

3,786 fires damaged Tk 33.4 cr property

By Shahzad Monju

A total of 3,786 fire incidents occurred in the country last year according to Fire Service and Civil Defence Department. This number is 979 and 596 less than that of 1989 and 1988 respectively.

Amount of property loss last year was Tk. 33.41. 04. 945. The loss in 1989 and 1988 was Tk. 40.12.61.218 and Tk 20.28.04.686 respectively.

Fire incidents from short circuit in Dhaka Division were the highest that were 305 among 803 incidents last year.

Fire from oven and cigarette are the second and third highest that are 130 and 64.

The number of fire incidents from oven was 923 while it was 912 from short circuit all over the country.

Total loss of lives in fire incidents was 45 last year. The tragic fire incident occurred at Saraka Garment Factory in December that claimed 25 lives.

Details of fire incidents occurred in 1990 are as follows:

Causes	Number	Percentage	Amount of loss of property
1. Fire from oven	923	24.37	Tk 5,47,03,776/=
2. Electric short circuit	912	24.08	Tk 12,21,58,603/=
3. Unidentified causes	658	17.34	Tk 3,05,42,391/=
4. Cigarette butt	253	6.68	Tk 4,20,29,866/=
5. Use of open lamp	241	6.36	Tk 68,64,749/=
6. Unextinguished ashes	219	5.80	Tk 25,66,440/=
7. Set on fire by unruly mob	162	4.27	Tk 5,68,67,156/=
8. Set on fire	104	2.78	Tk 1,34,92,630/=
9. Mis fire	77	2.03	Tk 7,60,750/=
10. Chemical reaction	29	0.77	Tk 1,76,550/=
11. Cracker blasts	11	0.30	Tk 1,29,110/=

DU to host S. Asian debate

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka University Theosophical Society is hosting the first ever South Asian Intervarsity (SAIV) debating championship in Dhaka from March 7 to March 12, says a press release.

Eight teams from six SAARC countries except Maldives are participating in the tournament sponsored by Asia Foundation.

Sahabuddin condoles death of Wijeratne

Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed has expressed his deep shock at the death of the Sri Lankan Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of State for Defence, Mr Ranjan Wijeratne, in a bomb explosion in Colombo, reports BSS.

In a condolence message to the Sri Lankan President Mr. Ranasinghe Premadasa, Justice Shahabuddin said in his death Sri Lanka had lost a leader of great vision and wisdom. Justice Shahabuddin recalled the important contributions Mr. Wijeratne had made for the preservation of the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Sri Lanka.

Milad mahfil

A Milad mahfil seeking blessings of the Almighty Allah for peace of the departed soul of Shamsuzzaman Chowdhury, President BCS Information-General Association, has been arranged by the association today (March 6) at 4 pm at the Press Information Department, clinic building, Bangladesh Secretariat.

Tk 3 crore Swiss aid for ICDDR,B

Switzerland has contributed Taka 3,03,74,850 to the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh, according to a press release of the ICDDR,B in Dhaka, Tuesday, reports BSS.

A cheque for this amount was handed over to Directors of ICDDR,B, Dr. Demissie Habte by the head of the Swiss Development Cooperation, Dhaka, Dr. Urs Heierli, recently. This is the annual contribution of Switzerland to the centre.

Switzerland is an important donor to the centre, providing both institutional and project support since 1982. ICDDR,B, and Switzerland share a common concern regarding the health hazards posed by diarrhoeal diseases to the people of developing countries, affecting mostly the young children.

Dr. Habte briefed Dr. Heierli on the recent activities of the centre and thanked him for the continued Swiss support to ICDDR,B. Dr. Heierli expressed his satisfaction with the activities of ICDDR,B. Senior ICDDR,B officials were present on the occasion.

Harinakundu union parishad dissolved

Government on Tuesday dissolved the Harinakundu union parishad under Harinakundu upazila in the district of Jhenidah for the failure of its chairman and members to perform their responsibilities of maintaining law and order in the area during the Jatya Sangsad elections, an official handout said, reports BSS.

The union parishad has been dissolved as per provisions of the Union Parishad and Pourashava (Special Responsibilities) Ordinance of 1991.

BUET exam date shifted

The schedule of second semester examinations for the session 1987-88 and 1988-89 of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) had been changed, a University announcement said, reports BSS.

According to the announcement, the examinations which were scheduled to be held on March 9 and 10 will now be held on March 30 and 31.

Other dates of examinations will remain unchanged.



Dr. Urs Heierli, Head, Swiss Development Cooperation handing over a cheque for Tk. 3,03,74,850 to Dr. Demissie Habte, Director, ICDDR,B as the Swiss contribution to the Centre for 1991. The Associate Directors of ICDDR,B are looking on.

Tech knowledge for better entrepreneurship stressed

Education Adviser Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui laid emphasis on the proper utilisation of knowledge and skills of the graduates of technical and vocational institutions for the development of entrepreneurship and managerial expertise, reports BSS.

The Education Adviser was speaking at the inauguration ceremony on 'sub regional workshop on entrepreneurship training for technical and vocational education students' at the Technical Teachers Training College in Dhaka presided over by Education Secretary A.N.M. Enusuf, the ceremony was addressed by Director General (in charge) Technical Education Mr. R. Mollik, Programme Coordinator of Manila-based Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) Dr. C.K. Basu and the Director of Canadian based corporate marketing services Mr. Glen Witter.

Prof. Siddiqui said entrepreneurship training in technical education system gives one a unique opportunity to establish oneself and helps to stand on one's own feet which is rarely possible in other systems of education.

Education Secretary Mr. Enusuf stressed multiplier effect of self-employment provided by technical education in generating employment opportunity through entrepreneurship in the countries of South East Asian region.

He said the government has given due importance to the development of entrepreneurship in Agriculture and Industrial sector for boosting productivity.

Jointly sponsored by the Government and CPSC, the 12 day workshop is being participated by 25 technical graduates from Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Iraq, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Libya, and Myanmar besides the host country.

Women's Day programme

By Staff Correspondent

The International Women's Day Observance Committee-91 has taken up an elaborate programme to observe the International Women's Day on March 8.

The programme of the committee, which comprises various women organisations, includes procession, rally and painting.

A series of processions which will be participated by all women, irrespective of their political affiliations and beliefs, from different parts of the city, will converge at the premises of the Sangsad Bhaban at 9-30 am.

The venue has been selected in view of the first ever parliament elections held free and fair in the country. The committee will announce its charter of demands from the rally.

Plea to create awareness for family planning

A day long programme on the occasion of 38th founding day of Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) and its receipt of President's Population Award-90 was inaugurated here Tuesday morning by Presidential Adviser for Social Welfare Youth and Sports and Women Affairs, Mr. Alamgir M.A. Kabir, reports BSS.

In his inaugural speech Mr. Kabir, also the President of FPAB, called upon the people to create awareness against superstition and improper education for making the family planning programme a success.

He also urged the people to come forward with sincerity and dedication for social welfare activities.

Presided over by honorary Secretary General of FPAB Kazi Anisur Rahman the inaugural session was also addressed by FPAB Director General Mukarram H. Chowdhury.

The Adviser said the Family Planning Association had started its activities about 40 years ago to ensure sound health for mothers and children and limit the family size.

One nabbed

By Staff Correspondent

Dhannondipolice on Tuesday arrested a person wanted on charge of murders. Police arrested Monwar (24) from Babupura slum where he was creating terror.

At the time of being rounded up by police, the wife of the person whom Monwar was alleged to have killed on March 9, 1990 in Shahbag PG Hospital Staff quarters, identified him as the alleged killer of her husband.

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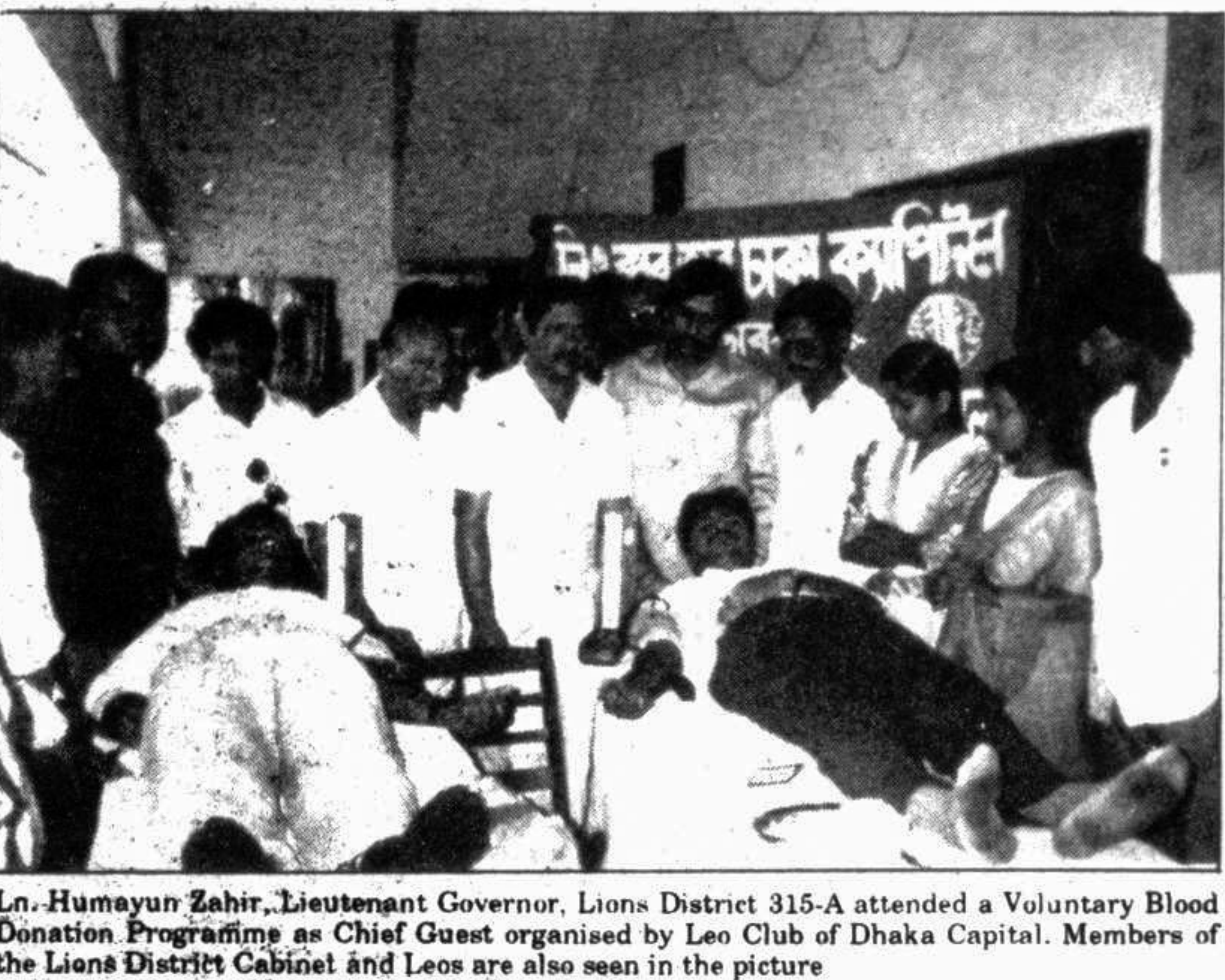
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Lt. Humayun Zahir, Lieutenant Governor, Lions District 315-A attended a Voluntary Blood Donation Programme as Chief Guest organised by Leo Club of Dhaka Capital. Members of the Lions District Cabinet and Leos are also seen in the picture

Dateline Chittagong

Section 144 withdrawn from Ramu

CHITTAGONG, Mar 5 : Section 144 was withdrawn from Ramu upazila headquarters of Cox's Bazar district last night following a fruitful discussion between the leaders of political parties and alliances with the district administration, police said this morning, reports BSS.

The local leaders assured that they would cooperate with the upazila and district administrations and law enforcing agencies in containing any breach of law and order by any quarter.

Section 144 was imposed at Ramu on Sunday following clashes among workers of different political parties.

MPF hails govt for holding fair polls

The Chairman and the General Secretary of the Movement for Press Freedom (MPF), Mr. Moynuddin Kaderi Shawkat and Mr. Helal Humayun, Tuesday congratulated the interim government for holding free, fair and impartial elections February 27.

In a statement here, they said, the peaceful election had proved that any government having sincerity of purpose could accomplish good work. The February 27 election have also proved it beyond any doubt that threat and terrorism cannot win the hearts of the people.

The MPF leaders also congratulated the winners and the defeated ones for furthering the cause of democracy by their participation in the elections.

Reception

Satkania-Lohagara constituency MP elect Mr. Shahjahan Chowdhury of Jamaat-e-Islami said on Saturday that he would work for freeing the society of terrorism and corruption a Jamaat press release said here today.

Speaking at a reception arranged in his honour by local people at Lohagara, 65 kms off here, he said, as representative of the people he would devote his time and energy towards fulfilling their hopes and aspiration. People want peace, order and prosperity, he added.

The reception presided over by local leader Maulana Idris was addressed by Alhaj Ismail, Mr. M. Muslim Khan, Hamid Hossain Azad, Maulana Abu Taher and others.

Mr. Shahjahan expressed his gratitude to the people and thanked members of the law enforcing agencies and minority community of the area for maintaining peace and order during February 27 election 6.

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