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Body formed to recast examination systems

The government has formed a high-powered committee to formulate a series of recommendations aimed at bringing about reforms into country's examination systems to stop unfair means in various public examinations at the secondary, higher secondary, degree and madrasah level, reports BSS.

State Minister for Education Principal M. Yunus Khan will be the convenor of the committee. The other members of the committee are: Wing Commander (Retd.) Hamidullah Khan MP, Alhaj Dr. Abdul Latif Bhuiyan MP, Abdul Hye MP, Dr. Abdul Moyn Khan MP, The General Manager of Dainik Desh A. K. A. Froze, Noon, the Controller of Examinations of the Dhaka University, and Chairman of the Bangladesh Madrasah Education Board, Dhaka. The Chairman of the Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Dhaka, will be the member secretary of the committee.

The committee will recommend a better method of stopping leakage of question papers after reviewing the existing method of maintaining secrecy and security of the question papers and also the methods of question paper setting and their distribution at the examination centres.

The committee will also give suggestions on the formulation of a better system to stop participation of illegal students at the examinations after examining the current system of selecting examinees by the educational institutions.

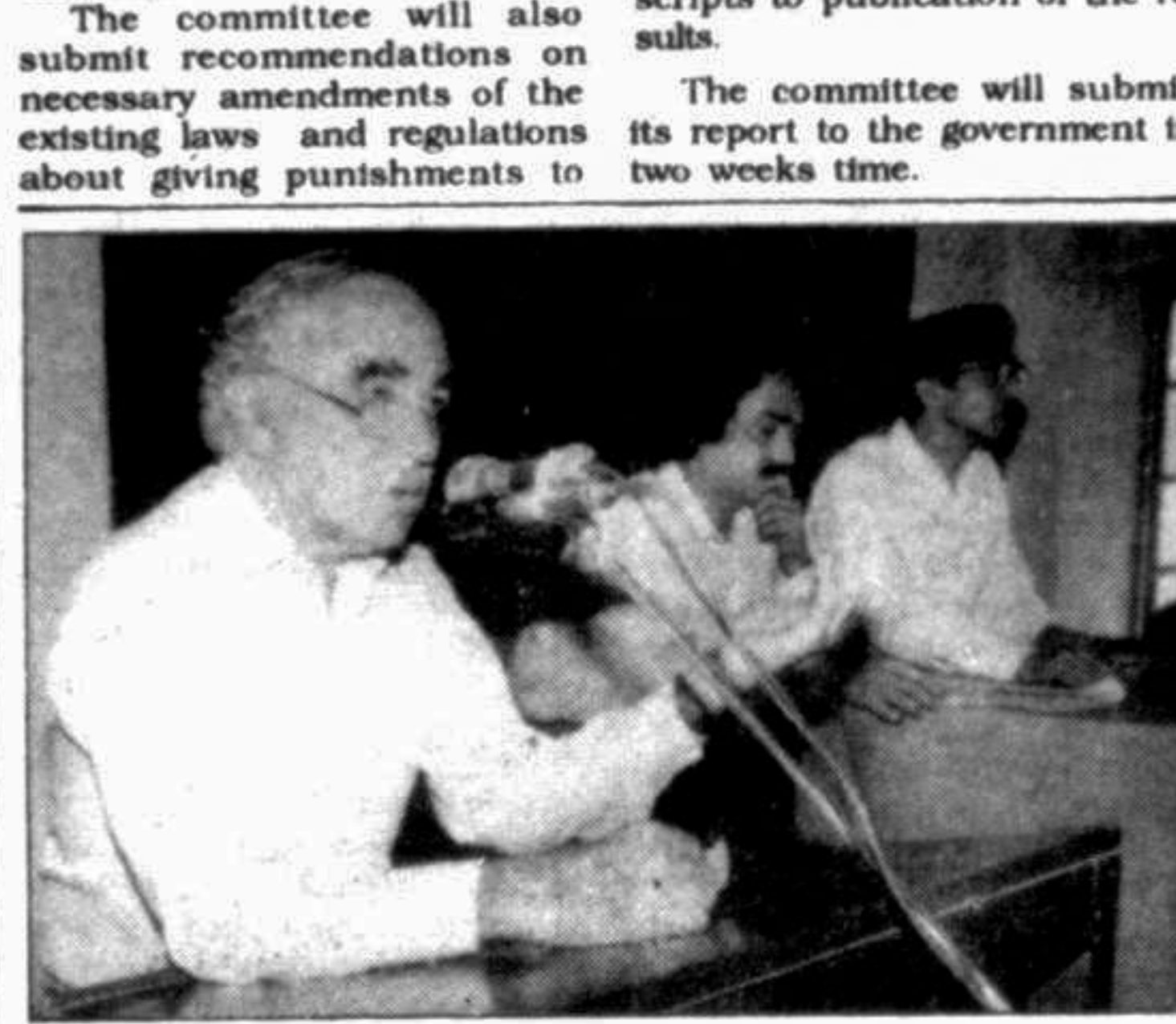
The committee will also place recommendations on possible organisational measures for holding the examinations fairly and peacefully after

reviewing the existing system of conducting the examination. It will also give suggestions on the improvement of law and order situation in the centres and selection of examination centres to prevent outsiders from supplying copies into the examination centres.

The committee will also submit recommendations on necessary amendments of the existing laws and regulations about giving punishments to those adopting unfair means in the examinations and also to their accomplices.

The committee will put forward its recommendations to ensure secrecy and security of the different programmes from collection of examination scripts to publication of the results.

The committee will submit its report to the government in two weeks time.



Dr. E. Tugendhat, Professor of Philosophy, Freie University Berlin delivered a lecture on "Foundations of ethics" at a function held on Thursday, March 28 under the joint auspices of the Dev Centre for Philosophical Studies of Dhaka University and the German Cultural Centre, Dhaka at the Philosophy Department.

Rice import higher this year

Commerce Minister Mohammad Keramat Ali on Saturday urged the members of the business community to keep the prices of all essential commodities, including rice stable, reports BSS.

He was presiding over an inter-ministerial meeting on the supply of essential goods and the price situation.

The meeting was informed that prices of all essential articles including rice, wheat, flour, onion and salt have remained stable in the market. It was further informed that since the import of rice this year is much higher than that of last year there is no apprehension of price rise of this commodity.

The Commerce Minister told the meeting that as rice is the staple food of our people, all concerned quarters should maintain vigil to check its upward trend. Describing the business community as an important section of the society, he said honest, a patriotic and responsible business community could make immense contribution to the maintenance of peace and stability and development of the society. He sought their sincere cooperation in this respect.

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12 injured in road mishap

Twelve passengers were injured Friday Morning when two mini-buses made head-on collision at Asad Gate area in Dhaka. Fire Service sources said, reports BSS.

The injured persons were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital by the Fire Service personnel, the sources added.

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Dr. A Majeed Khan.

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About 72,000 different exhibits are now on display in 42 galleries of the National Museum.

The exhibits are classified into five departments: History and classical art, ethnography and decorative art, contemporary art and world civilization, natural history and public education informed Dr. Nizamuddin Ahmed who took charge as Director General of the Museum on February 7.

The spectacular National Museum which had started as Dhaka Museum in 1913 now has as high as 15 lakh visitors every year. The highest number of visitors was 17,92,848 in 1986.

Lord Karmichael inaugurated the Dhaka Museum on August 7, 1913 in the then Secretariat (where Dhaka Medical College is situated now). In the year 1914-15, the Dhaka Museum had 4,453 visitors.

Eminent historian Nalini Kanta Bhattasali was appointed Curator of the Dhaka Museum in July, 1914 in which post he continued till his death in 1948. Dhaka Museum was shifted to Baroduari at Nimali in July, 1915 where it stayed till it was shifted to present National Museum building at Shahbagh on November 17, 1983. Dhaka Museum was renamed National Museum when the government appointed a National Museum Commission on January 2, 1974.

There was no full time Curator of the museum till the appointment of Dr. Enamul Huq in 1965.

Among the rare collections of the museum are archaeological finds, gold and silver coins etc.

Other rare articles include the table which was used during the signing of the document of surrender by the Pakistani forces on December 16, 1971, the Quran in scroll, head in burnt clay (6th century A.D.) Buddha Lakhnath (Bronze, 8th Century A.D.) and Bengali script (stone engraving). A hand axe of the Paleolithic

Age is the oldest exhibit in the museum. The axe was found in Chhagalnaiya, Noakhali.

The national museum has been projecting the country's heritage to the people.

Besides display in its 42 galleries, the museum conducts programmes like travelling exhibition, school programmes, regular weekly film shows and special exhibitions.

Under the travelling programme, the mobile exhibitions are arranged in the remote areas of the country. In school programme, students from the schools in metropolitan areas are brought to the museum. Guides of the museum take them round the galleries

and explain the exhibits to them.

Guides also explain the exhibits to the general visitors everyday except Thursday which is a weekly holiday for the museum.

Film shows are arranged at 3 p.m. every Saturday and Monday except on the government holidays. A one-hour show of different films on natural history, art, archeology and culture of Bangladesh and other countries are shown in the one-hour show.

Special exhibitions are arranged occasionally.

The museum arranged 99 discussion meetings on the lives of different personalities in its "Swaronyo Earoniyto"

programme during October 1988 to December 1990. Different scholars discussed the life and works of 91 distinguished persons of different fields. Lives of personalities like Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani, Husain Shaheed Suhrawardy, Sher-e-Bangla A.K. Fazul Huq, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, Ustad Alauddin Khan, Lalou Shah, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Jashimuddin, Jibarananda Das and Abbas Uddin were highlighted. The programme was stopped following criticism from some quarters, the D.O. informed.

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by Enamul Huq

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The table used during the signing of the documents of surrender by the Pakistani forces on December 16, 1971.

Mustafiz, Mosharraf condoles Nafia's death

Foreign Minister A. S. M. Mustafizur Rahman has expressed his profound grief at the tragic death of Nafia Gazi, a brilliant student of Dhaka University, in a road accident in Dhaka on Friday, reports BSS.

The Foreign Minister on Saturday visited the residence of Nafia Gazi and expressed his deep condolence and sympathy to bereaved members of her family.

He also prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

Meanwhile, State Minister For Energy and Mineral Resources, Dr. Khondker Mosharraf Hossain expressed his deep shock at the sudden death of Nafia Gazi.

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BAKSAL urges BNP to go for parliamentary form of govt

By DU Correspondent

BAKSAL General Secretary Abdur Razzak called upon BNP to switch to parliamentary form of government as per the joint declaration of the three alliances.

He said the initiative should come from BNP in the first session of the fifth parliamentary as it was the majority party.

He also said if any part of the alliances create hindrance to change the form of government they would be treated as betrayers.

Mr. Razzak was addressing an Iftar party organised by the Jatiya Chhaitra League Dhaka University unit Saturday.

The Iftar party, presided over by Kazi Saifuddin Taimur, was addressed by SM Kamal Hossain, Ohiduzzaman Chan, Pankaj Nath and Rejaul Karim Hiron.

Sagir's death condoled

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Saturday expressed her deep sorrow at the death of Abdullah Al Sagir, Editor of Dainik Naya Bangla and a member of the Board of Directors of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), reports BSS.

In a message of condolence, the Prime Minister said late Abdullah Al Sagir had made great contribution towards undaunted, objective and constructive journalism as the Editor of Dainik Naya Bangla. Sagir had also played an important role as a member of the BSS Board of Directors, Begum Zia said.

Begum Khaleda Zia, in her condolence message said the country had lost an eminent journalist, patriot and a social worker in the death of Abdullah Al Sagir.

The Prime Minister expressed her deep sympathy for the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the

peace of the departed soul.

Mohammad Nurul Huda, State Minister for Information, Saturday condoled the death of Abdullah Al Sagir, the Editor of the 'Dainik Naya Bangla'. (Chittagong).

In a message of condolence the State Minister said, Abdullah Al Sagir, who was also Vice President of Bangladesh Council of Editors and Member of the Board of Management of BSS, through his dedication and perseverance had earned a great repute in the profession of journalism. Sagir's contributions to newspaper industry will be remembered for long, he said.

Ctg Press Club

A Chittagong report adds: Journalists expressed condolence at the death of Dainik Naya Bangla Editor and Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha Management Board member Abdullah Al Sagir at a meeting held at the temporary premises of Chittagong Press club.

Arranged jointly by Chittagong Press Club and Chittagong Union of Journalists, the meeting was presided over by Ataul Haktin, President of the Club.

Speakers at the meeting said, the death of Sagir was an irreparable loss for the newspaper industry and working journalists of Chittagong. He was also a good friend of working journalists, many of whom were directly or indirectly benefited by him in the profession, they said adding he was also a social worker, journalist and politician.

Different bodies

Leaders of some organisations in separate statements expressed condolence at the death of Abdullah Al Sagir.

Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry, President Amir Khosur Mahmud Chowdhury, BNP leaders L K Siddiqui MP, Serajul Islam MP, Dr AFM Yusuf, Advocate Badrul Anwar, Ekramul Karim, AM Nazimuddin, Chattagram Mohanagar Unnayan Parishad Chairman, Shah Nurul Alam, Liberty Forum Chittagong Convener, KMA Rauf, Movement for Press Freedom, leaders Moinuddin Quader Shikwat and Secretary General Helal Humayun were among those who expressed condolence.

Ashraf Siddiqui

Dr Ashraf Siddiqui, Chairman of BSS Board of Directors, condoled the death of Sagir and a member of BSS Board of Directors.

Abdullah-al Noman

State Minister for Forest,



Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Rab) brought out a procession Saturday demanding formation of a 500-seat parliament and release of party leader A. S. M. Rab. —Star photo

Rafiq elected President of Dhaka Bar

By Staff Correspondent

Dr. Rafiqur Rahman, a senior advocate, has been elected President of the Supreme Court Bar Association. He defeated his nearest rival Advocate Shamsul Huq Choudhury with a margin of only nine votes. Choudhury was the President of Supreme Court Bar for six years. He is now the Convenor of the Coordination Council of the Lawyers. Dr. Rafiqur Rahman was backed by Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). Mesbahuddin Ahmed has been elected General Secretary.

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Water-level in Kaptai lake falls alarmingly

CHITTAGONG, Mar 30: Ranganmati hill district town of 40,000 people has been facing acute water crisis for a fortnight on account of fall of water level in the 560 sq km lake. Ranganmati Fire Service sources said, reports BSS.

Fire service personnel are maintaining emergency water supply to hospitals, mosques and residential areas in small quantity. Officials of Public Health

Engineering in charge of water supply in the town said their pumps were not working properly because of fall of water level of the lake which was at present 27 meters above sea level.

Generally the water level remains at around 30 meters above sea level in March-April period while in monsoon the level goes upto 36 meters above sea level at the lake, concerned sources said.

Mustafizur Rahman has also been felicitated by the Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Foreign Ministry of Egypt, Foreign Ministers of Sweden, Greece and Malaysia.

Reception in honour of Dubey

By Staff Correspondent

Indian High Commissioner K. Srinivasan held a reception in honour of Muchkund Dubey, Indian Foreign Secretary and special envoy of Prime Minister Chandraraj Shekhar at his Gulshan residence on Saturday evening. Muchkund Dubey was also Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh earlier.

The reception was attended by Begum Sajeda Choudhury, Tofael Ahmed, and Mohammed Nasim of Awami League, Mohiuddin Ahmed and Abdur Razzak of BAKSAL, Lt. General (ret) Mir Shaukat Ali, Col.(ret) Akbar Hussain and Brigadier (ret) Hannan Shah of BNP, Maulana Mattur Rahman Nizam of Jamaat-e-Islami, Sunrunjit Sen Gupta, high government officials and elite of the city.

Mustafiz felicitated

By Staff Correspondent

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of United Kingdom Douglas Hurd has congratulated A.S.M. Mustafizur Rahman in his becoming the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh.

In a message Hurd expressed the hope that relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries would grow stronger in coming days.

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