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## Death of Bhutto JS body suggests suspension of 3 doctors

Report of a parliamentary inquiry blaming three physicians for negligence in treatment of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto MP will be submitted before parliament today, says UNB.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health that formed a sub-committee at the directive of Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury for investigating the allegation following press reports on Bhutto's death approved the report at a meeting yesterday after discussions on the recommendations.

Blaming concerned people who were responsible for his treatment at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases and Hospital, the sub-committee in the probe report suggested suspension of and departmental cases against three physicians.

Sources close to the inquiry committee said the physicians

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July	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
July 9		6:50pm
July 10	5:18 am	

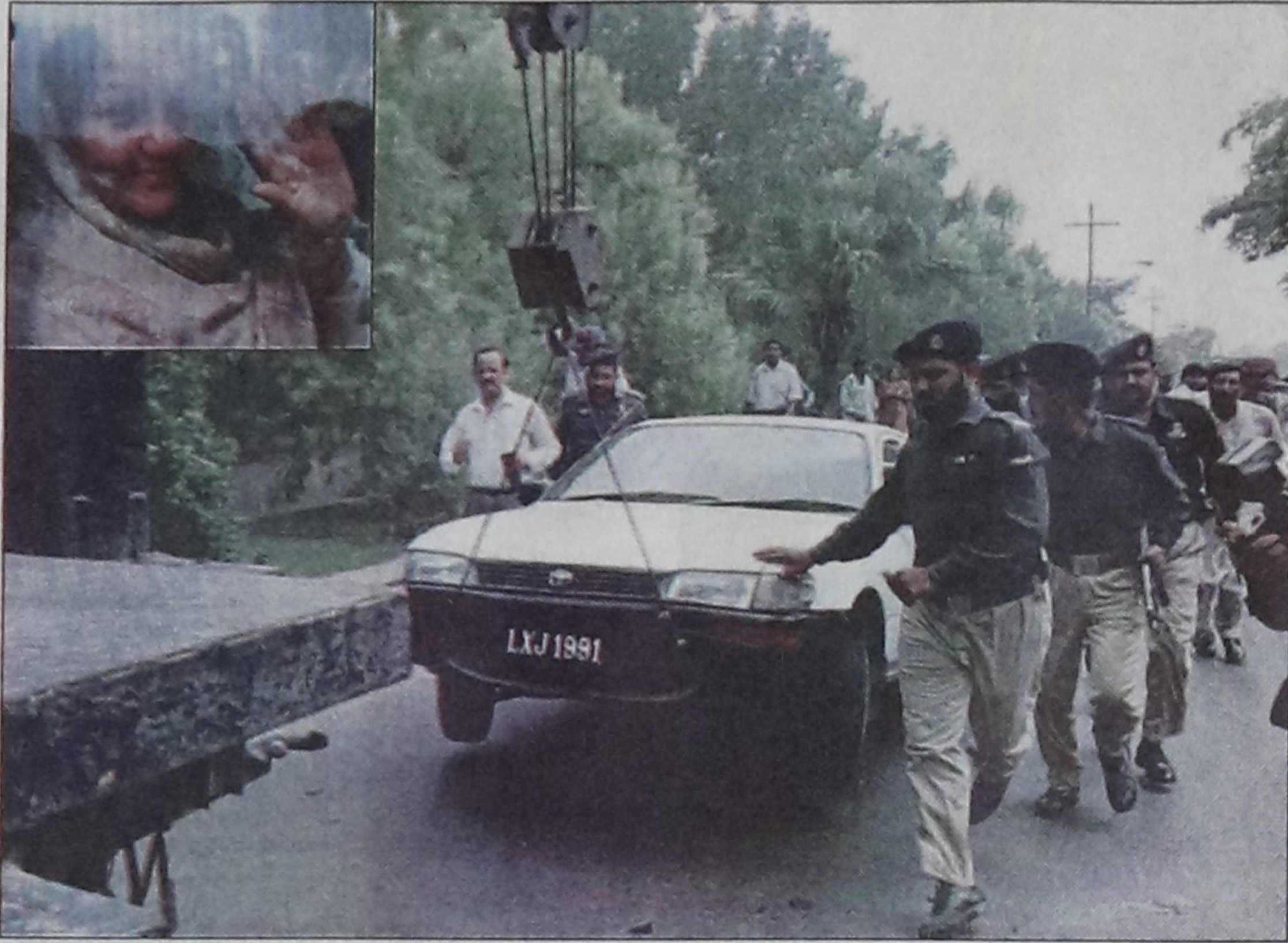
### Prayer Timings

July 9		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-45
Zohr	1-00	1-30
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-50	6-55
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

## Kulsoom held ahead of march

Police barricade Sharif's residence in Lahore



Police tows a vehicle of Kulsoom Nawaz (inset), wife of deposed Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, as she refused to budge from her car after police arrested her in Lahore yesterday. She had earlier dashed through police roadblocks around her house with members of Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League (PML), but was arrested some six kilometres away after a brief chase.

LAHORE, July 8: Police, who were trying to stop an anti-government march today, arrested the wife of deposed premier Nawaz Sharif and march leader after a brief car chase through the congested streets of this eastern Punjab city, witnesses and police said, reports AP.

Sharif's wife, Kulsoom, managed to get into a car despite the heavy contingent of police guarding her house. She and three companions stole away from the house in a posh Lahore neighbourhood and headed toward the city centre.

Police chased her car and finally intercepted it, arresting her and her companions.

Kulsoom refused to leave her vehicle. Police towed her vehicle with her inside.

Contacted on her mobile telephone Kulsoom said "the champions of democracy and human rights have exposed their real faces by arresting an innocent woman. But they cannot stop us from our struggle for the restoration of democracy."

It wasn't clear whether police would hold Kulsoom in jail, charge her or release her.

Kulsoom Nawaz had vowed to lead an anti-government rally from Lahore, the capital of eastern Punjab province to Peshawar, 500 kilometres to the northwestern city of Peshawar. There is a ban on public

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## Bushra murder case Kader arrested, placed on 4-day remand

By Staff Correspondent

Abdul Kader, a ruling party leader, was arrested by the Detective Branch of police yesterday in connection with the murder of college student Bushra Islam Phool, 18, in the city recently.

Kader, Relief and Social Welfare Secretary of the city unit of Awami League, was produced in the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court and he was placed on a four-day police remand.

His brother-in-law (wife's brother) Ruhul, domestic help Sufia and Minto, lineman of a cable operator, who were arrested earlier, were also produced before the Court yesterday on expiry of their remand. Ruhul and Sufia were again placed on a two-day remand each while Minto was sent to Dhaka Central Jail.

Bushra, only daughter of a retired police officer, was killed

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## 52 Bangladeshis arrested in West Bengal

BARASAT, West Bengal, July 8: Fifty-two suspected Bangladeshis, including 23 women and 15 children, were today arrested at Dhubighat in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas, sub-divisional police officer Humayun Kabir said, reports PTI.

The arrests, he said, were made immediately after they reached Dhubighat under Barakpore thana by a ferry from Howrah.

The SDPO said the suspected Bangladeshis reached Howrah this morning from New Delhi.

## Malaysia starts deportation of over 1400 Bangladeshis

KUALA LUMPUR, July 8: Malaysia has started to expel more than 1,400 Bangladeshis detained for offences such as illegal entry, overstaying and possession of fake visas, the official Bernama news agency said today, reports Reuters.

It quoted Nasir Ahmad, director of the Immigration Department Enforcement Division as saying the government had allocated 1.4 million ring-

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## Encroachment by Senakalyan DoE probe report today, BIWTA to file case

By Staff Correspondent

An inquiry committee formed by the Department of Environment (DoE) has probed alleged encroachment on the river Buriganga by the Senakalyan Sangstha and others at Shyampur near Postagola in the city and will submit its report today, DoE sources said.

The DoE would take action on the basis of the report. The probe body comprised two senior DoE officials.

The move follows a report published in The Daily Star on Tuesday which said the Senakalyan Sangstha, a welfare organisation of the Armed Forces, is filling up 2.5 acres of the Buriganga river at Shyampur to build a godown and berthing facilities.

The sources hinted that 'Gross encroachment' on the

Buriganga was detected and said DoE would decide today its course of action against the 'offender'.

One source said that first the

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## Electoral alliance: BNP, allies examining party positions

By Rezaul Karim

With parliamentary elections still over a year away, BNP and its allies have already started 'internal preparation' for the polls.

Sources said BNP, Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Oikya Jote have unanimously decided to examine their respective party position — strength and weaknesses — before going for an electoral alliance.

Till now, the main objectives of the opposition parties are to prevent Awami League from gaining a simple majority in the next parliament so that it can not return to power and to 'bring back' political stability after they (opposition parties) form government.

Chiefs and policy makers of the four parties are now discussing with respective party MPs and grassroots level leaders to assess their own strength

in the 300 constituencies. Central leaders of the parties are regularly visiting different areas and taking views of local party men and people.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has already talked with about 70 MPs at her Banani office. After discussions with party lawmakers, she will start meetings with district and thana level leaders to assess the party position in all the 300 constituencies, party sources said.

The party is keeping all options open -- to contest the next elections alone, form an electoral alliance or have understanding with like minded parties, a top BNP leader told The Daily Star yesterday.

JP sources said party Chairman HM Ershad and Secretary General Nazim Rahman Manjur yesterday began a two-day programme to meet presi-

dents and general secretaries of district units.

Jamaat, which started the process much earlier, is expected to complete assessment of its position in all the constituencies within next few days, party sources said.

During a recent meeting with some Jamaat leaders, Khaleda Zia asked them to make a "true" assessment of positions of her party and Jamaat in all the 300 seats, a senior leader of Jamaat said. "We are planning to submit our report to Khaleda Zia soon," he added.

As per a decision of the alliance, after assessment of respective party position, chiefs of the four parties will sit together and discuss sharing of seats, he said.

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## Mass death of peacocks in India

NEW DELHI, July 8: At least 60 peacocks have died after eating corn reportedly sprayed with pesticides in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, AFP quoting newspapers reports said today.

The mass death of the peacocks, India's national bird, came as a state-run zoo in the eastern Indian state of Orissa grappled with the death of 12 Royal Bengal Tigers and rare white cats this week.

The Times of India and other newspapers said peacocks pecked at fresh-sown corn in the farms of Madhya Pradesh's Morena district died within a period of three days earlier this week.

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INSOFT SYSTEMS LTD. regrets that due to unavoidable circumstance, its seminar launching "Microsoft® OEM Products" on 9th July, 2000 will now start at 12.00 Hrs instead of 10.30 AM at Hotel Pan Pacific Sonargaon.

The new schedule is as follows:

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1.45 PM-2.45 PM: Inaugural Session

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