



The election observation team from Japan led by Shin Sakurai called on Chief Advisor Justice Latifur Rahman at his office in the city yesterday.

Over 2,600 polling centres in Khulna division identified as 'vulnerable'

BSS, Khulna

All is set here for holding today's general election peacefully although the authorities have identified 2,696 polling centres, out of the total 3,851, as 'vulnerable' in the division.

A large number of security personnel including members of the armed forces, BDR, Police, Ansar and VDP have been engaged in maintaining law and order during polling hours in all the ten districts of the country's southwestern region, official sources said yesterday.

Tight security measures have also been taken in some constituencies so that female voters and members of the minority communities can cast their votes freely. Army troops will be patrolling round-the-day in remote villages of the division so that no one can intimidate minority voters.

The division comprises Meherpur, Kushtia, Chuadanga, Jhenidah, Jessore, Magura, Narail, Bagerhat, Satkhira and Khulna districts.

"Strict vigilance of police and

army will be ensured in all the constituencies," said a high official of the Divisional Commissioner's office.

Of the total 2,696 vulnerable centres, 1,105 have been identified as "most vulnerable" centres while 963 as "more vulnerable" and 628 as "vulnerable."

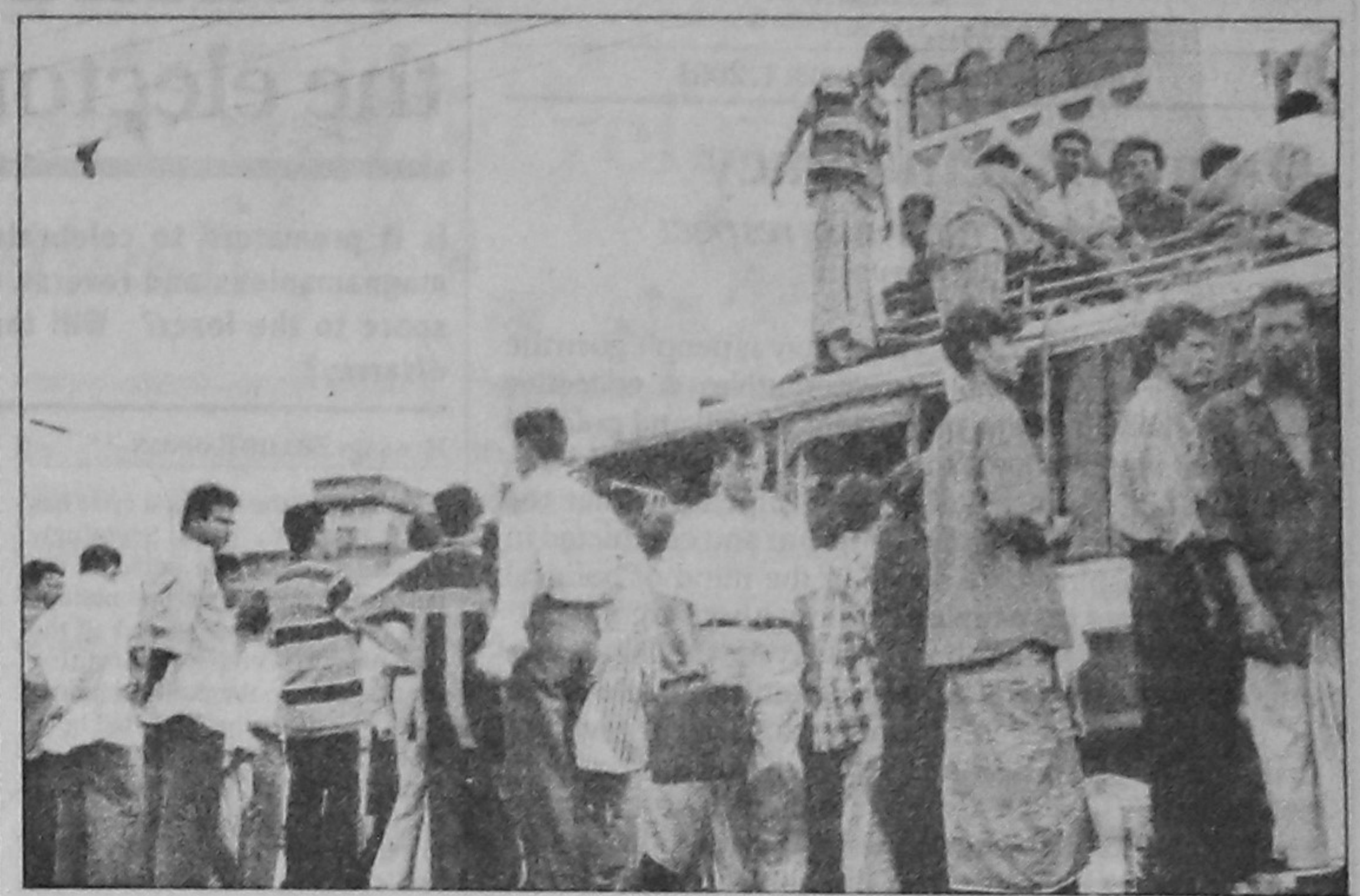
Voting will immediately be stopped if any sort of violence takes place during the polling hours in any centres of the division, the official said.

Ballot papers have already been sent to the respective centres.

In Narayanganj, more than 12 lakh voters are expected to exercise their franchise in five constituencies of the district today.

According to election office sources, the number of male voters is 6,41,669 and female voters is 5,61,024. And a total of 390 polling centres have been set up in the district.

Seven platoons of army, 945 police personnel, 3120 Ansars and 1560 VDP members will be deployed to maintain law and order in the district.



Passengers wait for buses at a bus terminal in the city yesterday as they were heading for their home districts to exercise their franchise in today's election.

World Habitat Day today

UNB, Dhaka

World Habitat Day will be observed in the country as elsewhere across the globe in a befitting manner today.

This year's theme of the day is 'Cities without Slums.'

In a message yesterday, President Shahabuddin Ahmed has underscored the need for adopting proper plan to improve the standard of homes of the poor.

He called for concerted efforts to implement the plan.

The government, however, undertook various steps to ensure housing for homeless and rootless people as well as a pollution-free environment, he added.

Air Chief visits ZIA

BSS, Dhaka

Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal M Rafiqul Islam yesterday visited Zia International Airport (ZIA) and saw the activity of the BAF personnel deployed there in aid of the civil authorities.

Following government instructions, contingents of BAF personnel have been deployed at ZIA and Tejgaon Old Airport in Dhaka as well as Chittagong M A Hannan International Airport, Sylhet Osman Airport, Jessore Airport and Rajshahi Airport to assist the Civil Aviation Authorities' officials to meet any situation for smooth holding of the elections.

Japanese team to monitor election

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A Japanese election monitoring team headed by Shin Sakurai, Member of the House of councillors, is visiting Bangladesh from yesterday.

During their stay till October 3, the team members will observe polling process and vote counting. The team will hold a press conference at 10.30 am on October 3 at Hotel Sonargaon, said a press release.

Meanwhile, The Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL) has deployed 27 international observers to monitor electoral process in 28 sensitive constituencies from September 28 to October 2.

ANFREL deployed the observers from Asia, Australia, USA, Canada and Europe in collaboration with the United Nations Electoral Assistance Service (UNEAS) and local human rights organisation Odhikar.

Despite reports on election-related violence, ANFREL observers are impressed by enthusiasm of the voters.

Preliminary findings of ANFREL election observation mission will be presented through a press conference at the National Press Club at 2.30 pm on October 2.



Moderate rain likely

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Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Barisal and Rajshahi divisions and at one or two places over Sylhet Division in next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Little change in day temperature is expected over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 34.4 degree Celsius at Dinajpur and lowest 23.0 degree at Sayedpur.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.46 pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5.51 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.9	24.7	86	83
Chittagong	32.6	26.2	67	77
Rajshahi	33.1	25.8	77	87
Khulna	30.7	26.6	82	95
Barisal	29.6	26.4	92	95
Sylhet	32.8	25.4	97	-
Cox's Bazar	34.3	25.2	75	92



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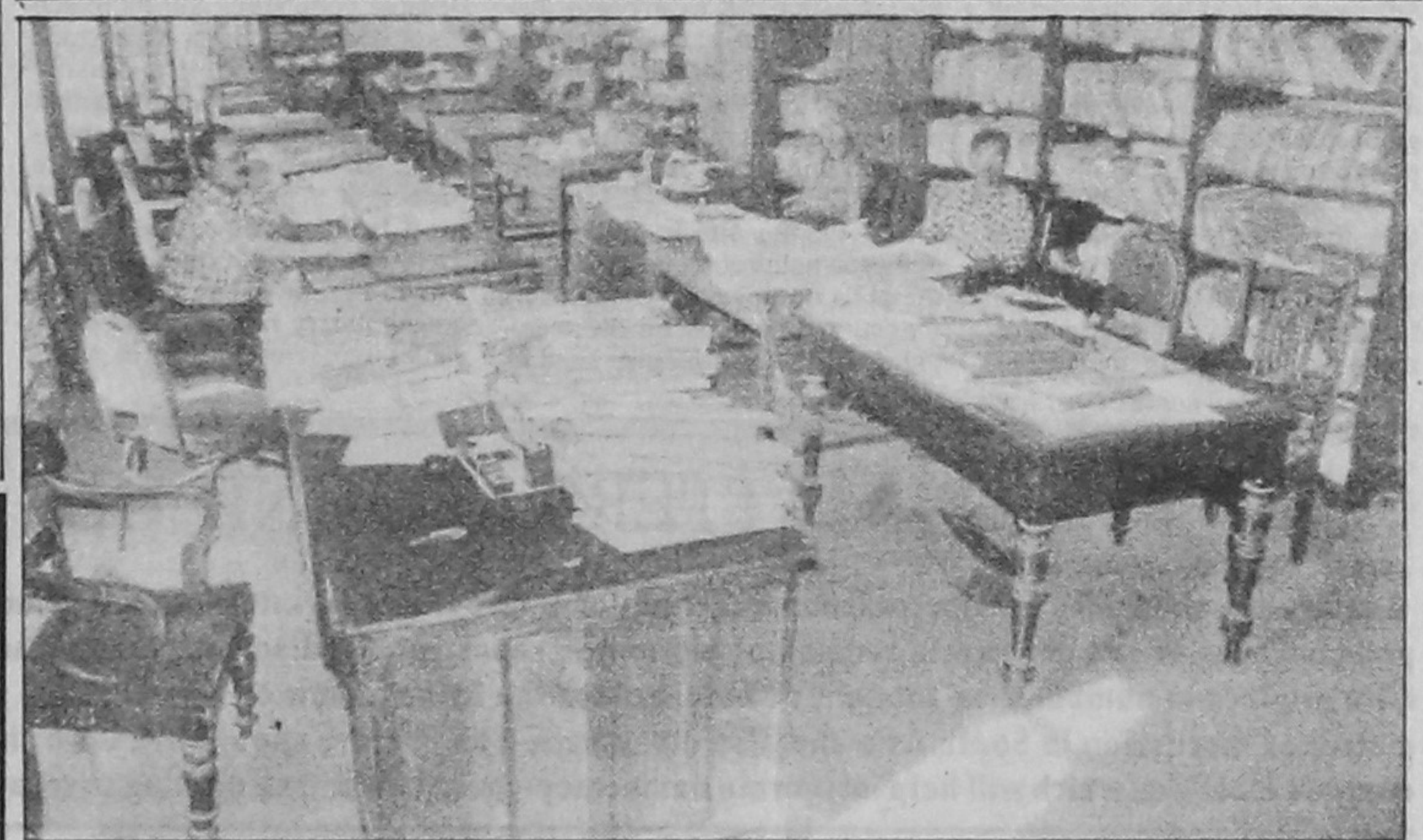
Bangladesh MBA Association, Dhaka

Bangladesh, expresses its deep sorrows at the sudden death of its active member


Md. Khalequzzaman MBA, Ex-MP
MP candidate for Election 2001

We convey our sincere sympathy to his family members and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Erfanuddin Ahmed MBA General Secretary **Kh. Ibrahim Khaled MBA** President



Attendance in the government offices in the city was thin yesterday as most of the employees went to their home districts to cast their votes.



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Application with full particulars with nationality and character certificates, names of two referees, along with attested copies of Certificates and 3 copies of passport size photographs should reach to the Chairperson, Bangladesh Breastfeeding Foundation, 8/12, Sir Syed Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207 by 15th October, 2001. All posts are for one year duration may be renewable. Applicants having experience of Breastfeeding activities will be preferred. Applicants in service should apply through Proper Channel. Incomplete applications will not be entertained. Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

Commemorative stamp on 8th JS polls

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Advisor Justice Latifur Rahman yesterday formally released a commemorative postage stamp on the eighth parliamentary elections.

Bangladesh Post Office issued the Tk 2 stamp on the occasion of the national elections.

A first day cover valued at Tk 6 was issued and a special cancellor was also used.

Advisor for Post, Telecommunications, Industries and Commerce Maj Gen (Retd) Moinul Hossain Chowdhury, Bir Bikram, Post and Telecommunications Secretary Nazmul Ahsan Chowdhury and Director General of Bangladesh Post Office Ataur Rahman were present on the occasion.

The stamp and the first day cover will be sold simultaneously from all head post offices, including four GPOs, of the country.

British Council closed on Oct 1, 2

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The British Council offices, libraries and teaching centres in Dhaka and Chittagong will remain closed today and tomorrow.

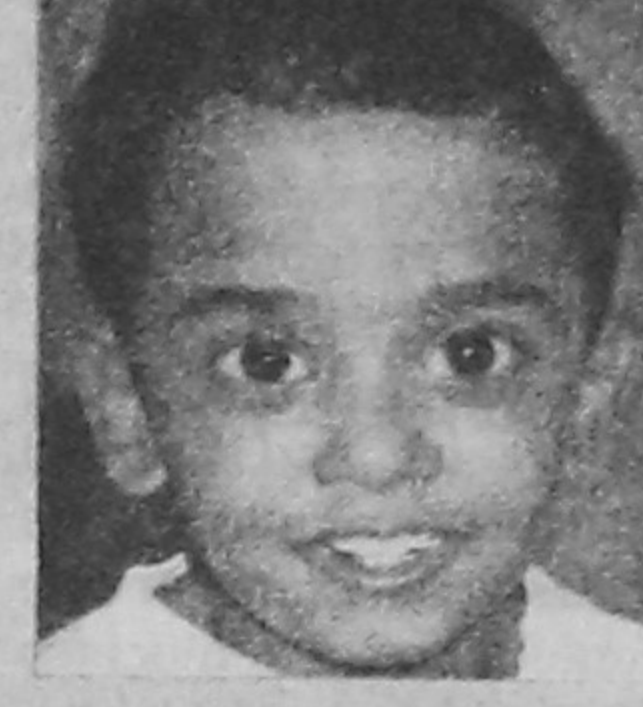
Further information in this regard can be obtained from Ripa Walie, Education Promotion and Marketing Manager on telephone numbers 8618905-7, said a press release.

Abdul Halim takes over as ADAB director

UNB, Dhaka

Shaikh Abdul Halim, the treasurer of Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB), took over as the director of the organisation yesterday.

He replaced Shamsul Huda who resigned as ADAB director on September 25, said a press release.




Zain (USA)
Let the blessings of all the dew drops of this Autumn of Bangladesh pour on you like the torrents from heaven on the occasion of your "Second Birthday". Let modesty, forgiveness, tolerance, preaching of peace be your sole virtue.

-Prof Dadu (Bangladeshi)

Notice for temporary suspension of network

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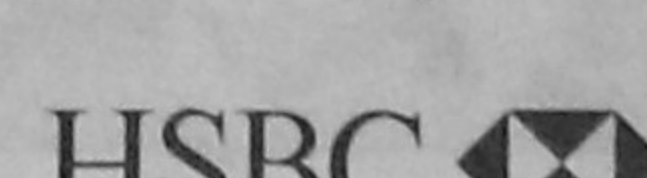
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