

## Plea to pay subsidies for girls' education

The Central Executive Committee of Bangladesh Shikshak Samity has urged the newly-elected MPs to take steps towards establishing a sovereign Parliament and a government accountable to Parliament, reports BSS.

The committee in a meeting here on Friday with its President Mr. Quamruzzaman in the chair, resolved that the desire of the people of all walks of life, including teachers, for establishing democracy would be reflected with the formation of a government accountable to Parliament which would be sovereign.

Post-election situation and ways of solving the problems of the education arena also came up for discussion in the meeting, a press release of the Samity said in Dhaka on Saturday.

The meeting, in the resolutions, also expressed concern at post-election violence and communal clashes and called upon the teachers to play their active role in establishing peace and harmony against such reactionary activities.

The resolutions also urged the government to make arrangements for payment of subsidies of 1990 and 1991 for "free education for girls." It also urged the government to grant 10 percent dearness allowance in the coming budget and pay the earlier announced 10 percent D. A.

The resolutions urged the government for regular payment of government grants at a fixed time as salary of the teachers.



Dr. Saadat Hussain, Director General, Radio and Television addressing a seminar on influence of mass media in developing mass media on Saturday at German Cultural Centre. Organised by Carl Duisberg Samity, the seminar was addressed by Dr. Shakhawat Ali Khan and Reazuddin Ahmed. — Star photo

## Kashem Gold Medal award for Justice Abdur Rahman

Justice Abdur Rahman Choudhury has been selected by the Principal Abul Kashem Gold Award Council for the "Pioneer of the Historic Language Movement Principal Abul Kashem Gold Award 1991", a press release of the council said on Saturday, reports BSS.

The award, launched in 1989 in recognition of the role of Language Movement heroes, is the first and highest honourable award, the press release said.

## 'Free, responsible media can foster credibility'

The existing media must be made free and responsible to make it credible to the people.

A free and responsible only mass media can help develop human qualities, Dr. Shakhawat Ali Khan, Associate Professor of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Dhaka University said on Saturday.

He was presenting his keynote paper at a seminar titled "Influence of mass media in developing human qualities" organised by Carl Duisberg Samity Bangladesh at German Cultural Centre.

Reazuddin Ahmed, President, Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) referring to the recent amendment made to the Press and Publications Act he said in future anybody willing to bring out a newspaper will be able to do so, the government will not be able to ban a newspaper whimsically and it will be difficult for a person other than a journalist to become editor on a paper.

Saadat Hussain, Director General of Bangladesh Radio and Bangladesh Television chaired the seminar.

## News item contradicted

Kamrul Islam and S. A. Sikder, President and Secretary-General respectively of Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association have contradicted a news published in The Daily Star on Saturday.

In a press release on Saturday they said no meeting of the executive committee of the association was held at Dhanmondi or anywhere else on 14th March and S. A. Sikder was not relieved of his responsibility. They said the date of the biennial general meeting earlier postponed will be notified in due course.

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MD. MAFIZUR RAHMAN,  
Director (Administration-2).

# Scientific institutes to be strengthened

Official sources in Dhaka Saturday said the Government has a plan to further strengthen the scientific research institutes during the Fourth Five Year Plan.

A comprehensive programme is under way, they said when attention was drawn to pitiable conditions the institutes are in due to sheer apathy. "We hope, the next democratic government will brief up the institutes and use innovations for greater good of the nation," they said.

The following are the institutes:

**BAEC**

The TFYP included 6 projects for the BAEC, of which two were spillovers from the SFYP. One was the establishment of an Atomic Energy Research Institute (AERI) at an estimated cost of about Tk.54.06 crore. The other was Exploration of Uranium and Thorium in the Chittagong and the Sylhet region. The AERI is the basic research institute of BAEC on atomic energy. The project was completed in June, 1987 and BAEC along with establishing research facilities in AERI carried out research activities in different fields in the Institute such as food radiation and preservation, isotope production, physical and material science. The BAEC established Nuclear Medicine Centres at different places like Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet, Dinajpur and Rajshahi in Medical Hospital prior to TFYP. During TFYP, the existing NMCs at Dhaka, Rajshahi and Chittagong were taken up for modernisation at an estimated cost of Tk.2 crore.

**BCSIR**

The Institutional facilities of BCSIR were largely created during FFYP and SFYP. These related to strengthening of Chittagong laboratory, Rajshahi laboratory and development of laboratories of the Dhaka Centre. It developed its various Divisions/Centres namely Food Science Division, Ceramic Division Pilot Plant and Process Development Centre, etc. The Third Plan emphasised R & D activities of BCSIR. The R & D activities on solar and fuel energy, chemicals, food herbal medicine, etc. were carried out under the revenue budget. It has also established some links with industries both in public and private sectors. The improved cooking stoves developed by BCSIR were disseminated under a Pilot Project of BCSIR involving NGOs in three upazilas. A large number of processes and patents have been developed by BCSIR which need pi-

## Construction of two survey vessels begins

NARAYANGANJ, Mar 16 : The construction of two hydrographic survey vessels of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) under a Dutch grant began at Sonakhanda here at a simple ceremony, reports BSS.

The two vessels will be built at the dockyard an enterprise of Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation (BSEC).

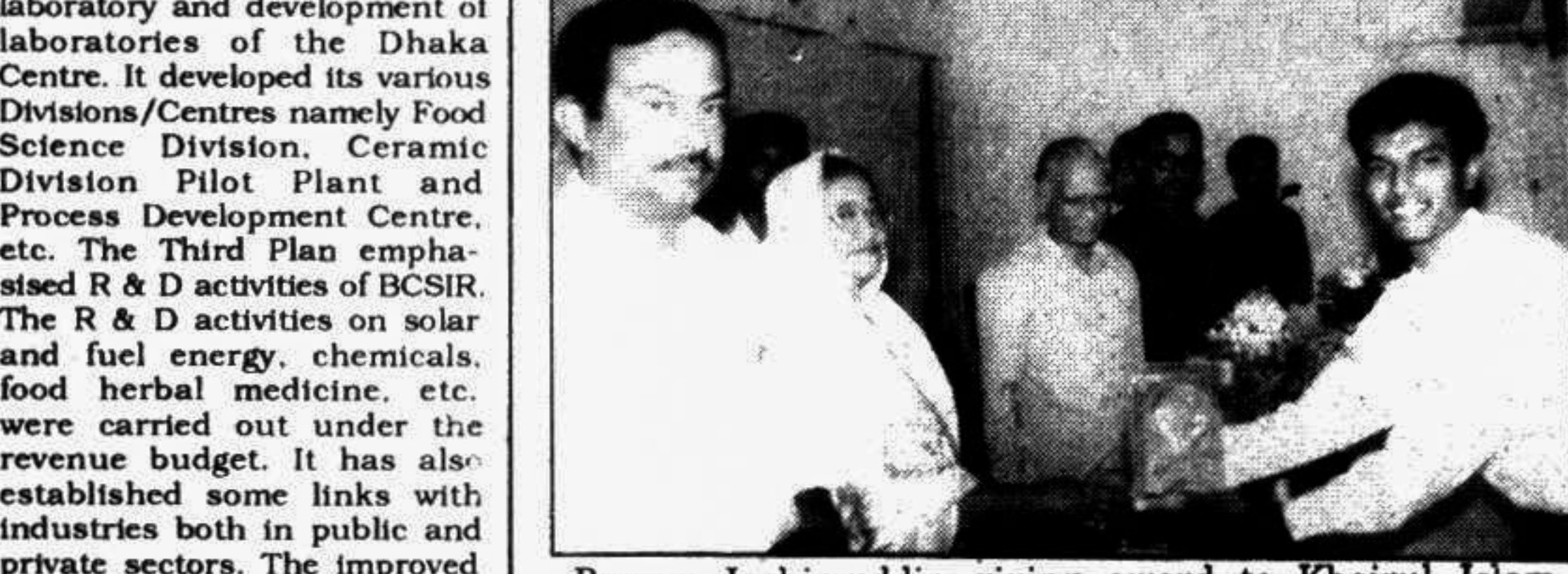
These vessels are being constructed with technical support from a Dutch shipyard which will also supply the lead vessel from Holland.

A total of three survey vessels will be made available in Bangladesh under a Dutch grant — two are being made locally, the other has been brought from Holland.

The three vessels will cost Taka 10 crore. Construction of the vessels will be completed by the second week of May, this year. It will bring the number of the vessels at BIWTA disposal to 21.

BIWTA surveys 2,500 kilometres and 1,500 square kilometers of the sea and riverine route every year. Mrs. Gaajetaan, wife of the Dutch Ambassador in Bangladesh inaugurated the construction of the vessels. The Ambassador in a speech expressed the hope that the vessels will ease the survey activities in the riverine Bangladesh and keep the navigation channels free from any obstruction.

Mrs. Safiul Alam, Industries Secretary, M. Azizul Haq, Shipping Secretary, Mr. A.M. Salamattullah, Chairman, BIWTA and Mr. Ali Ahmed, Chairman, BSEC were among others who spoke on the occasion.



Begum Jashimuddin giving award to Khairul Islam Pakhi of Final Year Public Administration of the Dhaka University for his outstanding achievements in literature and culture. Also present on the occasion of awarding the Kabi Jashimuddin Padak were the DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Maniruzzaman Mia and Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Wakil Ahmed.

## Dateline Khulna

# Over 1500 match factory workers lose jobs

From Syed Isa

KHULNA, Mar 16: Over 1500 workers of Bangladesh Match Factory at Rupsha have been experiencing immense sufferings since they were laid off in November last year.

The authorities were learnt to have taken the steps due to constraints of raw materials.

The president of the Workers Union recently alleged that the authorities did not pay the workers their legal benefits as per rules since then putting the helpless workers in distress.

The workers recently held a rally in front of the factory. They gave an ultimatum to the authorities concerned to pay their dues. They also threatened to go on action programme if their demands were not met immediately.

**Chhatra Shibir**

A procession was brought out on government BL College campus Thursday protesting the killing of Chhatra Shibir leader Shetkh Firoz Mahmud.

Organised by the BL College Unit of the Islami Chhatra Shibir the processionists later held a meeting at the Administrative Building lawn. Shibir leader M.A. Rahim, Maqsoodur Rahman Milon and Mostafa Kamal condemned the brutal killing of Firoz and de-

manded exemplary punishment to those responsible for killing. They also blamed Chhatra League (H-A) activists for the killing.

**Hawkers union**

Khulna District Newspapers Hawkets Union in an emergency meeting held in their office premises on Wednesday condemned the attack on the supervisor Tazul of Dhaka News Papers Hawkets Samity at Demra on Tuesday.

Chaired by the President of Khulna D.N.H. Union Abdul Khaleque the meeting was addressed by union leaders Abdul Aziz Talukdar, Sekendar Ali Patwari and Belayet Hossain.

## Dateline Chittagong

### BCL call to meet 10-point demand

# 'New govt being formed with black-listed persons'

CHITTAGONG, Mar 16 : Leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League, pro-Awaraz League students organisation, today called upon the government to meet ten-point demands of Sarbadalya Chhatra Otkya immediately, reports BSS.

Addressing a post-election rally at Dr. Milan Square (New Market Square) this afternoon, the leaders also held out a threat to launch a massive movement if the demands were not met.

Presided over by Mafizur Rahman President of Chittagong Metropolitan unit of the organisation the rally was also addressed by Shah Alam, Central Acting President, local leaders Abdur Rahman, Moinuddin Hassan, Nurul Afzar and Shimanta Talukdar.

The ten-point charter included demands for increased allocation for education sector, discarding unequal education system and formation of parliamentary form of government.

In an oblique reference to Bangladesh Nationalist Party the speakers alleged that a party was contemplating to form a cabinet with black-

listed persons. They warned that the student community would resist what they called any move by quarter to form government in alliance with those who had opposed liberation of Bangladesh.

The student leaders also demanded withdrawal of false cases against BCL members filed by rival party men recently. Alleging harassment of BCL members by their rivals they said strong movement would be launched if the excesses were not stopped immediately.

Meanwhile a large number of lawyers here today brought out a procession to press home their demand for repeal of the order withdrawing High Court Bench from Chittagong.

The procession was led by Chittagong High Court Bar Association President Barrister Salimul Huq Milki, High Court Implementation Committee Chairman Advocate Nurul Huda and Chittagong District Bar Association General Secretary Advocate Ibrahim Hussain Babul, a High Court Bar Association press release said.

The processionists later locked the record room of Chittagong High Court Bhawan and said they would go for further action to realise their demand for restoring High Court Bench in Chittagong.

## Iftar-Sehri arrangements at Sheraton

Dhaka Sheraton has made special arrangements for serving Iftar and Sehri to the Muslim clients, according to a press release.

An extensive buffet Iftar with traditional Iftar items such as dates, pakora, samosas, pizzas will be served at the Bithika Restaurant between 6.10 pm to 7 pm.

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## Seminars on science teaching begin

Institute for Advancement of Science and Technology Teaching (IASTT) inaugurated Saturday five summer science seminars of four weeks duration for 90 teachers from all the Polytechnic Institutes of the country, says a press release.

Two of these courses, Surveying and Business Management & Accounting, are being held at Comilla Polytechnic Institute, two courses, Mechanical and Electrical technology, are at Dhaka Polytechnic Institute, while Power Technology is being held at Bogra Polytechnic Institute.

These workshops are being jointly organized by the IASTT, Directorate of Technical Education and Ministry of Education. Such workshops for college, university and polytechnic teachers of the country have been regularly conducted by the IASTT since 1969. The main aim of the summer science courses is to up-grade the professional background of science and technology teachers of the country.

## MPs urged to cooperate for democratic process

SAVAR, Mar 16 : Thirty two teachers of the Jahangirnagar University Tuesday called upon the members-elect to parliament for mutual cooperation to continue to democratic process and establish sovereignty of the parliament, reports BSS.

In a joint statement to the press, the teachers also appealed to the Acting President to form a council of ministers with the members of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), which emerged as the majority party in the February 27 parliamentary polls.

The signatories included Prof. Dr. Nurul Islam, Dr. Ilias Mollah, Dr. Md. Manzurul Karim, Dr. Amin Mohammad Ali, Dr. Ghulam Hossain and Mirza Mozammel Huq.

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