

Docs express mixed reaction to new Health Policy

Leaders of the physician community yesterday expressed mixed reaction to the Health Policy recently approved by the Cabinet.

President of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) Prof Rashid-e-Mahbub told BSS that although BMA had differed with some aspects of the Draft Health Policy, it now welcomes the approved new Health Policy.



Advocate Salahuddin Abdullah, new district Governor of Lions Clubs International, District 315 B2, Bangladesh, presenting a crest to Begum Khaleida Zia, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, at its annual convention '99 at a city hotel yesterday.

Tofail reiterates govt commitment Construction of Rupsha Bridge to start soon

KHULNA, May 14: Minister for Commerce and Industries Tofail Ahmed reiterated the government's commitment to construct bridge over Rupsha river in Khulna and assured that the construction of Rupsha Bridge would start soon, reports BSS.

for change of the government and advised the opposition not to take any destructive policies. Referring to the importance of Mongla Port, availability of gas, special concession for import and export and special privileges to foreign entrepreneurs the Commerce and Industries Minister said that Bangladesh has a great future prospect and could stand out as one of the prosperous nations in Asia in the twenty first century.

He called for maintaining peace in the country for achieving economic prosperity. Earlier in the day the Commerce and Industries Minister addressed an Awami League workers meeting jointly organized by Khulna City Unit and District Unit of Awami League at its central office premises.

Workshop on sustainable shrimp culture

Speakers at a workshop have expressed concern over the adverse effect on environment due to large-scale shrimp cultivation in the country. The effects include land degradation due to salinity, health hazards and destruction of mangroves, they pointed out.

has increased significantly, but the lot of cultivators did not change. Besides addressing the environmental issues, we should think about the people involved in shrimp culture. Focusing on different aspects of the issue, Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya said the shrimp cultivators do not pay the exact price for the resources they use.

Weather Rain, squally wind likely

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind is likely to occur at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions. It may also occur at few places over Barisal and Rajshahi divisions and one or two places over Khulna division with moderately heavy falls at places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.



Jatiyatabadi Mohila Dal brought out a procession in the city on Thursday protesting the police action on its activists during the opposition-called hartal on Tuesday.

Luxembourg PM greets Hasina

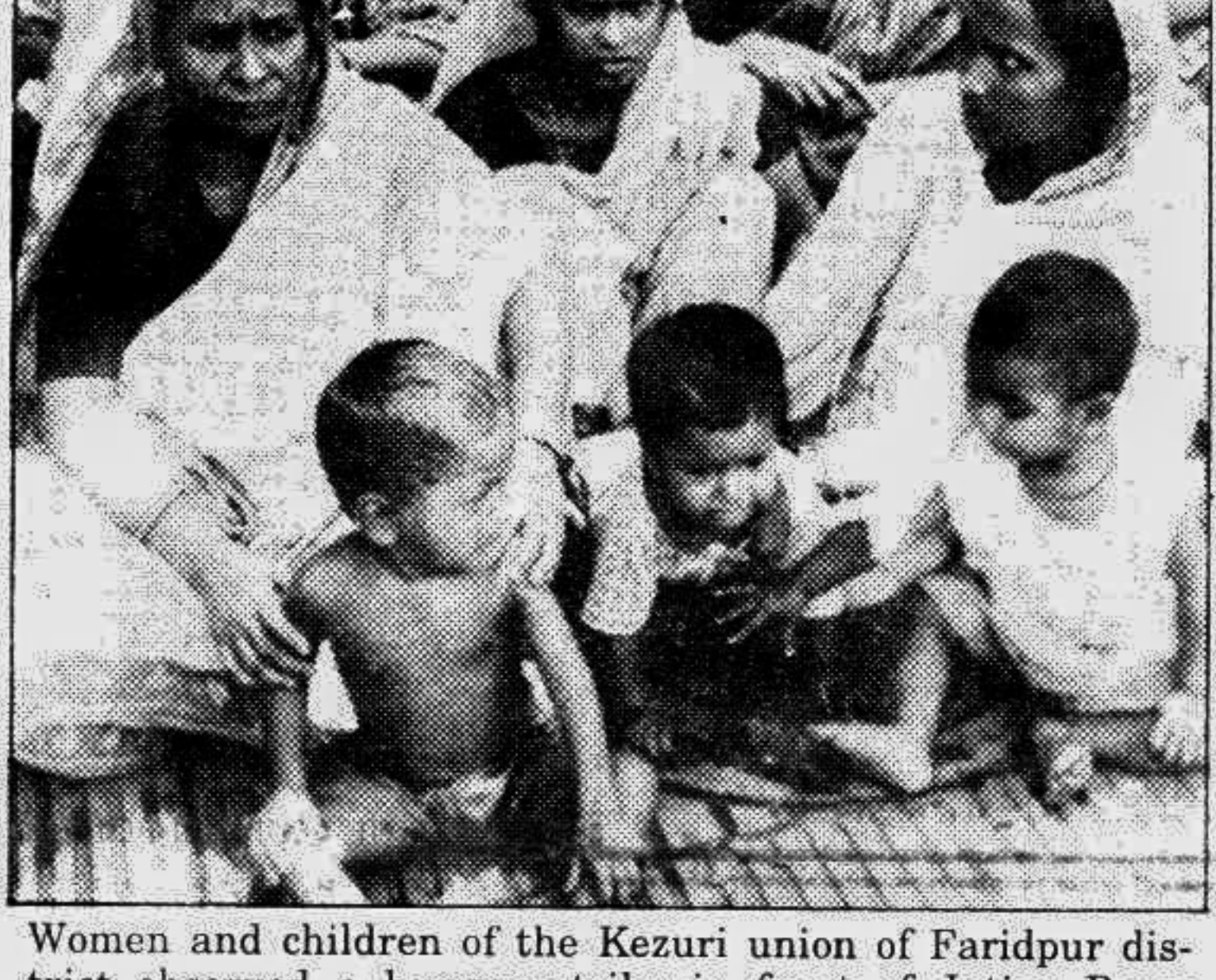
Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker of Luxembourg has congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for receiving the UNESCO 1998 Felix Houphouet-Boigny Peace Prize, reports BSS.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's action enabled a peaceful settlement of the crisis. Juncker said.

CUJ condemns attack on journalists

CHITTAGONG, May 14: Leaders of Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) yesterday strongly condemned the attack on reporters and photojournalists in the capital during opposition enforced hartal on Tuesday, reports BSS.



Women and children of the Kezuri union of Faridpur district observed a hunger strike in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday seeking Prime Minister's intervention in protecting them from the attacks of terrorists.

New DUDS apex body

By DU Correspondent Tariqul Islam Litan of Kabi Jasim Uddin Hall and Saikh Intiaz Shimul of Bangabandhu Hall have been elected president and general secretary of the Dhaka University Debating Society (DUDS) respectively.

Maiden int'l flight to land in Sylhet today

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, May 14: Biman Bangladesh will operate one of its international flights directly to Sylhet from Dubai tomorrow, officials said.

PM's intervention in setting up Malaria Instt in Bandarban sought

BANDARBAN, May 14: A ruling party MP from the hill district, Bir Bahadur, has sought Prime Minister's intervention to set up a malaria institute here to save people from the killer disease, reports UNB.

Jamaat warns govt against resistance to road march

Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday warned the government of dire consequences if it puts any road blocks to the planned road march of the opposition beginning Sunday, reports UNB.

Crash programmes undertaken to keep gas, power supply situation at tolerable limit

State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Prof Rafiqul Islam yesterday said the government has undertaken crash programmes to keep the gas and power supply situation at a tolerable limit throughout the year, reports UNB.

Rajshahi Govt College students hurt in police action

RAJSHAHI, May 14: Three activists of left-leaning Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) were injured in police action when they tried to observe a hunger strike at Rajshahi Government College on Thursday, campus sources said, reports APB.

Two arrested for pouring hot water on tea boy

By Staff Correspondent Two people were arrested on charge of pouring hot water on an eleven-year-old tea boy at a shop near Kajla filling station under Demra thana in the city Tuesday noon.

Sinister quarter trying to tarnish image of govt: Zillur

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman yesterday said a sinister quarter is trying to tarnish the image of the government, and jeopardise peace and political stability in the country, reports BSS.

Two computers donated to ICDDR,B

Hybat Jan Chowdhury, a former senior official of the international civil service working in Humanitarian Affairs, has donated two sets of computers with printers and accessories to International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh, (ICDDR,B), reports BSS.

JP(M-M) presidium meets today

By Staff Correspondent The Presidium meeting of Jatiya Party (Mizans-Manju) will be held at the party's central office at 7/10A Block-D, Lalmitia in the city today at 11am instead of 5pm, says a press release.

Army, Navy chiefs return

Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, Bir Bikram returned home on Thursday night after a goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China, reports BSS.

AI lauds human rights in CHT

RANGAMATI, May 14: The American International (AI) has lauded the significant improvement of human rights situation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts following the signing of the historic peace accord, reports BSS.

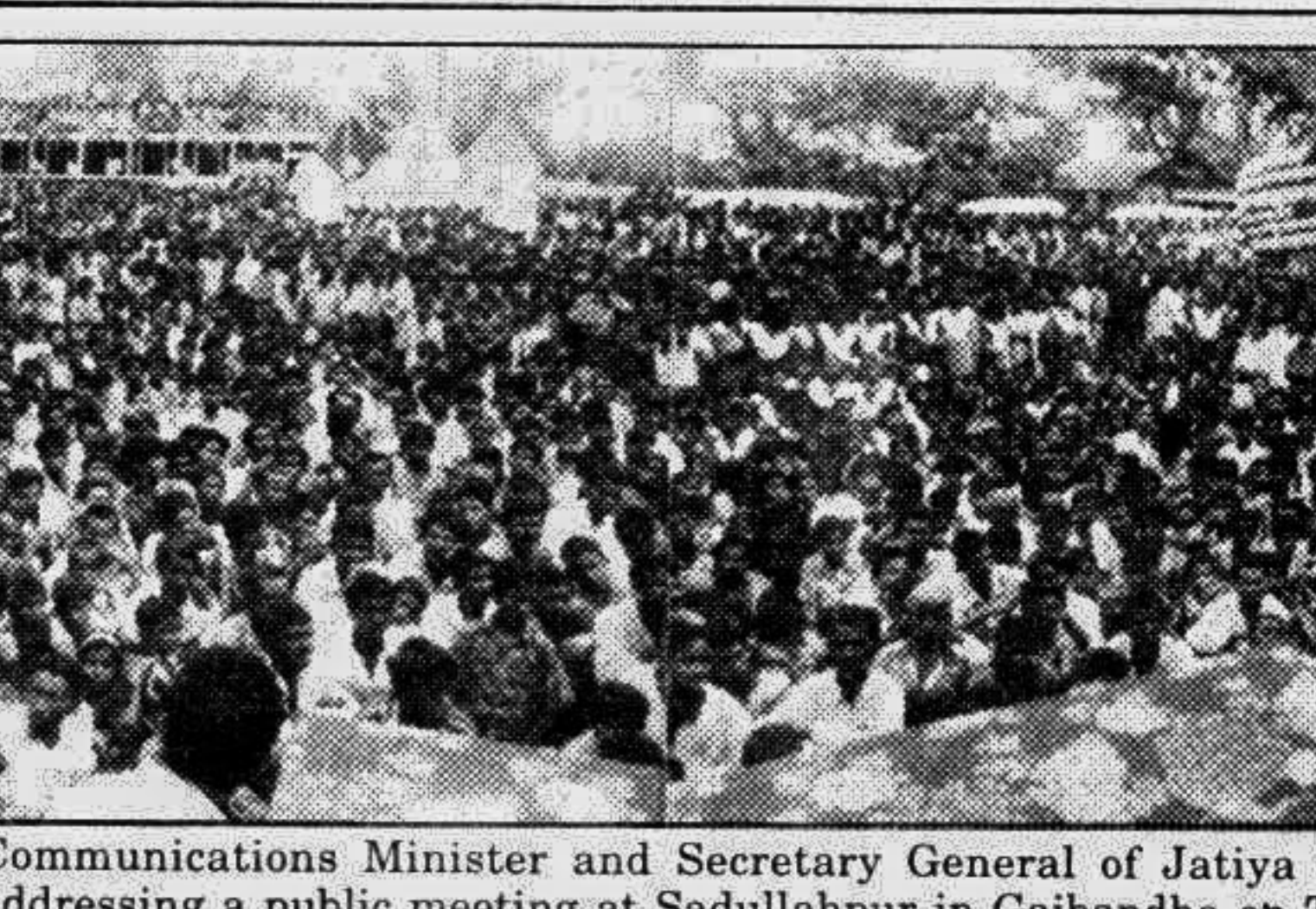
Video production workshop in Ctg from May 31

From CU Correspondent CHITTAGONG, May 14: A week-long video production workshop will begin at the Chittagong Alliance Francaise auditorium from May 31. The Forum for Development Journalism and Communication (FOCUS), a non-government organisation has organised the workshop.

Foil conspiracy to seize power through backdoor

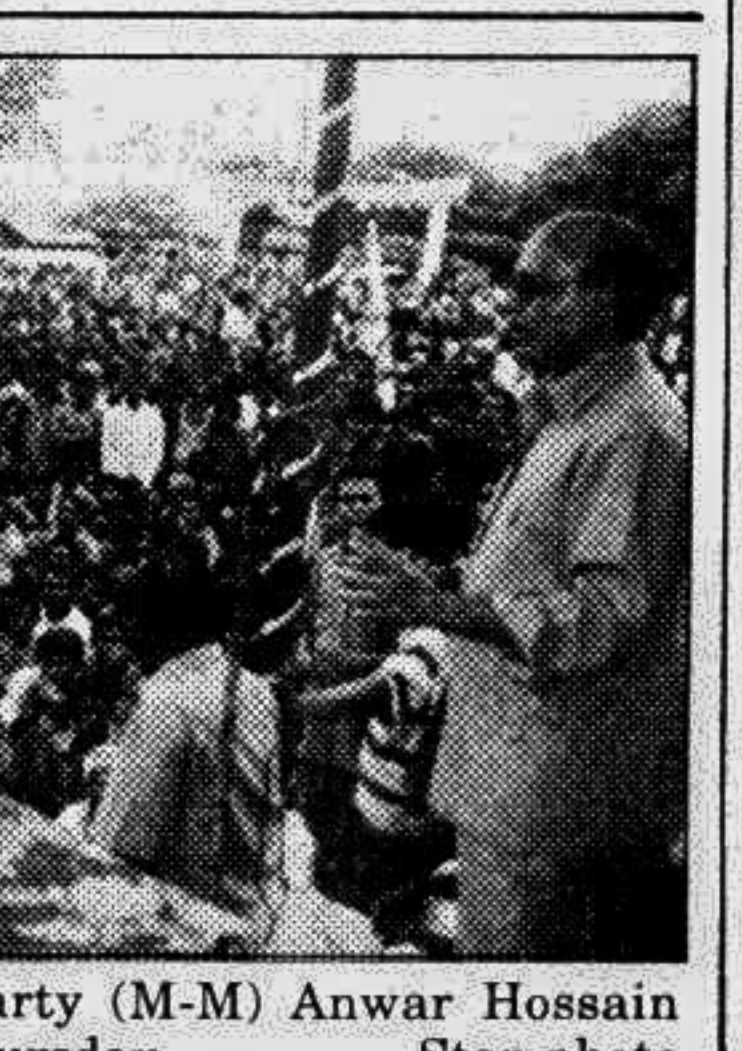
By Staff Correspondent Communications Minister and Jatiya Party (M-M) secretary general Anwar Hossain has called for resisting the politics of seizing power through the backdoor.

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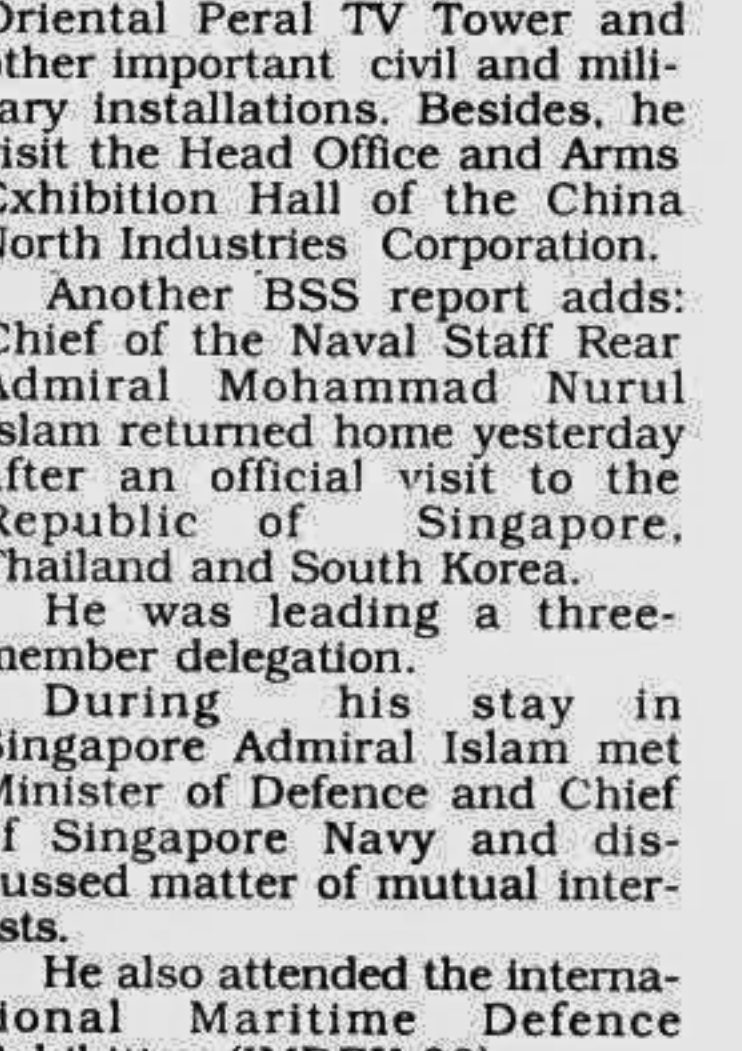
Communications Minister and Secretary General of Jatiya Party (M-M) Anwar Hossain addressing a public meeting at Sadullahpur in Gaibandha on Thursday.

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People don't want to see the government in power any longer as it totally failed to run the country properly, Nizami told newsmen.

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He also attended the international Maritime Defence Exhibition (IMDEX-99).

Obituary

Renowned businessman and philanthropist A. Nabi Padamsee died on cardiac arrest at BIRDEM Hospital in the city yesterday. He was 45, reports UNB.

'Hartal issue to be resolved thru' consensus'

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) said the hartal issue should be resolved through consensus in political process, not through court proceedings, reports UNB.

Kibria's call to make food procurement drive a success

Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria yesterday called upon the officials to make the food procurement drive a success for creating buffer stock and keeping its price within the capacity of the buyers, reports UNB.

Movement of some GSS workers condemned

By Staff Correspondent Gano Sahajja Sangstha (GSS) Karmi Sammelan Parishad yesterday condemned the agitation programme of a section of workers of the defunct organisation and said they were creating anarchy in the name of movement, said a press release of the organisation.

FBT hands over new type of radio sets to NGOs

The First Bangladesh Technologies (FBT) handed over radio sets to a number of NGOs including BRAC, Proshika and GUP on May 4 for trial and testing, reports UNB.