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## Rajuk approves cancellation of plot allotment

By Staff Correspondent

The Rajdhani Unnayan Karipakkha (Rajuk) yesterday approved the prime minister's decision for cancellation of allotment of all 301 residential plots.

The decision has been taken at a special board meeting to pave the way for the prime minister's directive, a Rajuk official told The Daily Star.

At a press conference on her return from Britain on July 16, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina announced the cancellation of Rajuk's recent allotment of 301 residential plots in Gulshan, Baridhara and Uttara in the city.

Rajuk, earlier, distributed 301 plots, mostly among leaders and activists of ruling Awami League, sparking off

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## Jalal murder

### Proceedings of case adjourned till Aug 9

By Court Correspondent

The Fifth Additional Metropolitan Session's Court yesterday adjourned the proceedings of Jalal murder case till August 9 following a prayer for extension of time by the prosecution lawyers.

Meanwhile, the defence lawyers for accused Inspector Ziaul Ahsan submitted three petitions for allowing them to see documents (*alamat*) and visit the place of occurrence.

Decomposed body of Jalal Ahmed Shaif, an informer of DB, was recovered from a roof-top water tank of DB office at Minto Road on March 25 morning. The body was identified six days after its recovery.

CID submitted the charge sheet of the case accusing four people, including three Detectives.

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## Ring leader of Imon-Mamun group held

By Staff Correspondent

Police arrested one Firoz Ahmed from the city's Kalabagan area Tuesday night for his alleged involvement with different terrorist groups.

According to police, Firoz was arrested following a confession statement of Mamun, who was arrested from the city's Kakrail area Monday night.

Mamun in his statement said that he and his gang shot Dilara Begum, wife of Hares as directed by Firoz while she was travelling by an autorickshaw at Bijoy Swarni on June 17, police said.

Mamun also confessed that Firoz acted as the ring leader of Imon-Mamun group.

## Bangladesh believes in one China policy: FM

Bangladesh made it clear yesterday that it was fully committed to 'one China policy', reports ISS.

Bangladesh believes in 'one China policy' and Taiwan is an integral part of China, Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad told the news agency.

The Foreign Minister said this following some recent remarks made by Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui. Azad said Bangladesh has excellent relations with the People's Republic of China.

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## Prayer Timings

July 22		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4:10	4:15
Johr	12:50	1:25
Asr	4:55	5:05
Maghrib	7:00	7:05
Esha	7:55	8:15

Source: Islamic Foundation

# Private bank CEOs propose capital punishment for wilful defaulters

By Inam Ahmed

Some private bank chief executives have proposed punishments like life imprisonment and death sentence for wilful defaulters who, they said, are now posing a big threat to the banking sector.

The plea came yesterday at a meeting between the managing directors and chairmen of private commercial banks (PCBs) with the members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance Ministry, according to sources.

But others said it needed more serious scrutiny to identify the role of bankers in creating default loans and other reasons before going for such tough measures.

MDs and chairmen from 13 PCBs were present in the meeting. Three PCBs — IFIC, AB and Al-Baraka — were not represented.

Members of parliament including Prof Ali Ashraf, Mostafa Kamal, Chitra Bhatlacharya, Karimuddin Varsa, MK Anwar, Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury took part in the discussion. Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr M Farashuddin presented a report on the current situation of the

PCBs. Some bankers were also against allowing more private banks, which they said would create an unhealthy competition. But the governor disagreed, saying that in a free market economy, competition always bears good results.

The bankers also complained that the central bank was "over-regulating" the banking system. They substantiated their claims by saying that the central bank dictates opening of branches and uses its influence on banks to increase lending to agriculture sector.

They said the money loan courts are too inadequate to quickly settle cases involving loan default, which in a way is denial of justice.

Among other things which came up in the discussion were high rates of interest, trade unionism and separation of bank management from the clutches of directors.

BB Governor Dr Farashuddin identified five vital problems of the private commercial banks. These are: capital inadequacy, loan classification, shortfall in provisioning, in-

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Zoology students stage a sit-in strike in front of the National Press Club yesterday demanding review of BCS rules for Fishery officers.

Star photo by Amran Hossain

## Flood situation in Comilla worsens, heavy rains in northern dists

By Special Correspondent

Heavy monsoon rains continued to pound the northern districts for the second consecutive day yesterday, threatening flash floods and water logging in the region while the situation in Comilla declined further, reports from officials and agencies said.

The situation along the river Padma from Goalundo to Bhagyalakul may deteriorate slightly and flash flood may occur at Kurigram, Rangpur, Gaibandha and Bogra. But the situation in the Meghna basin may remain stable and the flash flood situation in the south eastern hill basin would improve, Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) said yesterday.

A reactivated monsoon deteriorated the weather all over the country since Monday with heavy rains which is likely to wane during the next 48 hours beginning 6 p.m. today, and may increase at the end of the period, an extended forecast for the subsequent five days said.

A meteorologist said the monsoon may again be active from the middle of next week likely from July 27.

### Comilla

The flood situation in

Comilla worsened further after heavy rains locally and upstream in the Tripura hills sent the Gumi in spate along with Kankri and Dakatia rivers, swelling the flood water level in the five affected thanas in the district. These were flooded after Gumi ripped its embankment at Burichang earlier this month. Besides fresh spell of flooding also affected Laksham thana.

## BCL leader murder 29 rival partymen chargesheeted in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, July 21: Police today submitted chargesheet accusing 29 leaders and armed cadres of the ruling party and its student, youth and labour fronts for murdering Anwar Hossain Kamal, joint secretary of Khalishpur thana Chhatra League.

Kamal was shot dead during gunfight between two rival factions of Awami League on August 24 last year.

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Some 600,000 people have been seriously affected in five thanas while 70,000 displaced persons have taken refuge in 69 flood shelters, district officials said.

Flood water is still flowing 2 feet above on the Comilla-Sylhet road at Debpur, limiting traffic movement. A Bailey bridge has been kept ready for installation at Paroara where flood waters washed away a bridge, BSS quoting roads and highways' officials said.

Another Bailey bridge has been installed at Korpai on Dhaka-Chittagong highway to facilitate traffic movement. The road to Chandpur has been submerged threatening traffic.

### Kushtia

Torrential rains for the third consecutive day added to the misery of the people and caused extensive damage to the crops, paralysed normal life and left Kushtia town under knee-deep water. Although the Ganges and Gorai silted erosion continued unabated in 12 unions of Daulatpur, Bheramara and Mirpur, UNB reported.

In Rangpur sadar at least 100

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## Corruption case Framing of charges against Khaleda July 29

By Court Correspondent

The Dhaka Divisional Special Court yesterday fixed July 29 for framing of charges in a corruption case against opposition leader Khaleda Zia filed by Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) with Ramna thana in January 1997.

The judge also fixed July 29 for hearing of a petition seeking staying of proceedings of the case. Advocate Sanaullah Miah filed the petition on behalf of Khaleda Zia.

An official of ACB lodged the case accusing Khaleda and her then assistant private secretary Shabihuddin Ahmed of misappropriating Tk 63 lakh for decorating and renovating her Dhaka Cantonment residence.

Shabihuddin appeared before the court yesterday. Khaleda Zia did not appear before the court as the court earlier allowed her to be represented by her lawyer at yesterday's and next hearings.

Meanwhile, the proceedings against Shabihuddin were stayed following an order of the High Court Division.

The judge Mohammed Fazlul Karim fixed August 29 after hearing both sides.

## The rich becoming richer Gap with the poor in Dhaka widens dramatically

By Reaz Ahmad

The top five per cent of Dhaka population living in upper echelon now have their stakes in 31 per cent of total income generated in the capital. Income shares of the wealthy section was only 17 per cent hardly eight years back, says a study report.

Poverty is declining among the poor in Dhaka, although the gap between the poor and the rich is widening — dramatically, says an IRRRI report released recently.

In a collaborative study carried out by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) and Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), a cross-section of Dhaka's resi-

dents was surveyed to analyze changes in socio-economic conditions, food security, and access to urban services since 1991, when BIDS had conducted a benchmark study.

"Although income in general was up during the seven years, the income share for the bottom 40 percent on the per capita income scale declined from 17 to 11 percent, while that for the top 5 percent increased from 17 to 31 percent," says the report.

Economic condition of slum dwellers improved from a per capita income of 165 US dollars in 1991 to 250 US dollars in 1998. Yet the income by slum dwellers is only one fourth of the average income of non-slum

dwellers, the report notes. The report apprehends, the rural-urban migration to Dhaka's alarming growth will be difficult to control. Demographers project that Dhaka will be the fifth most populous city in the world by year 2015 with a population of 19.5 million.

The government needs to formulate appropriate policies to decentralize urbanization and reduce pressure on Dhaka," says IRRRI Deputy Director General Dr Mahabub Hossain.

Hossain, a former director general of the BIDS, warns that "Otherwise, providing basic services to Dhaka residents will

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## Non-committal attitude on Rohingyas Bangladesh stalls visit of Myanmar minister

By M Anwarul Haq

Bangladesh has asked Myanmar that Commerce Minister Maj Gen Kyaw Than postpone his August 3-7 visit to Dhaka till December, according to competent sources.

Dhaka's decision was communicated to Yangon yesterday, which was seen as a diplomatic response to Myanmar's non-committal stance on Rohingya repatriation.

The date of the Myanmar commerce minister's visit was also confirmed by Foreign Minister Win Aung when he was on a trip here earlier this week.

Analysts say that Yangon's failure to give a concrete assurance for the return of some 21,000 stranded Rohingya refugees during the Myanmar foreign minister's visit may have prompted Dhaka to ask for the postponement.

But commerce ministry officials denied that the postponement was linked with refugee repatriation and said Bangladesh Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed would be unavailable in Dhaka during the period.

They said Tofail Ahmed would have to leave for Male early next month to attend a SAARC Commerce Ministers' meeting. The minister, who is LDCs' spokesperson for WTO-related issues, would also be visiting some other countries in that capacity.

Observers insisted that it was a big disappointment for Bangladesh that the Myanmar foreign minister did not give any concrete assurance regarding the fate of the large number of Rohingya refugees who have

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## Khaleda to address 26 meetings July 25 road march programme finalised

By Staff Correspondent

Main opposition BNP has finalised its planned three-day Dhaka-Mymensingh road march programme, which is scheduled to begin on July 25.

During the march, BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Khaleda Zia will address at least 26 public meetings in different parts of seven districts.

According to the programme, convoy of the road march will go through Gazipur, Mymensingh, Tangail, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Netrokona and Kishoreganj districts.

The BNP chief along with members of her party's Standing Committee and Advisory Council, vice chairmen, MPs, central leaders, leaders of front organisations and others will start the road march from city's

Paltan Maidan at 10 am.

On the first day of the march, the marchers will visit Gazipur, Mymensingh and Jamalpur with an overnight stay at Mymensingh. On the second day (Monday), the march will resume from Mymensingh and the marchers will visit different areas of Sherpur district. They will again return to Mymensingh for the night. On the concluding day, the marchers will visit Netrokona and Kishoreganj.

The three-day march will conclude at Pirojpur under Bajitpur thana at Kishoreganj district.

As per the schedule, the opposition leader on the first day will address meetings at Mauna Chowrasta at Gazipur;

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## Stampede: 100 hurt in Rose garments in Gazipur again

Over 100 workers were injured, nine critically, as several hundred workers tried to rush out through a single exit of a garment factory here yesterday, reports UNB.

The stampede took place at Rose Knitting housed on the first floor of a six-story building at Gazipur crossing, where two female garment workers were killed and over 25 others injured during a fire on July 9.

"Several hundred workers of the garment factory ran out, trampling one another while trying to flee as they heard a big bang after an electric short circuit at about 2.05 pm," a witness said. Fire Brigade sources, however, said the workers panicked after hearing the sound of fall of an object during repairing of staircase of the garment factory.

They said firefighters from Tongi rushed to the spot and sent six injured workers to local hospital.

Fire Control Room however said, "No incident of fire occurred at the factory today."

According to UNB Dhaka Medical College Hospital correspondent, nine critically injured female workers were brought to the hospital.

They are Raqshan Ara, Pakhi, Sagorika, Nurjahan, Monwara, Rekha, Rabeya, Yasmin and Ayesha Akter.

## 4 held for killing Feni BCL activist

From Our Correspondent

FENI, July 21: Police arrested four people from Ranpur in the town last night in connection with the murder of BCL activist Omar Faruque Rubel.

Rubel was shot dead during a gunfight between BCL and JCD at Panchgachia road yesterday evening.

The arrested were identified as Belal, Musa, Khokan and Razak.

Rubel was buried at his family graveyard at Ukti Para in the town at around 2 pm today.

The district units of Awami League, Jubo League and Chhatra League held a protest rally in the town today.

The speakers blamed BNP and its student front JCD for the killing.

## ট্রেডমার্ক সতর্কীকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সর্ব সাধারণের বিশেষতঃ water pump প্রস্তুতকারী, পরিবেশক, মজুতদার এবং আমদানিকারকদের জ্ঞাতার্থে জানানো যাইতেছে যে, আমাদের মক্কেল **Pedrollo S.P.A. ITALY** তাহাদের প্রস্তুতকৃত water pump দ্রব্যাদিতে **●PEDROLLO** ট্রেডমার্কটি বহু দিন যাবত ব্যবহার করিয়া আসিতেছেন এবং তাহাদের উন্নতমানের সামগ্রীর জন্য বিশ্বে তথা বাংলাদেশেও প্রচুর সুনাম অর্জন করিয়াছেন। তাহাদের উক্ত ট্রেডমার্ক **●PEDROLLO** ট্রেডমার্ক আইন ১৯৪০ এর বিধানমতে নিবন্ধিত করা হইয়াছে এবং যথাবিত্তি নবায়নও করা হইয়াছে, যাহার নম্বর ৩৫৪৪৪ শ্রেণী-৭। নিম্নে ট্রেডমার্ক এর প্রতিকৃতি প্রদত্ত হইলঃ-



ইহা আমাদের মক্কেলের গোচরীভূত হইয়াছে যে, কতিপয় অসাধু ব্যবসায়ী উপরোক্ত ট্রেডমার্ক এর ডিজাইন ও গেটআপ সমন্বিত ট্রেডমার্ক **●PEDROLLO** হুবহু বা আংশিক নকল করিয়া তাহাদের নিম্নমানের water pump সামগ্রী বাজারজাত করিয়া সাধারণ ক্রেতাদের বিভ্রান্তি সৃষ্টি করিতেছে এবং আমাদের মক্কেলের আর্থিক ক্ষতি সাধন করিতেছে।

আমাদের মক্কেলের পক্ষ হইতে এই মর্মে হুঁশিয়ারী দেওয়া যাইতেছে যে, যদি কোন অসাধু ব্যবসায়ী নকল যুক্ত ট্রেডমার্ক **●PEDROLLO** সমন্বিত ডিজাইন ও গেটআপ ব্যবহার করে এবং যদি কাহারো দোকানে নকল ট্রেডমার্ক যুক্ত water pump সামগ্রী বিক্রয়ের উদ্দেশ্যে পাওয়া যায় তাহা হইলে ১৯৪০ সালের ট্রেডমার্ক আইনের শ্রেণী-৭ এর আওতায় ট্রেডমার্ক নকল করার দায়ে সেকশন ২১ এবং বাজারজাতকরণের দায়ে সেকশন ২০(২) ধারায় অভিযুক্ত হইবে এবং তাহার বিরুদ্ধে দেওয়ানী ও ফৌজদারী আইনের বিধান মতে যথোপযুক্ত ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হইবে।

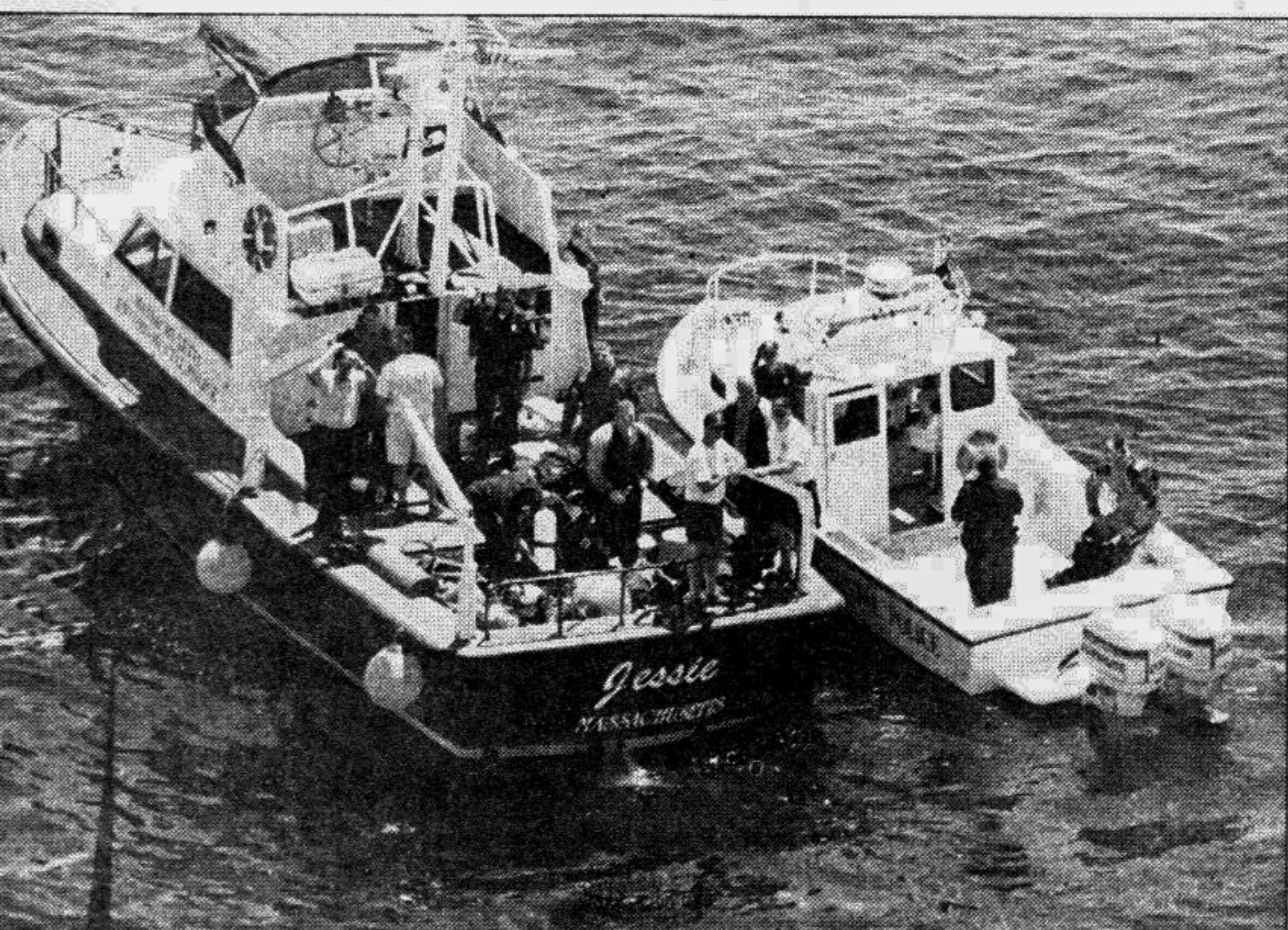
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Massachusetts State Police (L) and Environmental Police divers search an area off Martha's Vineyard yesterday for locating the wreckage of Kennedy's plane. — AFP photo

WASHINGTON, July 21: The wreckage of John F Kennedy Jr's airplane was located today with Kennedy's body still aboard, off the coast of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, reports AP.

"They've got the fuselage and John Kennedy's in it," a high-level government source told the agency.

Divers recovered a large portion of the fuselage of Kennedy's single engine Piper Saratoga airplane, which he was piloting Friday when it hurtled into the Atlantic, killing Kennedy, his

Searchers today pulled the body of John F Kennedy Jr. from the chilly waters of the Atlantic Ocean at around 2:00 am (0600 GMT), reports AFP.

wife Carolyn Bessette, and his sister-in-law Lauren Bessette. NBC, which first reported the discovery, said that the Kennedy family had requested that JFK Jr's body be buried at sea. NBC said the body was found 30 metres (100 feet) deep some 12 kilometres (7.5 miles) off Martha's Vineyard.

CNN also reported the discovery.

There was no immediate word on the bodies of Carolyn

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