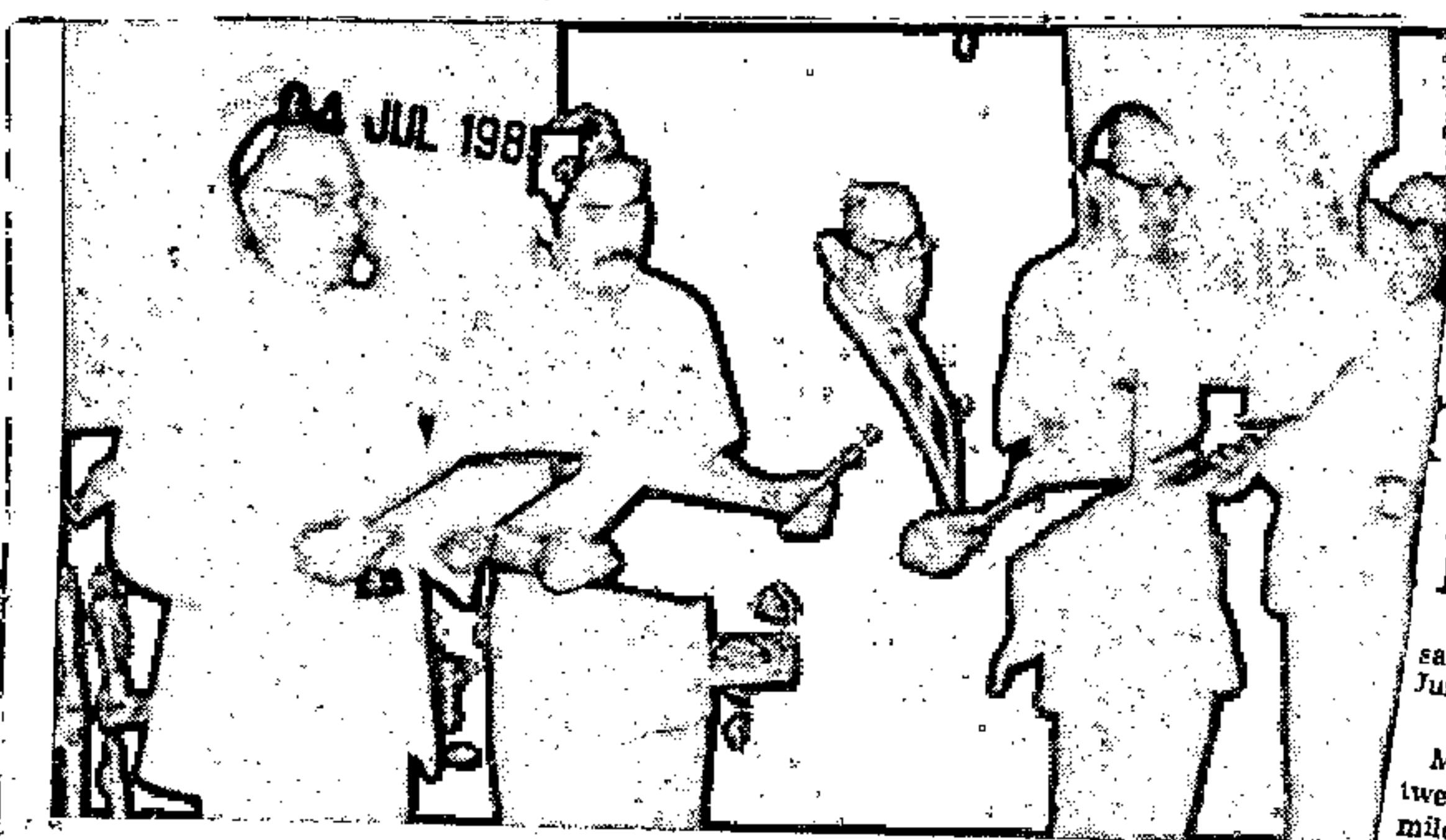


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President Ershad administered the oath of office to the newly appointed Ministers at Bangabhaban on Wednesday.

Janadul, BNP, UPP, GP leaders join Cabinet

Ministers sworn in

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad on Wednesday expanded his Cabinet by inducting in it seven Ministers, three State Ministers and one Deputy Minister, reports BSS.

With the induction of these new Ministers, the size of the Cabinet now stands at 26. Earlier it was 15. Those who have been sworn-in are: Ministers-Air Vice Marshal (Retd) K.M. Aminul Islam, Prof. M.A. Matin, Mr. Korban Ali, Kazi Jafar Ahmed, Mr. Sirajul Hossain Khan, Mr. M.A. Satter and Mr. Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury, State Ministers-Mr. Sunil Gupta, Mr. Swafiqul Ghani Swapan and Lt. Col. (Retd) Zafar Imam and Deputy Minister-Sheikh Shahidul Islam.

President Ershad administered the oath of offices of the new Ministers at a simple ceremony held at the credential

hall of Bangabhaban.

Mr. Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury has been given the portfolio of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The function was attended, among others, by the DCMLAs Rear Admiral Sultan Ahmed and Air Vice-Marshal Sultan Mahmud, Ministers, Presidential Advisers and high civil and military officials.

Of the newly appointed Ministers Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Mr. Sirajul Hossain Khan and Lt. Col (Retd) Zafar Imam are leaders of UPP, Goniyantrik Party and BNP, respectively. These parties were the component part of the Seven-Party Alliance led by Begum Khaleda Zia.

Mr. Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury till Tuesday Principal Foreign Secretary and Foreign Adviser to the President was elevated to the position of a Minister. Earlier Mr. Chowdhury applied for retirement and it was accepted. Mr. Chowdhury has also joined Janadul.

The rest are from Janadul four of them namely Air Vice Marshal (Retd) Aminul Islam, Prof. M.A. Matin, Mr. Korban Ali and Swafiqul Gani Swapan were Ministers in the earlier Cabinet under President Ershad. Mr. M.A. Satter was earlier Adviser

to the President. Sheikh Shahidul Islam was a former student leader of pro-Awami League Chhatra League and now chief of Jana Juba Sanghati, Youth Front of Janadul.

Mr. Sunil Gupta was a State Minister under former President Ziaur Rahman.

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Meanwhile, work on over twentyone miles out of forty-five miles of embankment in Ullapara upazila in Sirajganj

on Wednesday.