

### Who's Who in Cabinet

## Shamsul Islam Khan

The newly appointed Minister for Industries, Mr. Shamsul Islam Khan was born in 1930 in Dhaka.

An established industrialist and businessman Mr. Khan has held different important posts in various industrial, commercial and financial institutions. He is concurrently Chairman and Managing Director of Islam Jute Mills Limited, Islam Jute Baling Company Limited, Islamimpex Limited and Islam Industries Limited.

Besides, he is Chairman of Bangladesh Shippers Council and an active member of the Executive Committee of Bangladesh Jute Spinners Association and Bangladesh Jute Association.

Mr. Khan also held different prestigious positions in various organisations including senior Vice Chairman of Bangladesh Shipila and Bank Samity, Director of Bangladesh Shipping Corporation, member of Advisory Committee of Jute and Post and Telecom-communication Ministries, Vice President of Bangladesh Jutes Association, Member of Advisory Committee on Railway Affairs and Director of Uttara Bank.

Mr. Khan is playing a pioneering role in the field of social and cultural activities. He was Chief Patron and President of Abahani Krira Chakra from 1972 to 82. He was actively involved with Manikganj and Sigair Samity.

Mr. Khan joined BNP in 1985 and played important role in different party activities

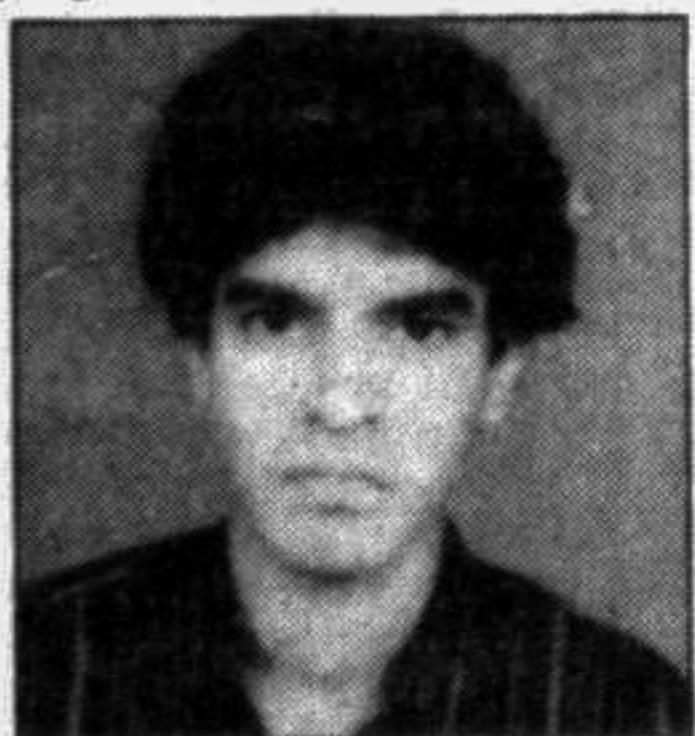
from 1989. Mr. Khan is married with three sons and two daughters. The youngest son of Mr. Khan drowned when he was conducting relief activities in 1988 flood. He visited Europe, America and South-East Asia as member of different delegations.

### Environmental Art Exhibition opens

An eight-day long environmental art exhibition on "Bangladesh in 1971" organised by Dhaka University Central Student Union (DUCSU) began at its premises on Sunday, reports BSS.

Prof. M. Moniruzzaman Miah, the Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University inaugurated the exhibition, while the newly elected member of the parliament Sadeq Hossain Khoka attended it as the chief guest. The Proctor of Dhaka University Kamrul Ahsan Chowdhury and DUCSU AGS Nazim Uddin Alam also spoke on the occasion.

The exhibition is the part of DUCSU's national Independence Day celebration programme.



### Academic feat

Mr. Zahidur Rahman (Raju) has stood First in First Class in M.S.S. Final Examination of 1987 (held in 1990) in Public Administration under Dhaka University. He is presently serving as Management Trainee in ANZ Grindlays Bank.

He is the second son of A. R. Bhuiyan, a former Director, BCIC and Mrs. Rowshan Ara Begum of Kendua, Netrokona.

### Six made Addl Secretaries

The government made changes in some high positions Saturday, says a PID handout.

Mahe Alam, Director General of Food Directorate and Syed Alamgir Faruq Chowdhury, Project Co-ordinator of General Education Project have been promoted to Additional Secretary and made Officers on Special Duty in the Establishment Ministry.

Shafiqur Rahman, Director General of Land, Record and Survey Directorate was promoted to Additional Secretary, and made Officer on Special Duty in the same ministry.

Dr. Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, Joint Secretary, Finance Division was promoted to Additional Secretary and made Officer on Special Duty.

Dr. Kamaluddin Siddiqui, Director General, Directorate of Environment has been promoted to the post of Additional Secretary and made Officer on Special Duty.

The services of A. F. M. Ayubur Rahman, of BCS (Tax) cadre, now serving as Director (Finance), Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) on deputation has been placed under the Internal Resources Division for appointment in proper post.

The services of L. A. M. Iqbal, of BCS cadre (Audit and Accounts) now serving as Member, Power Development Board (Finance) on deputation has been placed under the Finance Division for appointment in proper post.

### 13 BCL members join JCD

BY SSMC Correspondent

Thirteen members of Awami League Backed Bangladesh Chhatra League of Sir Salmullah Medical College Sunday formally joined Jatayatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

The new members of JCD brought out a possession the campus after filling up the membership form of JCD.



The BNP Secretary-General Abdus Salam Talukdar addressing a party discussion meeting in Dhaka on Sunday on Black Day — Star photo

## Kuwait to take back all repatriated workers

Kuwaiti Ambassador in Dhaka, Mohammad Ibrahim Al Nazran called on State Minister for Labour and Manpower Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia and discussed the overall situation in Kuwait as of today, reports BSS.

The Secretary of the Ministry Nooruddin Al-Masood was present, a PID handout said.

The State Minister expressed the satisfaction of the government of Bangladesh over the withdrawal of the occupation forces from Kuwait and expressed his willingness to stand by the government of Kuwait with moral and manpower support in rebuilding Kuwait's shattered economy.

He also expected that Bangladesh workers who were repatriated from Iraq and Kuwait due to the Gulf crisis would be allowed to return to their jobs soon.

The Ambassador reciprocated the feelings and said that the Bangladesh Ambassador in Kuwait had already received an understanding from the Kuwait government that all the repatriated workers would be taken back, but it would take some time and all concerned

should have some patience.

The envoy said while private sector employment would take some time, government sector employment for the technical hand had already started and the embassy was issuing visa for the Communication and Public works Department.

In response to a request from the State Minister, the Kuwait envoy agreed to contact his country's concerned authorities and find out if a short visit to Kuwait by Bangladesh delegation would be possible.

Later, in a meeting with the representatives of returnees

from Kuwait the Minister informed that the essential services of Kuwait had not yet been restored. He said Bangladesh Embassy in Kuwait and the government of Bangladesh had been keeping constant touch with the concerned authorities to ensure the return of the repatriated Bangladeshis to Kuwait, the State Minister said.

The meeting was attended, among others, by Parliament Members Barkat Ullah Bulu and Mia Abdullah Wazed, Engr Habibur Rahman, Shakawat Hossain and Tajul Hasan.

### Work with team spirit, Mustafiz asks Foreign Ministry officials

Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman on Sunday advised officials and employees of his Ministry to work with team spirit upholding democratic values achieved in a prolonged anti-autocracy struggle, reports UNB.

The new Foreign Minister was speaking at a reception accorded to him at the Foreign Ministry, where he was warmly greeted by officials and all sections of employees.

Former Adviser on Foreign Affairs Fakhruddin Ahmed was also given farewell at the function.

Mustafiz urged his staff to work with dedication, honesty and utmost sincerity to turn the Ministry into effective machinery to deliver real good to the country. "Efficiency is the only key to success."

The Minister also asked them to make aloot efforts for boosting country's image both at home and abroad.

### A new era ushered in

By Staff Correspondent

Prof M Innas Ali, Prof Salahuddin Ahmed and Syed Ahmad Hossain, President, Chairman and Secretary General respectively of United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) have congratulated Begum Khaleda Zia on her assumption of office as the Prime Minister.

In a joint statement on Sunday they said the UNAB believes that new era has been ushered for restoration of democratic institutions in Bangladesh and hoped for the wellbeing of the people.

### Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Mohammad Masud Khan will be held today (Monday) after the Asr prayer at his Baridhara residence (House No. 23, Road 4, Block K).

A renowned educationist, Khan died on Friday after prolonged illness.

Friends and relations are requested to attend the qulkhwani.

## Directive to stop rly pilferage

Communications Minister Col. (Retd) Oli Ahmed called upon the officials to ensure necessary facilities to the passengers in order to regain peoples confidence in Railway. The Minister was addressing the senior officials of Railway Division and the Bangladesh Railway Sunday at Kamalapur Railway Rest House, Dhaka after assuming office of the Communications Minister, says Press release.

Ahmed asked the officials to be more attentive to the needs of Rail users. The Minister underlined the paramount importance of increasing railway earning and reducing expenditure in order to reduce the gap between expenditure and earnings of Bangladesh Railway. He advised the officials to make Bangladesh Railway more responsive to market needs by improving the institutional practices and managerial structure.

The Minister opined that the majority of the accidents occurred due to negligence on the part of the concerned employees. For ensuring safe train journey, he advised the officials to be more vigilant and ensure supervision at all levels.

In his speech the Minister gave a clarion call to con-

cerned quarters to take all-out efforts in stopping theft and pilferage of diesel and other railway materials. He also asked the concerned officials to take positive actions in disposing un-used railway lands and railway materials on emergency basis.

Secretary, Railway Division and Director General, Bangladesh Railway Nurul Momen Khan also spoke on the occasion.



Communications Minister Col. (Retd) Oli Ahmed addressing the senior officials of Railway Division and the Bangladesh Railway at Kamalapur Railway Rest House, Dhaka on Sunday.

### Dateline Chittagong

## Programmes to celebrate Independence Day

Preparations are afoot in the Port City to celebrate the 20th anniversary of independence on March 26 with eclat and enthusiasm, reports BSS.

Elaborate programmes have been chalked out at official and non-official levels to celebrate the day.

The programmes includes placing of wreaths at the shaheed minar at one minute past 12 midnight, 21 times cannon fire from the court building and simultaneously playing of whistles from ships at the port and railway engines at the railway stations for five minutes at a stretch. Hotting of national flag at the top of all public and private buildings, rallies of boy scouts, girls guides, police, ansars, VDPs and students at the stadium, exhibition of documentary films and documents on liberation war, deputy commissioner's meeting with mem-

bers of shaheed family, special diet for patients at hospitals, jails and orphanages, special prayer at all mosques and temples and other places of worship for the progress and peace of the country, Mahila Samity qirat competition and milad mehfil, drawing competition by children, discussion on the significance of independence, milad mehfil and iftar party at the stadium which will be illuminated.

Private organisations and institutions have drawn up their own programmes for the day which include seminars, milad mehfil and cultural functions. Newspapers and periodicals will bring out supplements highlighting the occasion.

Efforts for economic progress urged

Speakers at a discussion here Friday called for con-

certed efforts by all quarters to achieve economic progress with the main objective of ensuring basic needs to the people, including food, cloth, shelter, medicine and education, reports BSS.

Without meeting basic needs to the people no government can run the country smoothly, they pointed out.

The discussion was held under the auspices of the socio-cultural organisation Dhan-Shish in connection with the coming national independence day at the Zila Parishad Hall here. It was presided over by its President Mr M Harun Zaman, a Dhan-Shish press release said.

### Banks holiday March 26

On account of holiday for Independence and National Day the Bangladesh Bank and all scheduled banks will remain closed on Tuesday, March 26, 1991; says a press release of Bangladesh Bank on Sunday.

## World leaders greet Khaleda

World leaders continued to congratulate Begum Khaleda Zia on her assumption of office as Prime Minister of Bangladesh.

The Japanese Prime Minister, Toshiki Kaifu, has greeted Begum Khaleda Zia on her appointment as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

In a message of felicitation to Begum Zia, Kaifu expressed his deep respect and congratulations to her and the people of Bangladesh on the success of the recent elections that were held in a free and fair manner in a peaceful environment resulting in the victory of her party.

Kaifu hoped that the new Prime Minister would continue to strive forward to create an effective democratic government.

He expressed the confidence that the friendship and cooperation which so happily characterised the relations between Bangladesh and Japan would be further strengthened and consolidated during the tenure of office of Begum Zia.

The Japanese Prime Minister expressed best wishes for the good health of Begum Zia success in her high office.

King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud of Saudi Arabia on Sunday greeted Begum Khaleda Zia on her assumption of the office of Prime Minister of Bangladesh. In his congratulatory message, the King hoped the people of Bangladesh would "continue their benevolent march to progress" under her leadership.

The King recalled the "existence of good relations between the two brotherly countries and its aspirations to consolidate that relations". The Prime Minister of France, Mr. Michel Rocard, has felicitated Begum Khaleda Zia on her assumption of the office of Prime Minister of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

In a message to Begum Zia, he wished full success in the accomplishment of her mission and for the reinforcement of democracy, and for the economic and social development of Bangladesh.

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