

### Who's Who in Cabinet

## Badruddoza Chowdhury

Prof. A. Q. M. Badruddoza Chowdhury was sworn in as Minister of the Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on March 20, 1991. He has been allocated the Portfolio of the Ministry of Education.

Second son of Late Kafil Uddin Chowdhury (Several times Minister in the then East Pakistan and an architect of the United Front), Prof. A. Q. M. Badruddoza Chowdhury had his education in St. Gregory High School Dhaka College, Dhaka Medical College and University of Wales in UK. He received his Post Graduate Medical Training in London, Cardiff and Edinburgh.

He stood 2nd in Matriculation, 1st in MBBS Examination

an Ex-President of International Union against Tuberculosis of Asia Pacific Zone.

Well-known for his aptitude towards and liaison with the cultural movement of the country, Prof. Chowdhury is also an effective author, essayist, playwright and an orator of distinction. He received the National Television Award in 1978.

Prof. A. Q. M. Badruddoza Chowdhury was appointed Deputy Prime Minister on April 15, 1979 and held the portfolio of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning.

Prof. A. Q. M. Badruddoza Chowdhury led the delegation to International Conferences on tuberculosis and chest diseases in New Delhi (1974), Seoul, Korea (1976), Istanbul (1977), Brussels (1978) and Brighton in UK (1978). He was the Head of the Bangladesh delegation to the World Health Conference in Geneva in 1978. He was the alternate leader of the Bangladesh delegation to the U N General Assembly session in 1981.

As leader of Bangladesh delegation he attended several conferences of EEC, Commonwealth, etc as special envoy of the president. He met the Russian Vice-President and President of Mongolia, which helped Bangladesh to earn the seat of Security Council in 1978.

He was the founder Secretary General of Bangladesh Nationalist Party when Shaheed Ziaur Rahman was its Chairman. He was the Deputy Leader of the BNP Parliamentary Party up to 1979 Election.

He was the Senior Deputy Prime Minister in Ziaur Rahman Cabinet.

A person of great amiability Prof. Chowdhury is married with Mrs Hasina Chowdhury and has two daughters (Moona and Shalala) and a son (Mahi).



and did his M R C P form Royal College of Physicians at Edinburgh and Glasgow and did his T D D from Wales University. In 1978, he was elected Fellow to the Royal College of Physicians from Edinburgh and later form Glasgow. Author of a large number of scientific papers in national and international Journals, Prof. A. Q. M. Badruddoza Chowdhury was also the President of the National Anti-Tuberculosis Association of Bangladesh (NATAB) for the last three terms (1974 to 1979). He is

### Bahar's qulhwani tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

Qulhwani of Hadi Newaj Khan Bahar, who was assassinated by some unidentified miscreants last Wednesday, will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at the residence of the deceased at 440, North Shahjahanpur.

Hadi Newaj Khan the younger brother of Elahi Newaj Khan Saju, Chief Reporter of the Daily Millat, was the President of Motijheel Thana branch of Freedom Party. He was buried at Shahjahanpur graveyard, last Thursday.

The Motijheel police on Thursday arrested two persons named Abdul Khaleque and Mosharraf Hossain

### Drug trafficker held with 21 gram heroin in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Mar 22: Chittagong Narcotics and Liquor Department arrested another member of drug traffickers here with 21 grams of heroin worth Taka 2.10 lakh today, official sources said, reports BSS.

Mohammed Kamaluddin, an accomplice of Imam Hussain and Gyanranjan Barua who were arrested with one kg cocaine on Tuesday last was nabbed from his Khashkhama village home under Anowara upazila. One Younus, and aide of Kamaluddin was absconding following a warrant of arrest issued against him.

The Khashkhama raid was conducted following statements of Imam Hussain and Gyanranjan Barua. The Narcotics Department believed the arrested persons were local agents of the international drug traffickers who occasionally try to operate from Golden Triangle through Bangladesh-Myanmar border via Chittagong.

### Kamal Ibne Yusuf hailed

Fakir Abdul Mannan, President, Faridpur Rickshaw Van Sramik Union congratulated Choudhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf on his appointment as Minister to the Government.



Speakers at a seminar at National Press Club on population explosion on Friday. The seminar was organised by Lions Club of Dhaka Golden. —Star photo

### Shahabuddin greets Pak President, Prime Minister

Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed felicitated on Friday Ghulam Ishaq Khan, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, on the occasion of its national day, reports BSS.

In a message of felicitation, Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed expressed his confidence that the fraternal ties of friendship and cooperation that existed between the two brotherly countries will be further consolidated to the mutual benefit of our two peoples.

Justice Shahabuddin wished good health, happiness and long life of Khan and for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the brotherly people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed on Friday felicitated Mohammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, on the occasion of its national day.

In a message of felicitation, Justice Shahabuddin expressed his conviction that the traditional bonds of friendship, understanding and cooperation that existed between the two fraternal countries would be further developed and strengthened in the years ahead to the mutual benefit of the two peoples.

He wished good health, happiness and long life of Sharif and the brotherly people of Pakistan continued peace, progress and prosperity.

### Govt committed to fulfil pledges: Huda

State Minister for Food Nazmul Huda Thursday said the present government was fully committed to fulfill all its pledges to the people, reports BSS.

He urged all to perform their duties unselfishly with a team spirit by eliminating all past loopholes in the food sector.

Mr. Nazmul Huda was speaking at his first meeting with the Food Ministry officials. Food Secretary Ataul Huq also spoke at the meeting.

Dwelling on the political objectives of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), Mr. Huda said the people empowered BNP to the state power with many hopes and aspirations.

## Plea to recast cultural bodies

By Staff Correspondent

The third founding anniversary of Zia Parishad was observed with a pledge to implement the unfinished works of late President Ziaur Rahman.

The Parishad organised a discussion meeting at the National Press Club. Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury was the chief guest and Kabir Murad, President of the Parishad presided over the meeting.

Justice Rahman said that the charismatic figure of Ziaur Rahman helped his Party BNP to return to power. He also said that the balanced leadership of Begum Khaleda Zia was another point that contributed to the victory.

Justice Rahman appreciated Acting President Shahabuddin Ahmed saying that "he did the right thing at the right time by handing over power to the majority party of Parliament."

Justice Rahman said alien culture has gripped our national scenario. He urged the government to recast the premier cultural institutions so that they can uphold our national culture.

He hoped that Zia Parishad would uphold the ideals of Zia and would work for our national culture.

Syed Zafar, former President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists said that the present BNP government should refrain from corruption and nepotism as it is contradictory to Zia's ideals.

He demanded discussions in the Jatiya Sangsad on Ershad's grabbing of power and on his nine-year autocratic rule.

Kabir Murad, founder President of the Parishad, pledged at the meeting that they would uphold ideals of late President Ziaur Rahman.

Among others Shajahan Sardar, Office Secretary of the Parishad, Abu Salch, Adviser, Zia Parishad, Borhan Ahmed, Adviser and Conveners of different thana units spoke at the meeting.

### Dhaka Mission in Kuwait without utility services

Utility services including electricity and water supply and telecommunication are yet to be restored to the Bangladesh embassy in Kuwait City, information available here said on Friday, reports UNB.

Residences of ambassador K.M. Shehabuddin and five other officials of the reactivated mission are also undergoing these problems.

Bangladesh on March 16 resumed the function of its embassy in the war-ravaged Gulf state, just freed from seven months of Iraqi occupation.

The mission suspended function mid-September last year following the August 2 occupation and annexation of the oil-rich Emirate by its neighbour, Iraq.

People from all walks of life in the war-torn country are yet to get essential civic amenities like electricity and water supply even after 22 days of liberation, according to the information.

### BMA hails formation of new govt

Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) has congratulated the democratic government of the country which was established after great sacrifices, reports BSS.

Dr. M.A. Majed and Dr. Mustafa Jalal Mofuddin, President and Secretary General respectively of the Association, in a joint statement on behalf of the BMA hoped that the new government would continue its unyielding role in materialising the dreams of the martyrs.

### Call to shift Tibbia Habibia College

The 110th birth anniversary of Shefaul Mulik Hakim Habibur Rahman Khan Akhunjadeh was observed in Dhaka on Friday through a discussion on various aspects of the life of the pioneer of Unani medical science in this part of the sub-continent, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Unani Medical Association organised the discussion at the auditorium of Tibbia Habibia College where BNP central leader and eminent freedom fighter Mir Shaukat Ali (Bir Uttam), MP, was present as the chief guest. Moulana Ataur Rahman Khan, MP of Kishoreganj was present as the special guest.

Speakers at the discussion stressed the need for replacing the present dilapidated Tibbia Habibia College, which bears the memory of the late Unani medicine specialist, to a new place.

President of the Association and Principal of the College, Hakim Hafez Azizul Islam, presided over the function.

### JP observes Doa Dibash

Countrywide "Doa Dibash" organised by Jatiya Party was held on Friday for the release of the Party Chairman and former President Hussain Muhammad Ershad and other leaders who are now interned, according to a Party Press release, reports BSS.

Special prayers were offered in different mosques of the country and Dhaka city after Juma prayer for the release of the interned leaders of the Jatiya Party, the Press release claimed.

Quran khwani was held after Juma prayer and milad mahfil after Asr prayer at Gulshan as part of the Party's programme. A large number of leaders and workers of Jatiya Party, including its Acting Chairman Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury and Acting Secretary General ABM Shahjahan, attended the milad mahfil.

### Woman newsmen greet Khaleda

The Bangladesh Women Journalists Forum Friday congratulated Begum Khaleda Zia on her appointment as the first woman Prime Minister of the country, reports BSS.

In a statement to the press, Mrs. Sitara Musa and Mrs. Rasheda Amin, President and General Secretary of the forum urged the Prime Minister to pay her special attention to the enforcement of fundamental rights, freedom of the press and freedom of expression.

They hoped that under the able and dynamic leadership of Begum Khaleda Zia, the dignity and status of the country's women would be established.

They also hoped that Begum Zia will try to mitigate the sufferings of rural women.

### Mannan assures help to promote travel trade

A team of Association of Travel Agents of Bangladesh (ATAB) headed by its President, Dr. HBM Iqbal on Thursday called on the State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism, Abdul Mannan at his Secretariat office, a press release Friday said, reports BSS.

The ATAB team congratulated Mannan on his assumption of office of the State Minister and assured him of their cooperation in discharging his duties.

The State Minister also assured the ATAB leaders of his all-out cooperation to help grow the travel trade in the country in future.

The team included Messrs. Feroz Ahmed, Masudul Huq, Abul Kahir and Yunus Chowdhury.

Later, they also called on the State Minister for Labour and Manpower, Barrister Raiquul Islam at his office and congratulated him on his assumption of office.

### Condolence

By Staff Correspondent

President of Bangladesh Newspaper Employees Federation Jahangir Kabir and Secretary General Mr. Mozammel Hossain on Friday expressed their condolence at the death of MA Jabbar, Senior Executive of Dainik Bangla.

Jabbar was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital after a road accident on March 12.

He was the Organising Secretary of Bangladesh Newspaper Employees Federation and also the Executive Committee Member of the Dainik Bangla Employees Union. He was associated with Dainik Bangla since its inception.

Dainik Bangla Employees Union President Piroz Ali and General Secretary Md. Mafizur Rahman also expressed their condolence at the demise of Jabbar.

## Greetings to Khaleda

Different political, socio-cultural organizations continued to congratulate Begum Zia for her assumption of the office of the Prime Minister, reports BSS.

Leaders of these organizations in separate statements expressed the hope that under the leadership of Begum Zia democracy would be firmly established in the country.

Dr. Nim Chandra Bhowmick, General Secretary of Bangladesh Hindu, Bouddha and Christian Oikya Parishad, while congratulating Begum Zia, expressed hope that communal harmony would be maintained under the leadership of the new Prime Minister.

The Secretary General of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal ASM Abdur Rob congratulating the new Council of Ministers hoped that efforts would be made for representation of the working class in the national politics.

### Medical Association

President and General Secretary of Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association hoped for a happy and prosperous life under Begum Zia's able guidance and leadership and prayed to the almighty Allah to give her courage and strength to work with more dedication and determination to put the country on a progressive footing.

### Griha Nirman Society

The leaders of Bangladesh Griha Nirman Rin Grahitia Kalyan Samity said Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia would now be able to create a democratic atmosphere in the country reflecting the hopes and aspirations of the people.

They also drew the attention of the Prime Minister towards various problems of the house building loanees and said she would solve these problems considering the reality.

### Musalli Committee

The convener of Bangladesh Musalli Committee, Mr. Amir Ali Hlawader, said that the formation of the cabinet under the premiership of Begum Khaleda Zia was the reflection of people's verdict to the full faith on Allah against secularism.

He hoped that Begum Zia's able leadership would offer the nation a corruption free administration.

### Chinese Foreign Minister greets Mustafiz

Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen has congratulated A.S.M. Mustafizur Rahman on his assumption of the office of Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

In a message of felicitation, Qian said China and Bangladesh were friendly close neighbours and the friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries, which were established on the basis of the five principles of peaceful co-existence had been developing smoothly all the years.

Wishing every success of Mustafizur Rahman, Qian hoped for strengthening cooperation in the years to come.

## Meteorology Day today

World Meteorology Day will be observed today in the country as elsewhere in the world with due enthusiasm, an ISPR press said, reports BSS.

Bangladesh meteorological Department will observe the day with the theme "the atmosphere of the living planet earth" chosen by the World Meteorological Organisation for the year 1991.

The day's programme begins with an inaugural function followed by a technical seminar at the head office of the Bangladesh Meteorological Department at Agargaon in Dhaka in the morning.

Muhammad Siddiqur Rahman, Cabinet and Defence Secretary will be the chief guest in the inaugural function.

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## Dateline Chittagong

### Consensus on vital issues stressed

CHITTAGONG, Mar 22: Speakers at a discussion meeting here Friday stressed the need for national consensus on important issues in the greater interest of the country, reports BSS.

No nation can prosper without national consensus on vital issues, they said.

Chattagram Sammilito Peshajibi Sangsad organised the discussion meeting in connection with the coming national Independence Day. Held at Muslim Institute Hall, it was presided over by Sangsad President Advocate Saful Alam, eminent journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury, President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists Reazuddin Ahmed, Advocate Shamsuddin Ahmed Mirja, Prof. Abdun Nur, and Engineer Sultan Mahmud Khan among others, participated in the discussion.

They said, people of the country had given their verdict in favour of Bangladesh nationalism and rejected those who were against it.

They said opposition parties were the integral part of the democratic process and thus they should cooperate with the government party in furthering the cause of democracy.

They called upon both majority and the opposition parties to remain alert against any

conspiracy to frustrate democratic process.

They called upon the newly elected government to fulfill the commitments it made to the people before the election.

huge quantity of smuggled cigarettes, blades and garments were seized by Railway Police from a Srimangal bound passenger train at the railway station here Thursday evening. Railway police sources said.

### Unidentified body recovered

Police recovered the body of an unidentified man aged around 35 on Arakan Road at Kushumpura under Patiya Upazila here Thursday morning, police said.

The body which bore multiple injuries, was sent for post mortem examination, they said.

### Felicititation

President of Cox's Bazar district BNP Alhaj Ekramul Huda Chowdhury Thursday hailed Begum Khaleda Zia on her assumption of office of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh.

In a message Mr. Huda also congratulated the Council of Ministers, particularly Mr. Badruddoza Chowdhury, Col. (ret.) Oli Ahmed and Mr. Abdullah-Al-Noman, on behalf of all leaders and workers of BNP

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