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Opposition leader and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina exchanged views with the leaders of Dhaka Bidyut Samik League at the party's central office in the city yesterday.

## 7 JU students get bail

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Seven students of Jahangirnagar University (JU) and two other youths were granted bail by a High Court division bench yesterday.

The nine were arrested from near the campus under Public Safety Act on February 1 as the agitating JU students blocked the Dhaka-Aricha highway following the death of a teacher, Kawsar Hossain, in a road accident.

The division bench comprising Justice MA Aziz and Justice Nazrul Islam Chowdhury granted them

bail after advocate KM Hafizur Rahman, advocate Subrata Chowdhury and advocate Israt Jahan Shanta submitted the bail prayer.

The seven students -- Faruk Wasif, Bishwajit Das, Moyezuddin Palash, Rakib Khan, Mostafa Hasan Murad, Fazlul Karim and Ashrafuddin Khan Tuhin -- were arrested when they were returning to their dormitories from the Dhaka city. The two others are KM Maksud and Babul Bhuiyan.

## GMG to operate 2 addl flights

UNB, Dhaka

GMG Airlines, the largest private domestic airlines in the country, will operate two additional flights on Dhaka-Barisal-Dhaka route to facilitate journey of the home-bound people before the Eid-ul-Azha.

The flights will be operated on February 20 and 21. It will depart Dhaka for Barisal at 3.40 pm and leave Barisal for Dhaka at 4.30 pm on the days.

Timetable of the daily flights, however, will remain unchanged, said a press release.

## Janakantha editor, advisory editor get bail

UNB, Dhaka

The Metropolitan Magistrate yesterday granted bail to Janakantha Editor Atiqullah Khan Masud, Adviser Toab Khan and Executive Editor Borhan Ahmed when they surrendered before the court in a defamation case.

The court also exempted them from their personal appearance before the court under Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Code, court sources said.

Inqilab Editor AMM Bahaudin filed the defamation case against the accused for publishing news against him in their daily.

## Donors discuss NGO situation today

UNB, Dhaka

Western donors who fund development agencies in Bangladesh are going to meet at the Netherlands Embassy here today to discuss latest situation of the NGOs in the country.

Representatives from ADB, Australia, Canada, Denmark, EC,

FAO, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, UNDP, UNEFA, UNICEF, UK, USA, WFP and World Bank have been invited to the meeting.

Sources said today's meeting "is a bit important as the government took NGO issue seriously and was reportedly planning to control their activities on the plea

of their involvement with politics."

The donors community, who are said to be concerned about the government's activities over the issue, will discuss NGO situation, changes in politics and inventory of development partners' view on the situation.

Besides, they will fix their strategy to deal with the situation.

## 1329 more arrested

BSS, Dhaka

Police seized 16 firearms, one other type of weapon and 24 round of bullets in the countrywide operation during last 24 hours ending at 6:00 am yesterday.

A total of 1329 people were held during the period, a Police Headquarters press release said. It said 10 people were arrested in

connection with the arms seizure and nine cases were filed against them under the Arms Act.

Of the total arrests, 691 people were rounded up under warrant orders and 626 held in connection with under-investigation cases.

The arrests included Rabiul Islam from Magura, Shahidul Islam from Jessore and Alam Sheikh from Natore, the release added.

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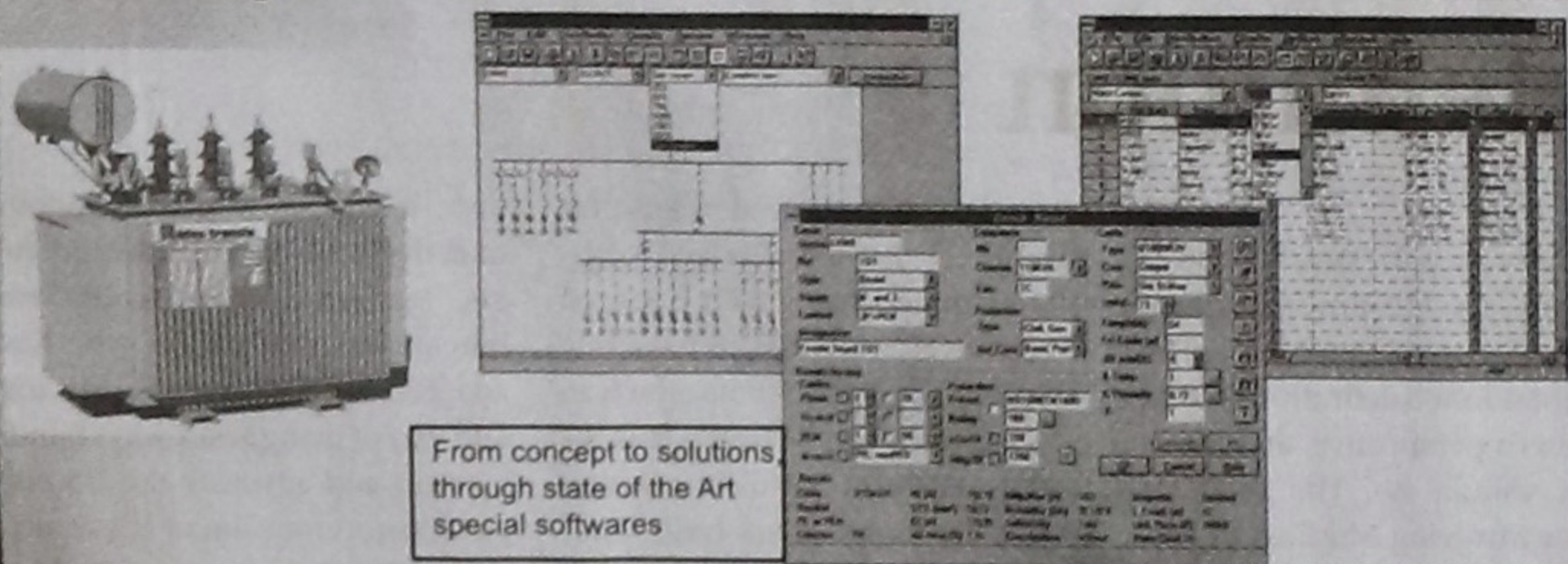
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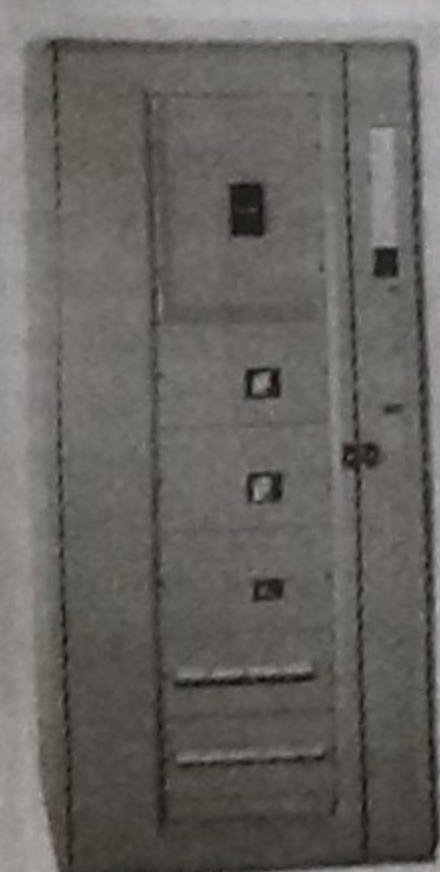
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