

# 'Each house to be turned into an industrial unit'

**Industries Minister** Shamsul Islam Khan Wednesday said, Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) could play a leading role in rapid industrialisation of the country, reports BSS.

Addressing as chief guest at the installation ceremony of the office bearers of BSCIC Officers' Association, the minister said to attain a self-reliant national economy each and every dwelling houses of the country would have to be turned into an industrial unit. BSCIC could contribute a lot to attain this objective, he added.

Held at the Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) auditorium, the function was also addressed, among others, by Industries Secretary Shaiful Alam, BSCIC Chairman Moniruzzaman Chowdhury, newly elected president of the samity Abu Jafar, secretary general A K M Mustafizur Rahman and the out-going president Rezaul Haq.

Reminding the prime responsibilities of the BSCIC officials, the minister said, "I want one export oriented new industry from each of the 1200 officers of the Corporation in each year."

The minister said the basic objective of the Corporation could not be achieved unless the overall activities of the organisation could be expanded to the far-flung areas of the country instead of being confined its endeavour to certain

urban areas. The minister said the country could not be industrialised through mere setting up of industrial estates.

Referring to the prevailing conditions of the BSCIC industrial estates the minister said, "It is totally frustrating that at least 40 per cent of the industrial units of the BSCIC estates

## M K Anwar leaves for DPRK to attend G-77 meet

Commerce Minister MK Anwar leaves for North Korea today to attend the 7th Asian Ministerial meeting of Group-77.

He will lead a four-member Bangladesh delegation at the three-day conference beginning in the North Korean capital Pyongyang on September 10.

The delegation includes Commerce Secretary Nasimuddin Ahmed.

Talking to UNB at his office Wednesday, the Commerce Minister said, "Bangladesh hopes to play an active role in the conference in determining measures to safeguard the interest of the developing countries in the world market."

The conference, intended to review the state of international economic relations affecting Asian countries, will prepare agenda for the next UNCTAD meeting, he informed.

UNCTAD-8 meeting will be held in Columbia in February next year.

The Pyongyang conference will seek market access for goods produced in developing countries.

It will also formulate ways and means for solving the "debt problems" through establishing a new international economic order.

Dhaka hosted the 6th Asian Ministerial meeting of the Group-77 during the late 80s.

have turned into sick ones." It would be useless to set up new estates. Unless the full utilization of the existing units could be ensured, he added.

Shaiful Alam said, the BSCIC could play a commendable role in alleviating poverty, creating job opportunities and achieving economic emancipation for the common people particularly the rural masses.

He said due emphasis was given in the new industrial policy for expansion of the activities of the Corporation as the present government considers that the huge unemployment problems of the country could not be solved by setting up only heavy and urban-oriented industries.

Alam said, the BSCIC would be given similar facilities and opportunities as were being given to export-oriented and export processing zone industries.

The newly elected office bearers demanded, among others, upgradation of BSCIC into an "A" grade Corporation considering the importance of the organisation in generating economic activities for the nation.

The function was rounded off by a cultural function participated by the renowned artists of the city.

## Children's rights to be ensured

State Minister for Youth and sports Sadek Hossain Khoka said in Dhaka Wednesday that all rights of the children will have to be ensured so that their fine sensibilities bloomed, reports BSS.

"Children should be reared with proper care so that they could develop a sense of understanding," Khoka said this while addressing a discussion meeting as the chief guest on the occasion of founding anniversary of the UN convention of the child rights at Bangladesh Shishu Academy.

Jointly organised by Zia Shishu Kishore Sangathan and Bangladesh Shishu Academy, the discussion meeting was chaired by Convener of the Sangathan, Sirajul Islam Selim.

It was addressed by UNICEF Representative in Bangladesh Cole P Dodge, Chairman and Director, respectively of the Academy, Dr Anwara Mansur and Golam Kibria, Advisor of the Sangathan Dr Shaida Rafiq and Headmaster of Ideal High School and College Mohammad Fayzur Rahman.

The State Minister said with their growth children should earn experience and develop maturity with the passage of time.

"But the real condition of the bulk of the children, in fact, was different," he said adding that millions of children were deprived of food, cloth, medicare, education and housing.

Khoka said Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman took the initiative to establish the Shishu Academy. He said present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will put their best efforts to revamp the academy's activities to the rural areas.

## Biman sets Tk 781cr revenue target

Bangladesh Biman has taken up an ambitious programme to earn a cumulative total revenue of Taka 781 crore during the current fiscal for offsetting the loss incurred due to Gulf war, reports UNB.

This was decided at the 11th System Marketing Conference of Biman at Biman Bhavan with State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan attending as chief guest.

Managing Director Mufazzel Karim and Marketing and Sales Director Kamal Sayeed also spoke on the occasion, a press release said.

Abdul Mannan urged the marketing managers to be more aggressive in their sales drive.

## Call to announce CU BA (Pass) exams results

CHITTAGONG, Sept 4: Chittagong University B A (Pass) Candidates Action Committee President Abul Bashar yesterday called upon the university authority to announce the results of B A (Pass) examinations of 1990 held in February 1991, reports BSS.

In a statement, he said that the candidates were passing their days in uncertainty and that those who would go for further studies were obstructed because of unusual delay in announcing the results. The students are also losing valuable time, he added.

## Shafiul Azam indisposed

Former minister, advisor and secretary Shaiful Azam has been admitted to a private clinic in Dhanmondi Wednesday, reports UNB.

He is reported to be suffering from various old age ailments and undergoing treatment by Professor Amanullah of Bashundhara clinic.

A private medical board comprising National Professor Nurul Islam has been constituted for his treatment.



Sri Lankan economic delegation called on Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman at latter's office Wednesday.

## Plea to cast 'Yes' vote in referendum

Different political parties have called upon the people to cast "Yes" vote in the coming referendum on September 15, for establishing democracy on a sound footing, reports BSS.

They said "Yes" vote would establish an accountable parliamentary system of democracy in the country.

An emergency meeting of the standing committee of Bangladesh Muslim League held in the city Tuesday unanimously adopted a resolution urging the people to cast "Yes" vote in the coming referendum for establishing accountable parliamentary democracy in the country.

Presided over by president of the party Kazi Abdul Kader, the meeting was addressed, among others, by its vice-president A N M Yusuf, secretary general M A Matin, additional secretary general Faiz Box Kaderi and joint secretary A F M Harunur Rashid.

General secretary of Bangladesh Samyabadi Dal (ML) Dilip Barua called upon the people to vote "Yes" in the coming referendum for establishing accountability at all levels of national life.

In a statement, Barua said with the adoption of the 12th Constitution Amendment Bill the base for 'accountable gov-

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Highlighting the salient features of both the presidential and parliamentary forms of government, Justice Rouf said it is upto the voters, who will decide in the coming referendum as to which form of government would be acceptable to them.

## Procurement price of paddy enhanced

The government has re-fixed the procurement price of Aman paddy at Taka 656 per quintal and Taka 245 per mound from the existing procurement price of Taka 590 per quintal and Taka 220 per mound for the coming procurement season in conformity with the market price, according to an official announcement, reports BSS.

The government took the decision for providing fair prices to the farmers of their products.

The government hoped that with the enhancement of the procurement price, the farmers would be motivated to grow more food for achieving self-sufficiency in foodgrains.

The government further hoped that the growers and the farmers would make the procurement programme a success through selling their Aman paddy at the government procurement centres.

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Dilapidated Tajmahal Road in Mohammadpur is causing inconvenience to traffic and pedestrians movement. — Star photo

## Only 1.2 pc cross secondary level of education: Badruddoza

Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury Wednesday called upon the members of Ansar and VDP to help eradicate the curse of illiteracy from the country through mass education programme, reports BSS.

Addressing as the chief guest a get-together of the contributors and readers of the "Pratirodh", the monthly mouth piece of the Ansar and VDP, the Minister said if the Ansar and VDP personnel with an enhanced manpower up to 45 lakh people undertook the programme, the literacy rate of the country could rise to 90 per cent.

Painting a bleak picture of the education level of the country, Prof Chowdhury said only 5.6 per cent of the 10.8 crore population had crossed

the primary level of education while only 1.2 per cent passed the secondary level.

The get-together ceremony, presided over by the Director General of the Ansar and VDP and Chairman of the Advisory Council of the monthly Major General Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman, was also addressed by Principal Dewan Muhammad

## Reopening of jute purchasing centre demanded

Jatiya Sangsad member from Tarail-Karimganj Dr Mizanul Haq Wednesday demanded of the government to reopen the jute purchasing centre at Tarail under Kishoreganj district, report BSS.

In a statement, Dr Haq said the centre was closed down by a section of corrupt officials. He said the people of Tarail brought out a procession on August 14 to protest against the closure and submitted a memorandum to upazila chairman in this regard. The people of Tarail also observed holiday hartal on August 21 protesting against the closure of the centre, he added.

Dr Haq also demanded of the government to reopen jute purchasing centres close down all over the country by the Bangladesh Jute Corporation considering the interest of jute growers.

Azrof, Dr Ashraf Siddiqui, Manzur-ul-Karim, Dr Kazi Deen Mohammad, Prof Abul Kashem Fazlul Huq, Zahurul Huq, Dr Nizamuddin Ahmed, Abul Khayer Muslehuddin, Hazera Nazrul and Ali Imam.

Prof Chowdhury said Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman had taken the initiative to use the rest work force of Ansar and VDP in different nation building activities. Late President Zia had engaged them in "Green Revolution" and canal digging programme to make the country self-sufficient in food, he said.

The Education and Cultural Affairs Minister called upon the authorities of Ansar and VDP to provide their members with necessary education so that leadership quality could be created in them.

## Housewife electrocuted

One young housewife of Aganagar in Keraniganj upazila was electrocuted Wednesday when she was trying to connect a plug to switch on a fan, reports UNB.

Shahana Begum (27), wife of Jinnat Hossain, was rushed to the Mitford hospital where doctors declared her dead.

A case was filed with Kotwali police station and the body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

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## Bangabandhu Parisad

Bangabandhu Parisad on Wednesday called upon the people to vote for 'Yes' in the referendum for establishing a true democratic system in the country.

Chairman of the Parisad Begum Sufia Kamal and General Secretary Dr SA Malek in a statement said that to save the fruits of long anti-autocracy movement, people should come forward.

They said that every citizen should come to the polling centre to ensure sealing the routes of autocrats and aides by this referendum.

## Jamaat

Acting Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Abbas Ali Khan and Secretary General Matfur Rahman Nizami left Dhaka for Rangpur on Wednesday to organise election campaigning and to mobilise people for the referendum.

Other leaders Muhammad Mujahid, Mujibur Rahman and Jossain al Mamun accompanied them.

## Workers Party

Bangladesh Workers Party on Wednesday said that neither BNP nor Awami League can establish the country on sovereign base reviving its economy.

In a resolution adopted at the central committee meeting of the party with party President Comrade Abul Bashar in the chair it also said that ruling party deviated from the goal of three alliances after the mass upsurge.

This government did not fulfil any demands of the upheaval.

As an opposition party the role of Awami League is not basically different from the ruling one. Democracy is not safe in the hand of either of the parties, it added.

The party called the working classes to come forward to find out an alternative leadership.

It condemned the attack in Hafiz Jute Mills by BNP workers and measures to raise of fertilizer price to please the World Bank.

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## What's on today . . .

**Tax lawyers' meet**  
Chairman of the National Board of Revenue Nurul Hossain Khan will address tax lawyers today (Thursday). Bangladesh Tax Bar Association sources said the meeting would be held at the Supreme Court Bar auditorium at 10 am.

**Union members confce**  
The National Representatives Conference of Bangladesh Union Members Organisation will be held at Dhaka District Sports Association auditorium at 10 am today (Thursday).

**'Proma' cultural function**  
Cultural organisation 'Proma' will arrange a programme on popular songs of old days at the Guide House auditorium at Baily Road at 7 pm today (Thursday).  
Noted singers will render popular songs of old days at the programme.

**Seminar on quality control**  
Bangladesh Corrugated Carton Manufacturers Association will hold a seminar on 'quality control and development of corrugated carton boxes' today (Thursday) at Hotel Purbani on September 5 at 3.30 pm. State Minister for Textile Abdul Mannan will be the chief guest at the seminar.

**Seminar on environment**  
A two-day seminar on 'Safety in chemical industries and environmental protection' will be held under the joint sponsorship of the Institute of Chemists and Chemical Technologists and the German Cultural Centre, Goethe-Institute, from today (Thursday).  
The seminar will be inaugurated at the German Cultural Centre by Nefaur Rahman, Chairman, Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation. The key note lecture will be delivered by Prof Dr P Compes of University of Wuppertal, Germany.

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**Seminar on women**  
The Bangladesh Geographical Society and the Department of Geography, University of Dhaka will organise an International Seminar on 'women and environment' scheduled to be held on September 6-8 at 9.30 am at the Institution of Engineers.

**Bangla Academy**  
Bangla Academy has arranged a discussion meeting on the occasion of the death anniversary of Ostad Alaaddin Khan tomorrow (Friday) at 5-00 pm at its seminar room.

## Appointments under ML orders challenged

A Division Bench of the High Court Division on August 29 issued rule upon the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and others to show cause within four weeks as to why the impugned amendment namely, the Constitution (7th Amendment) Act, 1986 (Act of 1986) validating martial law orders and notification dated January 25, 1986 should not be declared to have been made without lawful authority, reports BSS.

Directorate of Ansars and VDP, Khilgaon; Khalilur Rahman, Deputy Director, Ansar and VDP, Directorate of Ansars and BDP, Khilgaon; ATM Mozammel Hoque, Deputy Director, Ansars and VDP, Ansar Academy, Shaipur; Abul Bashar Azad, District Adjutant of Ansars and VDP, Barisal, and MA Quddus, District Adjutant of Ansars and VDP, Kishoreganj, filed the writ petition challenging the validity of the Constitution (Seventh Amendment) Act 1986 (Act of 1986) and Notification No 1/1/85/AVW-1/30 dated January 25, 1986 and 05.08-85-AVW-169 dated April 26, 1987.

The court comprised Justice Fazle Hussain Mohammad Habibur Rahman and Justice KM Hasan.

ATM Mohiuddin Ahmed, Deputy Director, Ansar and VDP, Ansar Academy, Shaipur; M Anwar Uddin, Deputy Director, Ansar and VDP, . . .

The case in brief that in pursuance of the Martial Law Order No 103 of 1985, the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs by its Notification No-1/1/85-AVW-1/30 dated January 25, 1986 and No 05/08-85-AVW-1/169 dated April 26, 1986 have been purporting to have absorbed Maj (Retd) Abdur Razaque and Lt Col (Retd) Md Harunur Rashid in the post of Directors and Captain (Retd) Md Muslim Ali Havelar in the post of Deputy Director and some others in different posts of the Ansar and VDP Department.

## Obituary

Mohammad Solaiman Ali, General Secretary of Retired Government Employees Association and Secretary of Diabetic Association, died of old age complications at his Dhanmondi residence in city Wednesday. He was 70, reports BSS.

The namaz-e-Janaza of Ali will be held at Baitul Mokarram mosque today (Thursday) after Asr prayer.

He will be buried at Banani graveyard.

His Qul Khwai will be held on September 7 at Masjid-e-Taqua at Dhanmondi after Asr prayer while ladies will attend the Qul at his residence at Dhanmondi, Road No 32 old, at the same time.

Mrs Mubarakunnessa, mother of the Principal Finance Secretary, Khorshed Alam, died of old age complications in Dhaka on Wednesday. She was 85. She left behind five sons and two daughters. She will be buried at Banani graveyard today.

The said appointments were not in accordance with law and were violative of BCS Service Rule, Defence Personnel Service Rules and MLO orders and it is also violative of the petitioners fundamental rights as granted under the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the petitioners said.

Mir Mokhlesur Rahman, Advocate, moved the petition on behalf of the petitioners, he was assisted by Mohammad Selimullah, Advocate and Mahmudul Alam Bhutyan, Advocate.

**Land for Sale**  
Plan passed by RAJUK, high and good 8 decimal on main road side at Ahmad Nagar, Paikpara, Mirpur. Contact Office : 281381. Res : 607132. S-47

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Fisheries Department, Matsya Bhaban, Park Avenue, Ramna, Dhaka  
Memo No. P. 1/332-89/1272 Dated: 2-9-91  
17-5-98BS

**Corrigendum to Tender Notice**  
The tender invited for civil works of Santhia Fish Farm at Santhia Upazila in Pabna District vide Fisheries Department Notice No. P.1/332-89/1145 dated 21-8-91 (5-5-98BS) will, under unavoidable circumstance, be received up to 12-00 hours on 16-9-91 instead of 15-9-91. Other terms and conditions described in the tender notice will remain unchanged.  
Director Fisheries Department, Bangladesh Dhaka  
DFFP(G)-9990-2/9 G-489

**Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research**  
Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205  
**Re-Tender Notice**  
Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide transport owners by 12-00 hours 10-9-91 for hiring a minimum 32 (thirty-two) seater minibus to carry BCSIR (Science Laboratory) officers/employees from their respective residences to the office at Mirpur Road and vice versa on daily basis. Tender schedule and terms and conditions can be collected from the secretariat of the council during office hours up to 9-9-91.  
DFFP(G)-9974-2/9 G-488 BCSIR Dhaka

**Notice Inviting Tenders**  
Sealed tenders in Bangladesh form No. 2911 are hereby invited from special Class-I, Class-II/III approved Bldg. Contractors/ Firms of PWD and PWD Zone, Khulna respectively for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned and the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Barisal /Patuakhali /Madaripur/Shariatpur/Gopalganj/Perojpur/Jhalakati/Borguna in their respective offices up to 12-00 Noon of 15-9-91 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 P.M.  
Name of work : Constn. of T.H.C at Monpara S. H. : Construction of Hospital Bldg. (1) Group No. I Front Block (2) Group No. II Middle block and Back block.  
The estimated cost Tk. 28,95,745/- and Tk. 22,55,072/- and earnest money Tk. 57,915/- and Tk. 45,101/- respectively. Time completion of each group is 120 days.  
The tender schedule can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and all other office of the Executive Engineer under Barisal PWD Circle, Barisal up to 14-9-91 on payment of usual charges during office hours.  
Engr. M. A. Joarder Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Division, Bhola.  
DFFP (G) 9906-29/8 G - 482