# The Man Who Saw the Future

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ground.

the bloody mouth will swim with blood; the

face anointed with milk and honey lies on the

In 1793, amidst the horrors and discords of

the Revolution, Louis XVI accepted the consti-

anointed with milk and honey because he was

where he finally relinquishes all claims to

many centuries. Pasteur will be celebrated al-

most as a god-like figure. This is when the

moon completes her great cycle but by other

Pasteur. His discovery that germs pollute the

atmosphere was one of the most important

rumours he shall be dishonoured.

events in medical history.

drophobia, etc.

The lost thing is discovered, hidden for

This verse contains the very name of

He was the acknowledged leader of the

greatest chemical movement of the time. He

founded the Institute of Pasteur; the cycle of

the moon ran from 1535 to 1889. The ru-

mours that dishonoured him may mean the vio-

lent opposition to his methods which was

roused among powerful members of the

French Academy against the new practices of

the Institute, such as vaccine against hy-

rivers, the greater part of the battlefield will be

against Hister. He will drag the leader in a cage

of iron, when the child of Germany observes no

given in anagram as Hister. There can be little

doubt that Hitler is implied. Hitler recognised

himself in this verse by the mid 1930s and

Goebbls made great propaganda use of this.

During the first year of the second World War,

the development of the war was to a great ex-

tent dependent upon the rivers crossed by the

Germans who came into Europe in a never-

ending stream, looting and pillaging.

Beasts wild with hunger will cross the

In this remarkable verse, the name Hitler is

actually so anointed

as part of the coro-

will soon be excha-

nged for a small

place, which soon

will begin to grow. A

small place of tiny

area in the middle of

which he will come

of Imperial Napo-

into the tiny island

of Elba. Subseque-

ntly, on Napoleon's

escape and during

the victorious 100

days, his empire

begins to grow again.

From there he is

sent to an even

smaller realm of no

account, St. Helena,

lay down his

The great Empire

was changed

The great Empire

nation service.

A French physician named Nostradamus, who was born in December, 1503, is known as one of history's mysterious psychics. His book of prophecies, compiled between mid-fiftees and mid-sixties of the 16th century, was written in a crabbed, obscure style in the form of verses to avoid being prosecuted as a magician, His fame was not confined to France alone, Editions of his prophecies appeared all over Europe within a short period.

The prophecies of Nostradamus go far beyond the medieval world in which they were conceived. In the 1550s, the French seer seemed to have foretold centuries of future history, including the French Revolution, Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo, the rise of Agolf Hitler, John F. Kennedy's Presidency

Questions have been raised whether it is possible to believe in predictions: whether a man who wrote over four hundred years ago, could possibly glimpse incidents in the future, or whether it

is inspired guesswork. A thinking man, believing in his free will is art to think that this future can be changed by thought and action. Prophecy denies this and declares that all futures are immutable and fixed, that nothing man strives towards is relevant as it is already preordained by whatever governs his future, be it God or destiny. It is felt that although mankind must have free-will, the disturbing fact is that even if ninety-five per cent of Nostradamus's prophec'es are historical

A few samples of his many prophecies which are familiar historical events are outlined below with their translations from French texts and their interpretations:

coincidences, there are a few prophecies

which are hard to reconcile with this.

When the litters are overturned by the whirlwind and faces are covered by cloaks, the new republic will be troubled by its people. At this time the reds and the whites will rule

wrongly. The French Revolution of 1789 is here described. The aristocracy were always carried in litters, and this their symbol, was overturned by the violent whirlwine of revolution. Could the line mentioning the heads covered by cloaks refer to the exties who fled from France, or possible to the heads which fell from the guillotine and were hidden from sight? It is interesting that Nostradamus should here refer to France as a republic and to one that was greatly troubled by its new rulers. White was the colur of the Bourbon Kings and red, that of the revolutionaries.

The trumpet shakes with great discord. An agreement broken: lifting the face to haven:

PM attends **JASSAS** cultural show

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia witnessed a cultural show held at the auditorium of the National Museum Friday evening, reports UNB.

The function was arranged by Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sanskritik Sanghsta (JASSAS) on the occasion of its 13th founding anniversary. Ministers, State Ministers, MPs, leaders of BNP and its front organisations were pre-

tution decreed by the National Assembly. But The show was preceded by this could not save him. When a victim is guila discussion meeting presided lotined the blood rushes out through the over by JASSAS Chairman mouth of the corpse. Louis is described as Khorshed Ali Mollah.

LGRD Minister Abdus Salam Talukder. Commerce Minister M K Anwar, Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia, Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda, Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury, State Minister for Civil Aviation M A Mannan, State Minister for Shipping Harunur Rashid, Amanullah Aman MP, Salauddin Ahmed MP and 3FUJ President Reazuddin Ahmed took part in the discussion.

JASSAS in its day long programme also laid wreaths at the mazar of Shahid President Ziaur Rahman in the morning.

Drama festival begins Monday

A month-long drama festival begins at Shilpakala Academy in the city on Monday, reports

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the National Drama Festival-1991 at the Academy auditorium at 4.30 pm.

Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy have jointly organised the festival to be held from December 30 to January 27.

## Massachusetts Senate lauds Abul Ahsan

The State Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in an official citation extended its gratulations to the Ambassador of Bangladesh to the United States, Abul Ahsan, in recognition of his efforts in strengthening relations between USA and Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The citation, signed by the President of the State Senate, was conferred on the Ambassador during his recent visit to Boston.

The Ambassador was the chief guest at the Victory Day celebrations organised by the Bangladesh Association in New England in Boston on December 21. State Senator Herald, who was the guest of honour at the function welcomed the restoration of democracy in Bangladesh and wished the people, continued progress and prosperity.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Abul Ahsan paid tribute to the martyrs of the Liberation War who made supreme sacrifices for the Liberation of Bangladesh.

The function was presided over by Dr Shahjahan Mahmud, President of the Association. Renowned artistes Fakir Alamgir and Abdul Jabber rendered patriotic songs which were the highlights of a cultural programme drawn up for the occasion.

### Maudud's mother dead

Mrs Ambia Khatun, mother of former vice-president Barrister Maudud Ahmed, dted of old age complications yesterday afternoon at her Kayettuli residence. She was

Mrs Ambia, wife of late Moulana Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed le't behind nine sons, three daughters and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

The namaz-e-janaza of Mrs Ambia Khatun will be held at 9 am today at Kayettuli Mosque and she will be buried at her village home Manikpur, Noakhali.

The gul-khwani of Mrs Ambia Khatun will be held on December 30 after Asr prayer at her Kayettuli residence

Al Quran, Programme summary

News in Bangla Tripitak 5.30 Sports World

Games Banshari 7.05 8.00

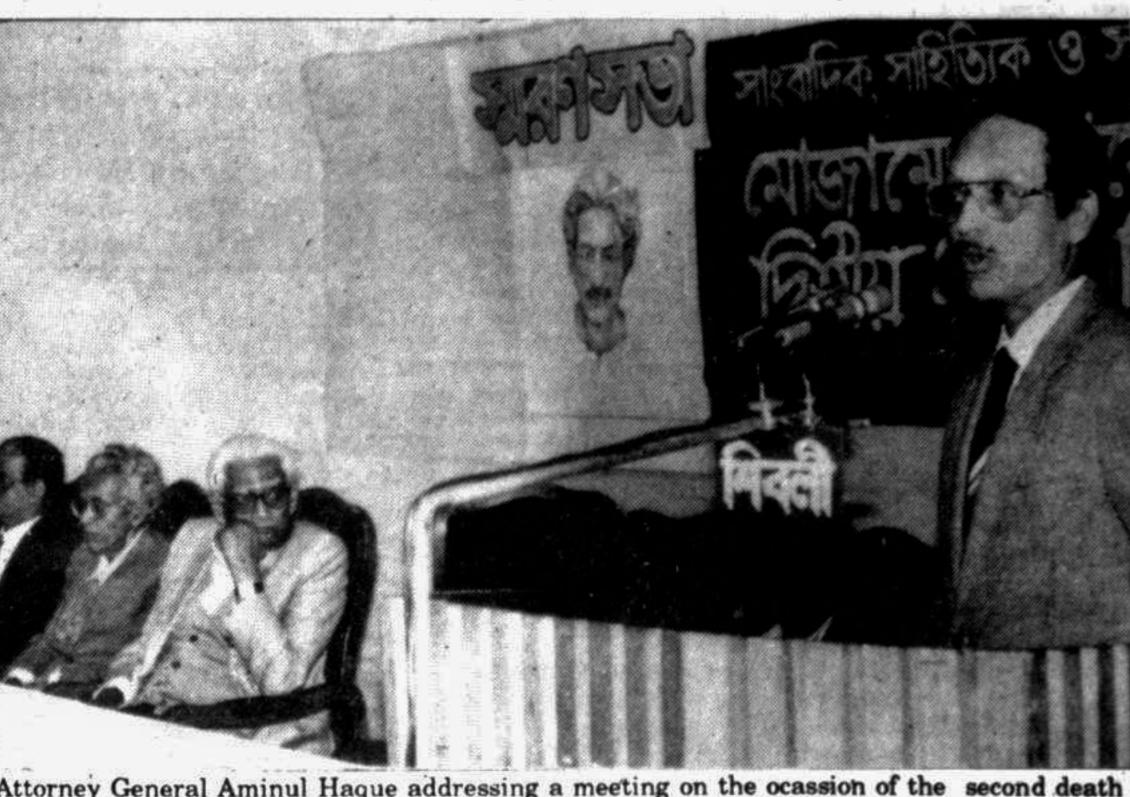
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Chandpur-Brahmanbaria Samity will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 3 pm -at the WAPDA auditorium.



Maati O Manush Highlights of 5th SAE News in Bangla

9.00 Samahar 10.00 News in English 10.30 Drama Series : Dallas 11.30 Khabar/ The news 11.40 Sunday's programme



Attorney General Aminul Haque addressing a meeting on the ocassion of the second death anniversary of journalist Mozammel Hossain Montu at the National Press Club yesterday.

## Permanent solution to tribal crisis demanded

Tribal and non-tribal lead- large scale industries. ers of Chittagong Hill Tracts on Friday in Dhaka pleaded for a permanent solution to the tribal insurgency through high level talks between Bangladesh and India, reports BSS.

At a joint press conference here on Friday morning they also demanded stern actions against the people engaged in acts of terrorism inside the country as well as proper rehabilitation of repatriated members of outlawed Shantibahini.

Bengali Krishak Sramik Kalyan Parishad of Khagrachhari, Prottagata Shantibahini Kalyan Trust and Bangladesh Human Rights Commission held the press conference at Jatiya Press

"We have been crippled socially, economically and culturally by the 18 years of atrocities perpetrated by the socalled Shantibahini and their associates .... We want a permanent solution to the problem", they said in a joint statement.

They demanded exemption of horticulture loans up to Tk 10,000 and withdrawal of certificate cases against the people of cluster villages and rationing system for tribals and non-locals till peace returns to the hill tracts region.

Referring the the unemployment problem, they called for establishment of small and cottage industries as well as sanction of soft-term loans for

The press conference was addressed by Sashi Kanti

Talukdar, President and Dr. Pratul Chandra Kisha, member of Prottagata Shantibahini Kalyan Trust, Md. Rezaul Karim Helal, President of Bangali Krishak Sramik Kalyan Parishad and Saiful Islam Dilder and Advocate SM Goswami of Bangladesh Human Rights Commission.

## Govt college teachers plan to form united organisation

Government college teachers at a meeting here yesterday formed a committee to launch a united organisation, reports UNB.

The committee has been entrusted with unifying various government college teachers' associations.

Principals of different colleges and leaders of teachers' associations attended the meeting held at the auditorium of Jagannath University College with Principal o Titumir Government College Bazlur Rahman in the chair.

Bazlur Rahman and Principal of Jagannath University College Dr Habibur Rahman were made joint convenors of Bangladesh Government College Teachers' United Coordination Committee.

## at Daulatdia Nagarbari Ghat

About 16,000 passengers ere stranded at Daulatdia and Nagarbari ghat for more than six hours early Friday as the ferry services were disrupted due to fog, reports UNB.

services in Aricha-Daulatdia and Aricha-Nagarbari routes remained suspended from am, as nothing could be sighted due to dense fog.

Paran, Shah Jalal and Amanat Shah which left Aricha ghat for Nagarbari with 84 night coaches and trucks along with 8,000 passengers were forced to anchor in the midstream of the Jamuna near Latifpur, 4 km from Nagarbari ghat. Three other ferries,

Enayetpuri, Kamini and Kakali were stranded near Nagarbari passengers on board.

Mirpur Police Monday ar-

The hijackers were arrested while trying to snatch a hand bag from Ismail flossain, a passcrby

A case has been lodged with Mirpur police in this connec-

## -Star photo Fog halts 16000

IWTC sources said ferry

The ferries Shah Ali, Shah

and Daulatdia ghats with 3,000

Besides, 5,000 passengers from 16 northern districts had to stay at Nagarbari and Daulatdia ghats until 7 am.

### Two hijackers arrested

rested two hijackers from Mirpur Bangla College area and recovered a home-made pistol and two rounds of bullet from their possession, reports BSS.

## Saraka Day observed

By Staff Correspondent Garments Sramik Karmochari Sangram Parishad held a condolence meeting and organised feeding of destitute in the city Friday in memory of 27 workers of Saraka Garments Factory of Mirpur who were killed in a devastating fire on this day last year.

Held at the National Press Club premises at 10 am, the condolence meeting was addressed by Mujibur Rahman Bhutyan, Alam Reza, Towhidur Rahman, Tanvir Siraj, Selim Reza, Mosharraf Hossain, Farida Kaniz and Abu Sayeed. Parishad presidium member Hanif Mukta was in the chair.

Later, destitute were fed 'khichuri' at the same venue. Meanwhile, Garments Workers' and Employees' Unity Council Friday observed the "Saraka Day" in which 27 garment workers were killed in a devastating fire at a garment factory in the capital last year.

The council leaders wore black badges, laid wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar and brought out a procession to mark the day. At a meeting at the Paltan

crossing, leaders of the council called for implementing factory laws and preserving labour rights at the garment factories of the country. Council Chairman Moham-

mad Khurshid Alam, Secretary General Amirul Hug Amin. Senior Vice Chairmen Md Mujibur Rahman and Md Mobarak Hossain spoke at the meeting.

Bangladesh Garment Workers' and Employees' Unity Council also arranged separate programmes to mark the day.

#### second death anniversary of Mozammel Hossain Montu former News Editor of Sangbad demanded immediate trial of the killers and compensation for his family. Montu succumbed to his in-

juries in a road accident on

Trial of killers

of Mozammel

Montu demanded

By Staff Correspondent

ganised in observance of the

Speakers at a discussion or-

December 16 in 1989. The meeting organised by the Dhaka Union of Journalist (DUJ) Sangbad unit Friday at the National Press Club was addressed by Advocate Aminul Huq, Prof. Yeazuddin Ahmed, Santosh Gupta, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Ataur Rahman, Ruhul Amin Gazi, Abed Khan, Shubha Rahman and Prof Sultan Ahmed with Ahmedul Kabir, Editor of the Sangbad in the chair.

The meeting referring to road accident that killed the journalist, stressed the need for amending the transport rule to check road accident .

It also expressed resentment for not putting the killers to trial and even after two years the incident.

Speakers proposed to form a trust for preserving the contributions of late Mozammel Hossain Monty.

#### Art exhibition of Rubel begins Jute Minister ASM Hannan

Shah Friday said that the identity of a nation was reflected in its art and literature which uphold the tradition and culture of the people of that country, reports BSS. He was speaking as the

chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of a seven-day Solo Art Exhibition of young artist Mostafizur Rahman Rubel in the Art Gallery of German Cultural Centre in Dhaka. Adviser for Students' Affairs

of BNP AK Mazibur Rahman, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Communications, Fazlul liaque and Director Shishu Academy spoke on the occa-

The minister said, the young artists of Bangladesh had already occupied a dignified place in the arena of art. He hoped that they would

be able to become great artists and bring international honour and fame for the country if they got necessary help and support. He emphasised establishing an art gallery to preserve the works of the young artists.

Later, the minister saw the works of the artist in the exhi-

#### In Memorium Dearest Taimur 28th December

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Garments Sramik Oikya Parishad brought out a procession in the city yesterday commemorating the death of its fellow 27 germents workers.

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# Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast till 6 pm of Saturday says it will remain dry all over the country.

Night temperature may fall by two to three degrees Celsius. The country is now under the grip of a moderate cold wave. Dense fog likely to occur at places 'n Rajshahi, Khulna and Dhaka divisions and in the region of Comilla and Sylhet. The lowest temperature of the day recorded at Rajshahi

was 11 degree Celstus. Outlook for subsequent two days: Marked fall in tempera-Extended outlook for another five days: No appreciable

The temperature and humidity of some cities on Friday were : Temperature 6 pm Dhaka 22.8 Chittagong 11.8 18.5 Rajshahi 13.5 Khulna 13.5 Sylhet 19.1

14.7

21.5

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## Concern over bid to make non-cadre man as PIO

**BCS** Information Cadre Association expressed its deep concern and resentment over the initiative of appointing person outside Information Cadre to the Post of Principal Information Officer (PIO) of the Government, the highest post of BCS Information Cadre, according to an association

press release. The concern and resentment were expressed in an emergent general meeting held under the Chairmanship of the President of the Association Mr Rabindranath Trivedi at Press Information Department (PID) on Tuesday. The meeting was attended by members of all strata of the

association. As per the relevant reeruitment rule the highest post of the Information Cadre, PIO, is to be filled up by cadre members having definite qualifications. The members of the association prayed to the office of the Prime Minister to look into the matter apprehending that there had been a ploy from some quarters to deprive the members of information Cadre of their legitimate right. The meeting also expressed

son even by changing recruitment rule for the post. The meeting observed with great concern that the said initiative would be contrary to the policy of the democratic government and causing frustration among the members of

its concern over the initiative

for appointing non-cadre per-

#### BCS Information Cadre. Housewife poisoned to death

Food poisoning took away the life of a young housewife while visiting her husband's co-wife Monday, reports UNB. Salma Begum (25), a resident of 34, Bangsal died at the

Salimullah Medical College Hospital (SSMCH) in Dhaka Friday. She was admitted to the hospital Monday morning. Her husband, Md Nayeem is a tea-stall owner.

Salma became sick after taking 'Chot-potee' at the residence of Naycem's co-wife in the same locality Monday. A case of unnatural death

was filed with the Kotwali po-

# Youths' participation in uplift stressed

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Friday called for increasing participation of the youths in the development activities to achieve national

prosperity, reports BSS. Talking to a 12-member delegation of Bangladesh Junior Chamber, President Biswas said, the present democratic government had given due emphasis on youth development. The delegation was led by K M Mujibul Huq.

President of the Junior Chamber. President Biswas said, the government had also taken various programmes to make

youths resource personnel in various fields. A united and well organised youth force is needed for effectively implementing the development programmes as well

as for removing the curse of il-

ing as chief guest.

literacy from the society, he

President Biswas urged the youths to engage themselves in both productive and creative activities and also in games

and sports. Referring to the contribution of youths in achieving democracy, he said, all should now put in concerted efforts to uphold democratic norms

and human values. The President asked the delegation to work for promoting brotherhood among the youths of other countries. He said, the youths should

also come forward to contribute their mite in preserving the environment with a view to maintaining ecological Amanullah Aman, MP and

### Vice-President of DUCSU and the visiting youth representatives from Japan and Sri

Lanka were present.

# What's on today ....

Seminar on democracy and development A seminar on "democracy, development, debts and the poor: experiences of twenty years after liberation" will be held today (Saturday) at 10 a.m. at the auditorium of the Planning and Development Academy under the auspices of the Association for Realisation of Basic Needs (ARBAN).

The seminar to be held in two sessions will be presided over by Prof. Rehman Sobhan and Dr. Kamal Hossain while the key-note paper of the seminar will be read out by Dr. Selim Dr. Sanat Kumar Saha, Dr. Amirul Islam Chowdhury, Dr. Lutfar Rahman, Dr. Dev Pria Bhattacharya, Dr Anupam Sen,

Matia Chowdhury MP, Dr. Attur Rahman, Mirza Sultan Raja,

Mujahidul Islam Selim, Nirmal Sen and Ahmad Safa will

## participate in the discussion.

Bangladesh Scouts The 19th general meeting of the National Council of Bangladesh Scouts will be held today (Saturday) at 10 am at its national headquarters.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas will inaugurate the meet-

Lions Club of Dhaka Blues The board and regular meeting of the Lions Club of Dhaka Blues will be held today (Saturday) at 5 pm at the Canton Chinese Restaurant at Maghbazar.

.. and tomorrow

Comilla-Chandpur-Brahmanbaria Samity The biendial meeting and the election of the Comilla-