead of the by-election to the parliamentary seat, scheduled for December.

Ex-air chief Altaf Hossain granted ad-interim bail

A High Court Division Bench yesterday granted ad-interim bail to former air force chief Altaf Hossain Chowdhury for 12 weeks in four corruption cases, reports BSS. The bench comprising Justice Golam Rabbani and Justice Md Zainul Abedin also issued rule-upon the government to show cause within eight weeks as to why the ex-air chief should not be enlarged on anticipatory bail.

BNP joins hands with int'l terrorist group: Zillur

Awami League General Secretary and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman has accused main opposition BNP of engaging in a deep-rooted conspiracy to oust the government, reports UNB. 'BNP has joined hands with international terrorist group and the country's anti-liberation forces to dislodge and elect government,' he told a public meeting at Shimulkandi in Kulliarchar thana of Kishoreganj district today. Zillur said BNP wants to oust the government by creating chaos and instability in the country before the execution of verdict in the Bangabandhu murder case.

Verdict

From Page 1 are: Lt Col (dismissed) Farookur Rahman, Lt Col (dismissed) Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan, Lt Col (former Acting Director of BNCC) Muhiuddin and Maj (ret'd) Bazul Huda. The rest are absconding. Of the acquitted four, Wahab Joarder has been released, and Taheruddin Thakur detained at the Dhaka Central Jail as he is charged with the murder in the Jail Killing Case. The remaining are also absconding. The prosecution lawyers have also applied for two sets of certified copies of the relevant documents. The government is also considering to move an appeal before the High Court against acquittal of four accused.

US attack imminent

From Page 1 he does not," Clinton said in a speech. "Nowhere is our vigilance more urgent than in the Persian Gulf, where Saddam Hussein's regime threatens the stability of one of the most vital regions of the world," he said. Clinton's defence secretary William Cohen signed an order for 129 additional aircraft including bombers and Stealth jets to be deployed in the Gulf along with more than 3,000 troops. Another report says, Qatar's foreign minister said in remarks published today that he expected military strikes against Iraq to be launched before the end of November. "I can say that the inclination towards a military strike is stronger than before and I expect that the strike will occur before the end of the current month," Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr al-Thani told Al-Rai Al-Aam daily in an interview in Doha. "We continue to hope, indeed pray, that Saddam will comply. But we must be prepared to act if