

Edn Minister visits DU campus

Education Minister A S H K Sadeque paid a surprise visit to Dhaka University to see the progress of its on-going development projects yesterday, reports BSS.



Indian dance artiste to perform today

Aloka Kanungo, a renowned exponent of Odissi dance, will perform at the Central Public Library Auditorium in the city at 6:45 pm today, says a press release.

EC-NGO workshop concludes

Director General of the NGO Affairs Bureau, Giasuddin Pathan, told a workshop yesterday that government wants to facilitate NGO activities and not to control them.

BSD concerned at fertiliser price hike

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) has expressed deep concern over the 'acute crisis and unusual price hike' of chemical fertiliser in different parts of the country, reports UNB.

Mugger arrested

CHITTAGONG, Mar 2: Chandgaon police arrested an alleged mugger Iqbal from Chawkbazar here today, reports BSS.

Outlaw arrested in Chuadanga

CHUADANGA, Mar 2: An outlaw, wanted in a triple-murder case, was arrested by CID police along with arms from his village home in Sadar thana in the early hours of Tuesday, reports APB.

Dhaka flood-protection project Implementation unit to be set up soon: Kibria

A high-level meeting yesterday discussed measures to expedite implementation of the foreign-aided Dhaka integrated flood-protection and bypass project on the eastern side of the capital, reports UNB.

agencies concerned were present, officials said. The meeting decided to hold a meeting of experts to discuss technical aspects of the project, which aims at protecting the eastern part of the city from flooding and mitigating city's traffic congestion.

Shishu Kishore Drama Festival begins tomorrow

A 16-day Jatiya Shishu Kishore Drama Festival '99 begins at the Central Public Library Auditorium in the city tomorrow, says a press release.

Japanese Film Festival begins March 5

The two-day Japanese Film Festival commemorating noted film director Akira Kurosawa begins in the city on March 5, reports APB.

PM to open annual confce of Engrs Institutions Mar 5

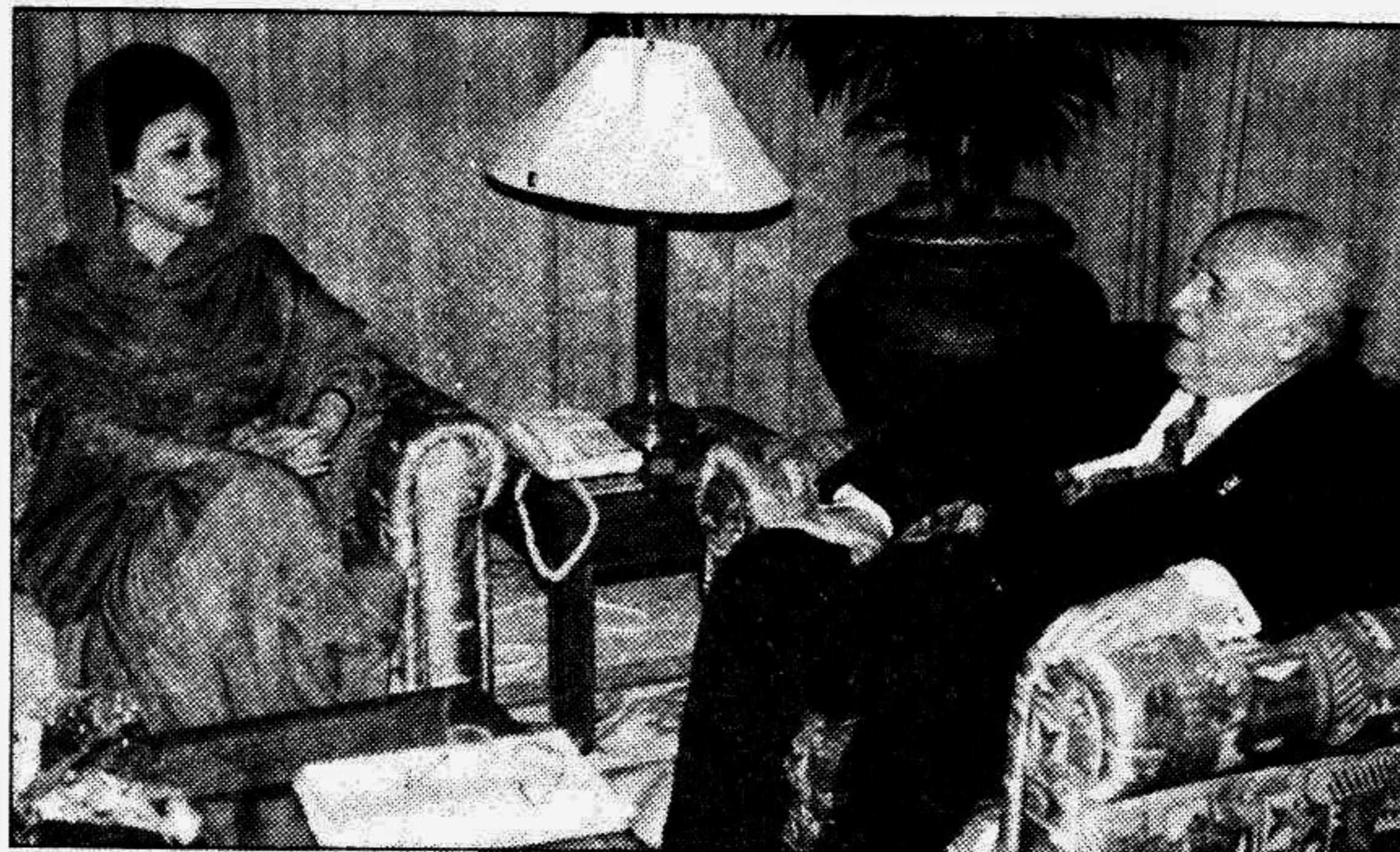
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the 43rd annual conference of Engineers Institution in the city on Friday, reports UNB.

Bangla Academy executive body polls May 14

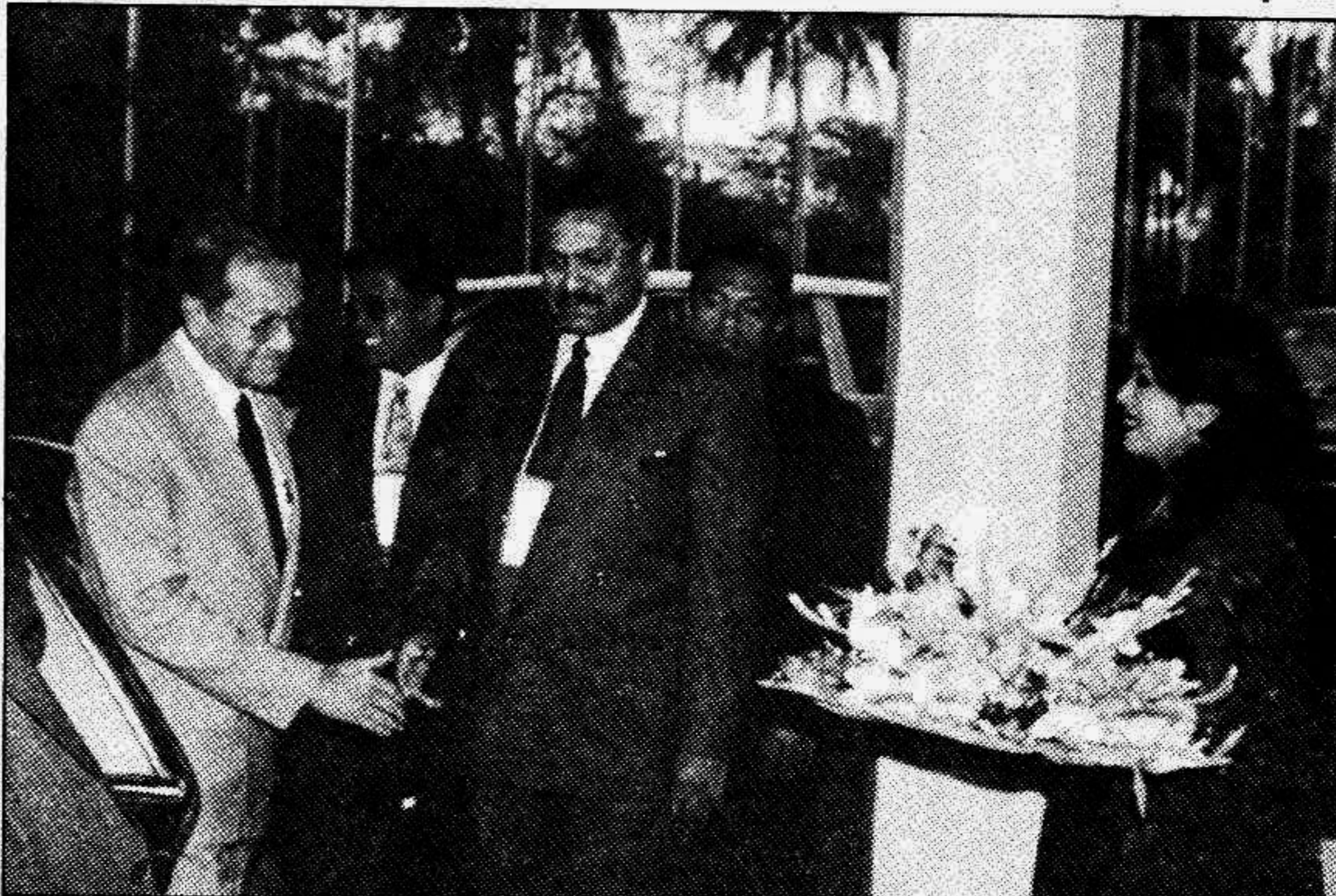
Election to the 7-member executive committee of Bangla Academy will be held at the academy premises on May 14, says a press release.

Doljatra celebrated

The Doljatra and the gaur purnima, the incarnation ceremony of Mahaprobhu Srichaitanya Dev, were celebrated with due religious fervour and enthusiasm across the country yesterday, report BSS.



Leader of the Opposition and BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia called on Turkish President Suleyman Demirel at his hotel suite yesterday.



Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohammad being greeted by San Amalan, General Manager, and Rashida Mohiuddin, Director, Public Relation of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, on his arrival at the hotel.

AL meeting today

A joint meeting of Awami League city units and its front organisations and leaders of neighbouring districts and the party MPs elected from Dhaka will be held at its central office at 11 am today, reports UNB.

Mahathir, Nasim exchange views

Post and Telecommunication Minister Mohammad Nasim said the government has drawn up a modern telecommunications policy to provide better service to the subscribers, reports BSS.

Thai trade team arrives in city

A 19-member Thai trade mission arrived in the city yesterday on a three-day visit to explore new opportunities of bilateral trade and investment, reports UNB.



Salauddin's solo exhibition begins

Kazi Salahuddin Ahmed's 9th solo exhibition, 'The City of Memories', with 52 oil-on-paper pieces on display began at Gallery-21 yesterday.

AL govt leading country towards disaster: Ershad

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 2: Jatiya Party chief and former president HM Ershad has said the present Awami League government has brought the country to the brink of disaster due mainly to its incompetence and wrong policies, reports APB.

JU first year honours classes begin Mar 8

First year honours classes for the session 1997-98 at Jahangirnagar University (JU) begin on March 8, says a press release.

Anniversary of hoisting of nat'l flag observed

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL-JSD), student front of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, yesterday observed the 28th anniversary of the Hoisting of the National Flag, reports BSS.

French ballet troupe due Mar 7

Prime ballerina, Marine Castel and star dancer, Andrei Fedotov of 'Le Ballet National de Nancy et de Lorraine' of France will arrive in the city on March 7.

Ratification of Bihar govt's dismissal BJP still hoping against hope

NEW DELHI, Mar 2: India's ruling Hindu nationalists, who face certain defeat in a parliamentary vote over a state government's sacking, said today they still held out hope for a face-saving victory, reports AFP.

The nationalists also said they will launch a week-long 'anti-betrayal' drive on Wednesday to protest a move by the main opposition Congress Party to force the reinstatement of the sacked Bihar state government.

ists will stage their week-long protest against the opposition party's U-turn. 'We will strike at the very roots of the Congress to expose their double standards,' the BJP spokesman said.



Namaj-e-Janaza of Foreign Secretary Mustafizur Rahman was held at the premises of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the city yesterday.



Livestock and Fisheries Minister ASM Abdur Rob speaking at discussion meeting marking the National Flag Hoisting Day at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Delay in justice a nat'l problem: Khasru

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdul Mannan Khasru Monday emphasised the need for speedy disposal of cases to ensure fair justice to the common people, reports BSS.

UK parliamentary team visits Proshika projects

A five-member delegation of MPs from the UK Parliamentary Select Committee for International Development (IDC) Monday visited a number of slum development projects at Mirpur being run by Proshika under its urban poor development programmes, reports BSS.

Humanitarian aid from Turkey

About 12 tons of urgent humanitarian aid from Turkey's Red Crescent is expected to arrive in the city today, reports UNB.



Four muggers were arrested for snatching Tk 3,00,000 from an official of Concord Engineering and Construction Ltd when he was going to deposit the money with a bank at Gulshan in the city on Sunday.