

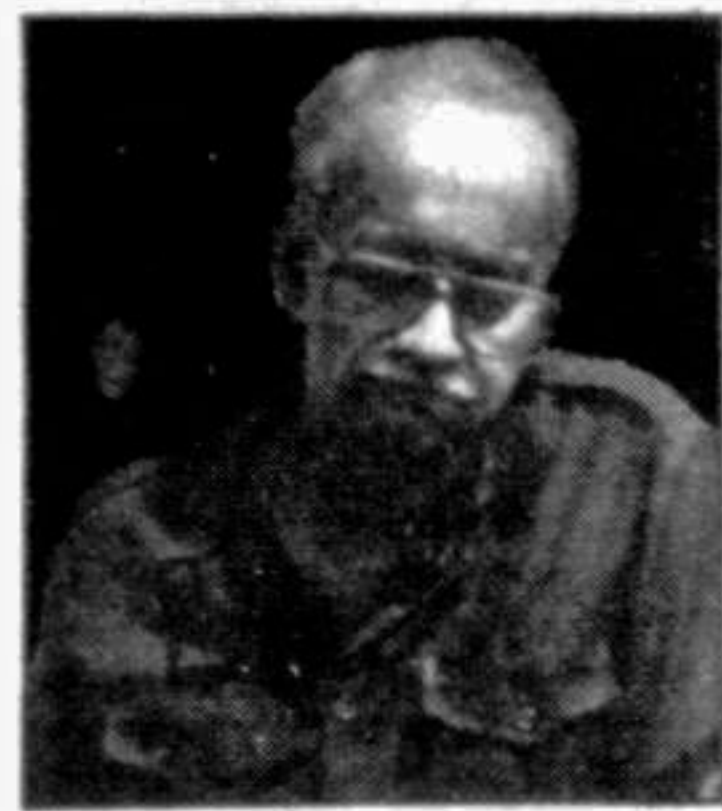
Who's Who in Cabinet

A S M Mostafizur Rahman

A S M Mostafizur Rahman was born on January 8 1934 at Bagerhat. His father, late Khan Bahadur Bazul Rahman, served as Commissioner of Excise in the then East Pakistan, says a PID handout.

A S M Mostafizur Rahman had his initial education in the St. Xavier's School in Calcutta and then in the St. Gregory High School, Dhaka. After his Matriculation in 1951, he was a student in Science in Dhaka Government College. In 1952, he joined at the Army as a Cadet.

He received his



Commission in the Army on March 13 1955. He was conferred degree from PMA (Pakistan Military Academy) and Peshawar University. He was commissioned and posted in 5th Baluch Regiment. In 1956, for his technical background, he was selected to become an Artillery Officer. He served in various units and also in Staff in various places of the then East and West Pakistan. He also served as G-II in Inter-Services Intelligence.

He passed Staff College in 1966 from Quetta (Pakistan) and was awarded PSC. He took part in the Indo-Pak wars.

He rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and retired from the army in 1973.

After retirement, he took up business and continued till December 8 1977 when he was inducted as Deputy Adviser in charge of Home Affairs by late President Ziaur Rahman. He was made Cabinet Minister in-Charge of Ministry of Home Affairs on April 15, 1978.

He contested as a Bangladesh Nationalist Party candidate in the election from Bagerhat-2 Constituency on February 18, 1979 and was elected Member of Parliament. He remained as Home Minister till November 27, 1981. He then served as Commerce Minister in President Sattar's Cabinet.

He left the Government on March 24, 1982 when Martial Law was imposed in the country.

Since then he remained a Member of the Standing Committee of BNP. He also served as Secretary General of his Party from 1985 to 1986.

He participated in the elections again on February 27, 1991 from the same Constituency and has been elected as Member of Parliament. He has since been appointed as Foreign Minister on March 19, 1991.

He is married to Sofia Rahman (Ruby) and has a son and a daughter, both of whom are married.

His hobbies are shooting, reading and photography.

No special JCD-Shibir ties in future

By DU Correspondent

Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) has made some changes in its strategy to avert any future inter-party disagreement. The changes, JCD thinks, will also make the organisation more acceptable to the people, according to a source.

A meeting of the JCD central convening committee held at Dhanmondi recently identified the organisation's relationship with the Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) and inter-party conflicts as the party's drawbacks, the source added.

Electoral alliances the sources said, between the JCD and ICS existed in many educational institutions during students union elections in the near past.

JCD leaders at the meeting were of the opinion that the organisation would become acceptable to a larger number of students and the people as well if these drawbacks were removed.

On the relationship with the ICS, the JCD central leaders said that the organisation would no longer keep any special relationship with the ICS and would also forbid its units to do so even though the ICS parent organisation, the Jamaat-e-Islami has extended its support to the JCD parent organisation, the BNP sources said.

The meeting also decided not to take responsibility for incidents that take place be-

cause of personal conflicts. It one's actions tarnished, the organisations image stern action would be taken against him, the JCD leaders agreed, the sources said.

The JCD leaders, the source said, also urged organisation members to show tolerance in the face of any provocation bearing in mind that the JCD was the student-wing of the ruling party.

New body of Sonargaon Hotel employees union

The Sonargaon Hotel employees union in a general meeting held in the city on March 27 removed the former union executive committee headed by HR Khan Majlis and Mizanur Rahman in a no confidence motion.

A new executive committee was formed with Ahsan Uddin Ahmed and Md Abu Sayeed as the President and the General Secretary respectively. The employees also rejected the financial statement for 1990-91 during the tenure of the previous union and they could not give any satisfactory reason about the missing funds, says a press release.

Orientation for MP's from Mar 30

A four-day orientation programme for the newly elected members of the Jatitya Sangsad will begin at the Parliament Member's club on March 30, reports BSS.

Sponsored jointly by the M. P. club and the Asia Foundation, the programme includes orientation on the constitution of Bangladesh, the rules of procedure and privileges and other matters related to Parliament, a club press release said.



Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Awami League (BKSAL) brought out a procession in the city on Thursday protesting price-hike and water scarcity. — Star photo

UNCA scholarship for journalists

The Dag Hammarskjold Memorial Scholarship Fund of the United Nations Correspondents Association (UNCA) will award this year three fellowships to young journalists from the developing world.

Applicants must be employed by recognised print and broadcast media organisations and capable of working and filing their news reports independently, says a press release.

The three-month long fellowship has been offered to full-time journalists with age between 25 to 40 years. The programme will train them to cover the 46th regular session of the United Nations General Assembly which begins September 1991.

The fund will provide a round-trip air fare to New York, modest hotel accommodation, health insurance for the duration of the Assembly and a daily allowance of about dollar 35 to cover food and other basic necessities.

Interested journalists have been advised to collect application forms from the United Nations Information Centre, (UNIC) here during office hours. The applications must reach New York by May 16, the release added.

The Fund established in 1961 so far awarded fellowships to 100 journalist from the developing countries. It was founded to honour the memory of the second United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, killed in a plane crash in Congo the same year.

Workshop on country boat

By Staff Correspondent

The workshop on "improvement in the country boat" was held in Dhaka on Thursday.

Organised by the National Oceanographic and Maritime Institute (NOAMI), the workshop was participated by research scientists, teachers of BUET and Dhaka University, senior officers of IwTA, NGOs, and representatives from Netherlands and Norway.

Admiral MH Khan, the founder Chief Adviser of Noami, presided over the function.

Many NGOs and aid agencies showed keen interest in the project, says a press release.

Jubo Ainjibi Samity greets Khaleda, Hasina

Bangladesh Jubo Ainjibi Samity has congratulated Begum Khaleda Zia on her assumption of office of the Prime Minister.

The Samity also greeted Sheikh Hasina on her getting recognition as the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament.

5,988 apply for 560 BUET seats

By Ahsan Kabir

A total of 5,988 applications have been filed for 560 seats First Year B.Sc Engineering Courses at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

A large number of admission seekers, some from the urban areas and the bulk from rural areas, submitted the admission forms by March 23, the last date. The faculties began to receive forms from February 22.

Many of the students bought admission forms from Registrar Building of BUET and some got it by mail. Admission test will be held under two units, one covering

four faculties for 4-year course including Engineering, Civil, Mechanical and Electrical and Electronic faculties.

Architecture and Planning faculty off 5-year course. For the first unit a total of 4,158 applicants submitted their forms for 510 seats including 3 reserved seat for the tribal students, about 8 aspirants for each seat. Out of them only 3500 applicants will be allowed to sit for the written examination on the basis of marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics in H. S. C examination. However all persons securing 3500th position will be allowed for

appearing at the ensuing examination.

Applicants for Architecture and Planning Faculty will face the toughest competition where 1,830 students are vying for 50 seats including one reserved seat for the tribal students, nearly 37 aspirants for each seat. However it is learnt that all the applicants will be allowed for appearing at the written examination as it is reserved for 3,000 students.

Written test for Engineering, Civil, Mechanical, and Electrical and Electronic faculties will be held on May 14 while that for Architecture and Planning faculty is scheduled on May 15, according to an earlier official announcement.

An earlier official announcement said that the list of the successful candidates in the written examination will be published on April 10 and that of the finally selected candidates will be circulated on June 5.

When asked to identify the cause of decreasing rate of admission seekers the Vice Chancellor of BUET told the Daily Star that it might have been due to employment problem in the engineering field, during the recent years.

Another reason the VC gave was session-jam at BUET. The VC also said, it had not yet been decided when the 1990-91 session would commence.

SMG recovered

By Staff Correspondent
Mohammadpur police Wednesday evening recovered one abandoned country made SMG from in front of Iqbal Road mosque, Mohammadpur.



Prof. Dr. M. H. Khan, Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), laying foundation stone of a four storied building of Plassey Girl's High School administered by BUET, on Wednesday at Plassey.

Dateline Chittagong

Contraband worth Tk 75 lakh seized : 12 arrested

CHITTAGONG, Mar 28 : Bangladesh Rifles personnel at Cox's Bazar seized contraband worth Taka 75 lakh and arrested 12 smugglers, according to a BDR press release here Wednesday, reports BSS.

Acting on secret information, a patrol party led by Assistant Commander Captain Mokhtaruzzaman and Nasir of 37 Rifles Battalion of BDR took position near Sonadia Island and found two trawlers were proceeding towards Chittagong from Teknaf area. BDR personnel asked the trawlers to stop but they tried to escape.

After chasing for about an hour and blank fire, the BDR men managed to seize the trawlers MV Kohinoor and MV Amin and arrested Mohammad Wahidul Alam, Kala Meah, Haroon, Abdul Gafur, Syed Ahmed, Noor Mohammad, Faridul Alam, Giasuddin, Ismail, Nazir Ahmed, Sarir Ahmed, and Rafique.

The contraband include Burmese jowfal, postadana, sugar, mixture of cigarette, turmaric, sweet cummin,

round chillies and pulses.

A case has been filed in this connection.

Killing condemned

Moni Swapan Dewan, Chairman, Rangamati Sadar upazila, Mr. Nazimuddin, President, Bangladesh Nationalist Party, Rangamati Union and A S M Shahidullah, Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, Rangamati Unit in separate statements Monday condemned killing of innocent people by tribal insurgents at different spots of Chittagong Hill Tracts during past few days.

Citing the shooting on the passenger launch near Choto Harina under Barkal upazila Sunday, they said tribal insurgents would never achieve their so-called goal of autonomous Hill Tracts by killing people, rather it would further Jeopardise their frail stand on the issue. They said, problems of the Hill Tracts, if any could only be solved through discussion and never by means of violence.

Training course

A ten-day long training course on mushroom cultivation began at Khagrachhari District town on Sunday, official sources said here, reports BSS.

Mr. Giasuddin Ahmed Milky, Director, Foodgrain Department, inaugurated the course at Khagrachhari town hall.

Khagrachhari Hill District Local Government Parishad organised the training course for selected people to encourage them for growing mushrooms which are eaten as vegetable.

Dacoity

Armed dacoits allegedly looted Taka five lakh in cash and kind from shopkeepers and customers at Charati Bangla Bazar under Satkania upazila here Tuesday morning, police said.

The dacoits numbering 20, brandishing rifles and guns swooped on the market, 15 km west of the Upazila Headquarters.

Dateline Khulna

1009 cases filed against metric system violators

From Syed Isa

KHULNA, Mar 28: Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institute, Khulna has filed one thousand and nine cases against the violators of the Weight and Measurement Ordinance '82. All these cases were filed during the observance of the metric system implementation week from March 16 to 22.

During the drive, the Standard and Testing Institute constituted one hundred and thirty five mobile courts in 85 upazilas of the division and realised Tk one lakh and thirty thousand as fine.

Independence Day celebrated

The 21st Independence and National Day was celebrated here with great enthusiasm. The day began with 21 gun salutes at one minute past midnight on Monday.

Boy Scouts and Girl Guides held a rally at Collectorate Building ground. Symposium, Discussion and cultural programmes were also held by different socio-cultural organisation to mark the day.

BNP, Awami League and other political parties placed wreaths at local Shaheed Minar. Improved diet and sweets

were distributed in hospitals and jails.

SSC exam from May 2

The Secondary School Certificate Examination under the Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Jessore will commence from May 2.

Practical examinations will be held from May 20 to June 3. The date timing and place of the examinations may be known from the Secretary of the respective centres.

Practical demonstration and examination of music will be held at the board office at Jessore at 9 am.

Japan to enhance aid to Bangladesh

The Ambassador-designate of Japan, Toshio Sakai, presented his credential to the Acting President, Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, at Bangabhaban on Thursday, reports BSS.

After presenting the letter of credence the envoy recalled the growing friendly relations between Japan and Bangladesh and said the government and the people of his country would continue to extend cooperation to the development efforts of Bangladesh.

In this context, he said, the Japanese government intends to enhance its economic cooperation to assist Bangladesh in achieving economic development and welfare of its people.

Sakai said the recently held peaceful, free and fair parliamentary election in Bangladesh was highly appreciated by the government and the people of Japan as a major step towards promoting democratic process.

Welcoming the new Japanese Ambassador the Acting President said, Bangladesh attaches great importance to its relations with Japan. He recalled the invaluable contribution of Japan to the socio-economic development of Bangladesh.

Justice Shahabuddin was happy to note that the Japanese government intended to enhance its economic cooperation with Bangladesh further.

The potentials for broadening the scope of cooperation is vast, he said, adding, "we are confident that our relations will continue to develop in the years ahead to our mutual benefit."

Earlier, on arrival at Bangabhaban the Japanese envoy was given a guard of honour by the President's Guard Regiment.

This is the first official visit by any Indian high official to Bangladesh since the new government has been formed here.

Dubey will leave for home on Sunday.

Call to present true history of independence

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a discussion meeting of Kotwali branch of Bangabandhu Parishad on the Independence Day urged everybody to present the undistorted history of our independence to the future generation.

Presided over by Advocate Ruhul Amin the meeting was addressed by Sheikh Mohammad Golam Rasul, Saleh Mohammad, Nasir Ahmed, Md Majjuddin and Matur Rahman Mati, says a press release.

Theft in Zahurul Haq Hall

By DU Correspondent

A theft occurred in room of Zahurul Haq Hall of Dhaka University on Wednesday evening.

The thief took away Taka 7000 along with cassette player from the room No 115 which was allotted to Habibur Rahman Habb.

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