

# 'Complete history of Liberation War needed for posterity'

A seminar on 'The Liberation War of Bangladesh: Different perspectives' was held in Dhaka Friday with a call to accurate the history of the war, reports BSS.

The speakers stressed the need for complete, objective and unprejudiced writing of the history of the Liberation War for educating the posterity.

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar attended the seminar as the chief guest. Deputy Leader of the House in Parliament Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury was present as the special guest.

Held at the National Museum auditorium, the seminar was organised by

Bangladesh Itihaas Samity. Prof Abdul Momin Chowdhury, President of the organisation, delivered the address of welcome in the inaugural session while General Secretary of the samity Prof M D Delwar Hossain gave the vote of thanks.

The Education Minister said the present government was determined to uphold the spirit of the Liberation War in the national life. He stressed the need for national consensus for materialising the objectives of the war.

He said it was Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman who first took the initiative for compiling the documents of the Liberation War.

Sircar urged the intellectuals to play their due role in giving correct guideline to the nation.

Prof B Chowdhury said the role of the masses in the Liberation War should be highlighted in the history. "If the role and contribution of the leaders were only written in the history that would be a partial picture", he said.

Prof Chowdhury regretted that no correct and complete history on the liberation war had been written so far.

The inaugural session was followed by academic session where papers on different perspectives of the Liberation War were presented.



Islami Chhatra Majlish brought out a procession in the city on Friday in protest against the brutality of Indian troops in Kashmir. —Star photo

# HERE and THERE

### Addhoyan child gathering

A children gathering was held at Jatiya Grantha Kendra auditorium on Friday on the occasion of World Children's Day.

The Deputy Leader of the Parliament, Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury was present at the gathering and replied to different questions of the children. It was also addressed by Fazle Rabbi and Ali Inam.

### Farmers' meeting

The Secretary General of Bangladesh Farmers' Welfare Society, Prof Abul Mokarram M Moslem said agricultural sector has been neglected even after the establishment of a democratic government.

He was speaking at a farmers' conference at Mymensingh. The conference was also addressed by Prof Jashim Uddin, Prof A Rahman and others.

They demanded immediate announcement of agricultural policy and jute policy.

### Society for Professionals

A meeting on 'the works of the professionals under parliamentary form of government' organised by the Society for Professionals on Friday said the democratisation of the society and the nation can not be done within the framework of colonial rules.

The meeting said democracy can not be institutionalised by keeping the professionals outside the activities of directing the nation.

The meeting was presided over by M A Sattar and addressed by Rashid Ahmed, Dr Subash Das Gupta and others.

### Mahalaya of goddess Durga Oct 7

Mahalaya, Agamani Barta of goddess Durga, will be celebrated for the first time in the country on October 7 at 6 am at the Dhakeswari Mandir premises in Dhaka, reports BSS.

Mahalaya marks the beginning of the fortnight programme of Durga Puja. Generally Durga Puja is celebrated for five days from the sixth day to the tenth day of the fortnight.

Durga Puja, the greatest religious festival of the Hindu community, will be held from October 13 to 18.

The programmes of Mahalaya, organised by Mahanagar Sarbanjanin Puja Committee, include recitation from the 'holy Chandri book' followed by devotional songs.

All members of the Hindu community have been requested to attend the Mahalaya.

# AL keen to hold dialogue with Govt Plea to defer Presidential poll

Opposition Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim Friday urged the ruling party to put up a neutral and non-partisan personality, respected by all, as candidate for the presidency in consultation with the Opposition, reports UNB.

Addressing a public meeting at a High School ground at Kapasia in Gajipur he said nobody expects a united nation to be divided on the question of the President's election.

"We are ready to discuss the matter with the government with an open mind," said Nasim, also Publicity Secretary

of the Awami League.

He said if necessary, the presidential election scheduled for October 8 might be deferred to facilitate the ruling party and the Opposition to nominate a candidate of national consensus.

Nasim criticised the President Election Act, 1991, which provides for 'open' ballot in electing the President. "It can never be desirable that election to the country's top constitutional post is held under the open ballot system."

The Awami League leader said the government, bowing to public protest, had already repealed the President Election Ordinance. This, he argued, in fact also exposed the undemocratic logic be-

hind the open voting as envisaged in the president election law.

Nasim mentioned that Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina had already offered her cooperation to the government for the sake of democratic rule "by giving up her party interest." The BNP should also reciprocate the gesture with open mind for greater interest of the people, he said.

Presided over by Kapasia Thana Awami League President Hazrat Ali Masdar, the meeting was addressed by party president member Syeda Zohra Tajuddin, Rahmat Ali, MP, AKM Mozammel Huq and Ansar Uddin.

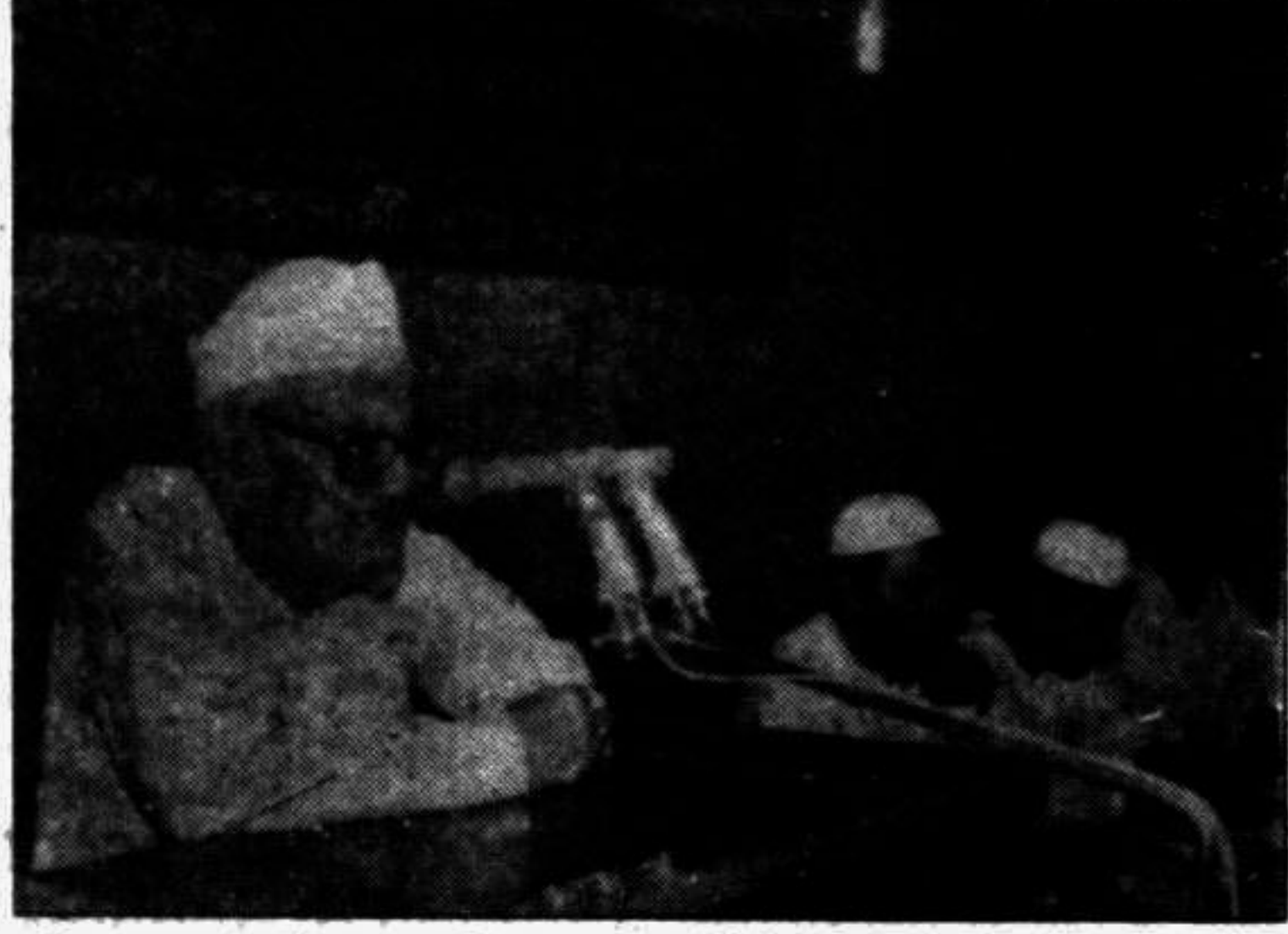
# Truck, bus collide in city: 18 injured

DMCH Correspondent

At least 18 persons were injured in a head on collision between a minibus and a truck in city on Friday.

The passenger loaded minibus was badly damaged in front of the Shishu Park its way to Gulistan from Mohammadpur by a speeding truck which was coming from opposite direction at 3:30 pm.

The injured persons were brought to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Of them eight were admitted. They are Masud (16), Swapan (10), Selim (10), Osman (35), Nuru (30), Setara Begum (40) and Choudhury (32). Rest of the injured persons were released after giving first aid. A case was registered with Ramna police in this connection.



Principal Dewan Mohammad Azraf addressing the seminar organised by Islami Chhatra Majlish in the city on Friday. —Star photo

# 'Northern dists to get priority for development'

Law and Justice Minister Mirza Goolam Haifz Friday said the government is mobilising resources to mitigate the sufferings of the people affected by natural calamities, reports UNB.

Addressing two separate meetings at Atary and Mirzapur in Panchagarh, the Law Minister said the present democratic government is making all out efforts to recoup the country's shattered economy it had inherited from the autocratic regime.

The government attached priority to the development of remote and under-privileged areas like the northern districts, he said.

The minister also directed local administration to employ their best efforts to recover the loss and damages caused by the natural disasters.

# Collection of folk literature urged

Speakers at a discussion on musical folk drama held at Shilpakala Academy auditorium in Dhaka Friday underscored the need for collection and preservation of folk literature in appropriate manner, reports BSS.

Termining the folk literature as true reflection of the national heritage and culture, they stressed on upholding the folk culture at home and abroad and its proper research.

The function was organised by the Anandadhara, a cultural organization.

The former Vice-Chancellor of Rajshahi University and renowned researcher on folk literature, Dr Mazharul Islam spoke on the occasion as the chief guest.

The function was presided over by Fakir Ashraf and addressed, among others, by Bani Ashraf, MP, Kazi Mohammad Nasim, the Director and Mrs Nazmun Nahar, Vice President of the Anandadhara.

Later, a musical folk drama written on the basis of Mymensingh Gitika, Mohua Sundari, was staged. The drama was staged in aid of the destitute artists.

# Rahim, Selim get Shilpakala Academy award

By Staff Correspondent

Azizur Rahim, Staff Photographer of the Daily Ittefaq and Selim Newaz Bhuiyan of Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence received Shilpakala Academy Award in the fifth national photo competition, organised by the Bangladesh Photographic Society, in collaboration of the Shilpakala Academy.

Azizur Rahim received the award for a portfolio of four black and white photographs entitled 'Jharh' (Storm) while Selim Newaz Bhuiyan for a portfolio of four colour photographs under the style 'Tomar janya he swadhinata' (for you-o- independence).

Besides, seven photographers from the colour photography group and five from black and white group were awarded 'certificate of merit' in the contest held on September 20, 1991.

The certificate of merit recipients from the colour photography group are: Hassan Saifuddin Chandi (IFPA), Dr Rashid-un-Nabi (IFPA), Khalid Mahmud Mithu, Syed Rafiq-bi-Arshad and Tanweer.

Those from the black and white photography group are: Khalid Mahmud Mithu, Dr Rashid-un-Nabi, Ibrahim Iqbal, Chanchal Mahmud, Nawab, Tozazzul Hossain and Abdul Malik Babul.

The judges in the contest were: M A Beg, Anwar Hossain, Towhid-un-Nabi and Hashem Khan.

# ML hails repeal of Ordinance

Muslim League Friday hailed the repeal of Presidential Election Amendment Ordinance, reports BSS.

Former Parliamentary Leader of Muslim League Muhammad Ayen Uddin and former Secretary of Muslim League M A Salam in a joint statement said the decision of repealing of Ordinance was the demonstration of political wisdom of the government.

Hindu Oikya Front Chairman Manindranath Sarkar said in a separate statement repealing of the Ordinance would end all the speculations.

Nezam-e-Islam

Nezam-e-Islam Party Friday congratulated Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia for repealing of the Presidential Election Ordinance.

In a resolution, the party said the decision to repeal the ordinance in question conformed to the pledge of the Prime Minister to ensure democratic process, preserve the fundamental rights of the people and give democracy an institutional shape.

The resolution was taken at the weekly meeting of the party held with M Waliullah, Acting President of the party, in the chair.

The meeting expressed its concern over the price spiral of essentials and called for immediate measures to bring down their prices at a reasonable level.

# One killed in road mishap

A young man was killed in a road accident in the city Friday, hospital sources said, reports UNB.

A cloth trader, Shawpan (30) fell down from a bus near Munnunagar textile mills and succumbed to his injuries at Dhaka Medical College hospital.

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# AL welcomes US N-arms cut plan

Abdus Samad Azad and Amir Hussain Amu, Acting President and Acting General Secretary respectively of Awami League Friday welcomed the US decision for reducing nuclear weapons and the favourable response of the Soviet Union in this respect, reports BSS.

In a joint statement they congratulated the US President on behalf of the people of Bangladesh for this decision and expressed the hope that the huge money to be saved out of the reduction of nuclear arms would be spent for the alleviation of poverty, spread of education and development of different infrastructures in the Third World.

They further said the unilateral US decision to destroy sizeable quantity of strategic

nuclear weapons from Europe and South Korea had fulfilled the long expectations of the people of these regions and the world at large. Awami League and the people of Bangladesh were always in favour of nuclear disarmament and banning them, they added.

The Awami League leaders also called upon other countries possessing nuclear weapons to follow this example for turning the world into a nuclear free planet and making it inhabitable by the children of tomorrow.

They hoped that all concerned parties of South East Asia would come forward to build cordial relations with each other by overcoming the existing regional conflicts and contradictions.

# TV producer dead

Alimuzzaman, an Executive Programme Producer of Bangladesh Television, died of heart attack at Suhrawardy Hospital in Dhaka Friday afternoon, reports BSS.

He was 45.

The Namaz-e-Janaza of the deceased will be held at 10.30 am today (Saturday) at TV Bhaban premises.

Information Minister Nazmul Huda Friday night expressed his deep sense of sorrow at the sudden demise of Alimuzzaman.

In a message of condolence, the Information Minister recalled the genius and creative contribution of Alimuzzaman in various fields of BTV programme.

The minister expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.



# Kendall in city

INTERPOL Secretary General R E Kendall arrived in Dhaka Thursday on a four-day official visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

He was received at the Zia International Airport by the Additional Inspector General of Police (CID) and INTERPOL Executive Committee member M Enamul Huq and other senior police officials.

During his stay in Dhaka, the INTERPOL chief will exchange views with senior police and other government officials on matters of mutual interest, particularly those relating to crime control and law enforcement.

INTERPOL plays an important role in furthering international cooperation for law enforcement.

Kendall will leave Dhaka on October 6.

# Krishak Dal thana bodies by Nov 10

Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan Friday said present government would work tirelessly for changing the lot of the farmers, reports BSS.

He said present democratic government led by Begum Khaleda Zia was aware of the various problems of the farmers.

Mannan Bhuiyan who is the convener of the party was addressing a meeting of the central committee of Jatiyatabadi Krishak Dal at BNP head office premises.

Referring to the exemption of agriculture loan upto Taka five thousand with interest and land revenue of upto 25 bighas of land, the minister said BNP government was committed to fulfill pledges of mass movement and its election commitment.

The meeting decided to complete formation of Thana and District level committees by November 10 and holding central representatives conference of the Krishak Dal on November 20.

The meeting also decided to hold Krishak rally throughout the country in this connection.

Among others, the meeting was also addressed by Mia Hossain, Shamsuzzaman Duda, Majubur Rahman, Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan, Tozazzul Hossain, Shaful Hasan Tripti, Zahid Hossain Sabur and Ansar Ali.

# Army relief operation continues

Army personnel have continued their relief activities in greater Rangpur, Dinajpur, Bogra, Rajshahi and Pabna districts and maintained their assistance to the local administration in distribution of relief goods among the flood victims, an ISPR press release said in Dhaka Friday, reports BSS.

Meanwhile, army medical teams intensified their medical assistance to the people at diarrhoea-affected remote union of Nauhali in Gangachara upazila in Rangpur. Food for two days for the people of the area has been sent on behalf of the Rangpur Cantonment Ladies Club.

In Rajshahi, Chapai Nawabganj, Naogaon, Bogra, Pabna and Sirajganj, relief materials including 27,903 tonnes of rice, 8,388 tonnes of wheat, 2,049 tonnes of atta, Taka 69,400 in cash and other relief materials including saree, lungi, biscuit, tinned-biscuit, old cloth, baby garments, chira and soap were distributed.

# Art exhibition begins

A 10-day exhibition of two female artists began at La Galerie, at Banani in Dhaka Friday, reports BSS.

The US Ambassador in Bangladesh, William B Milan, inaugurated the exhibition. Kazi Abdul Baset, Director, Institute of Fine Art, was present as the guest of honour on the occasion.

Twenty seven works of Rokeya Sultana and Nasreen Begum are put on display in the gallery, the only non-profit art gallery in the city promoting art in Bangladesh.

Appreciating the skill of the artists, the US Ambassador said their works reflected natural inclination of the Bangladeshis towards art and culture.

The 16 paintings of Nasreen Begum are of mixed media and water colour while the rest 11 works of Rokeya Sultana are pencil, lithography, etching, dry point and mixed media.

This is the seventh in a series of exhibitions being held by the La Galerie at Kamal Ataturk Avenue. It will remain open from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. everyday till October 14.

Another report adds: A three-day Art exhibition of Nasima Sarwar Queen began at Hotel Sheraton in Dhaka Friday.

Deputy Leader of the House in the Jatiya Sangsad Prof. A. G. M. Badruddoza Chowdhury inaugurated the exhibition.

A total of 37 pieces of art works of Queen, a graduate of the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University, are put on display in the exhibition, which will remain open from 10 am to 7 pm.

# Toll collector arrested

By Staff Correspondent

Dhanmondi police on Friday arrested one toll collector from Kathal Bagan area.

Police said a group of toll collectors demanded Taka 300 from the guard of Kathal Bagan Officers' Hostel. Police, tipped about the incident, ambushed the place and arrested one Jahangir Hossain (23) from the spot. The accomplices of Jahangir managed to escape.

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Public Works Directorate, Dhaka

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