

Health edn needed : Badruddoza

80 p.c. diseases preventable

Education and Cultural Affairs Minister Prof. A.Q.M. Badruddoza Chowdhury Tuesday said more than 80 per cent diseases were preventable for which health education of the people was needed, reports BSS.

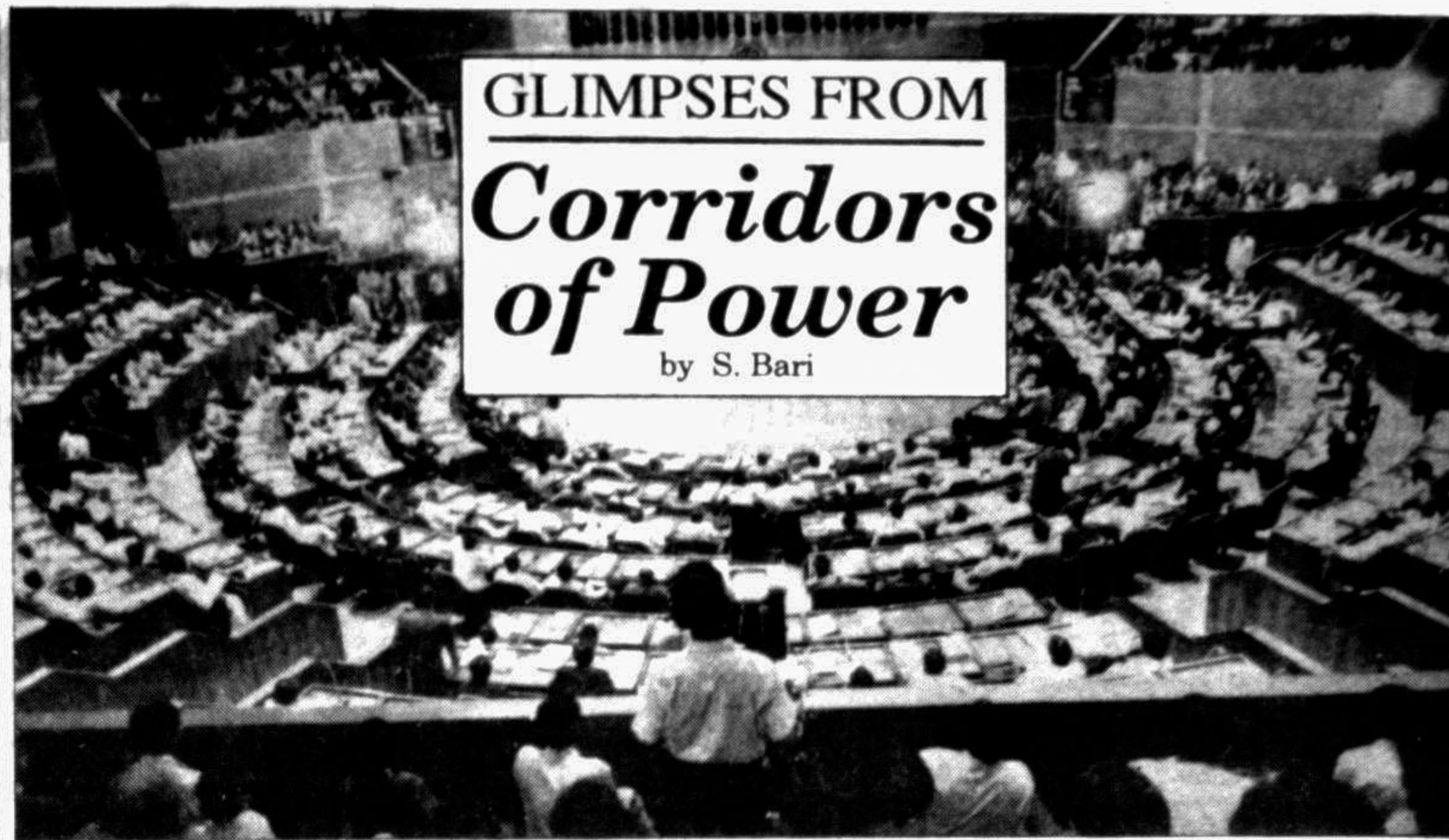
He said health education, however, should not be viewed separately from the overall education. Speaking as the chief guest at a function organised by the monthly health magazine "Sastha", Prof. Chowdhury said mass education programme should be strengthened so that the people could realise more about their life especially the need for healthy body and mind.

Emphasising the need for disseminating the knowledge of primary health care among

the people, he said "more or less all of us are responsible for not allowing the people to know about the preventive measures against the diseases". He said health magazines could be useful in disseminating health knowledge.

He pointed out that though the people had own budget for meeting the needs of food, shelter and clothing, they had no budget for health.

Held at Population Research and Training Institute, the function was presided over by the Editor of the Magazine Khajwa Jastuddin. It was also addressed among others, by Prof. A.K.M. Qamruzzaman, MP, child specialist Prof. M.R. Khan, Health Secretary Khadaker Asaduzzaman and Prof. Pravarak Parakasta.



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Corridors of Power

by S. Bari

Want to munch the hardest vegetable rolls in town and watch the history of the nation being made at the same time? Come to the Jatiya Shangsad Bhaban. The canteen has perfected a technique of bullet-proof rolls and ulcer-provoking tea, all served by unflappably smiling waiters in pin-striped suits. Climb a few stairs, and you can feast your eyes on the honorable MPs pounding their desks and exchanging jibes.

The cool, high corridors of Parliament House hum with activity. In the morning, MPs rush about looking as if they are headed for a summit meeting. But observe carefully, and you will discover everyone in the same boat: lost. Ten years in Parliament, quips Rashid Khan Menon, and I still don't know exactly where I'm going. The serpentine grey halls and procession of lobbies with their unhelpful wooden signposts are all bewilderingly indistinguishable from one another. Given an appointment in Room 423, we covered three entire floors before discovering that there was a Room 423 in a totally different block. We began

following a bearded gentleman to the Jamaat office, but he promptly lost his way, too.

An adventure

Entering then building is an adventure in itself. The entrance area bristles with X-ray machines, metal detectors, and policemen. Once inside, concentric circles of corridors conspire to ensure that you will never get out without a hired guide (or a compass). Rumour has it that one unfortunate man was trapped in the toilets due to the complicated locks. One would never guess from the simple elegance of the outer walls that such convolutions lurk within.

Arrestingly beautiful convolutions, though. Large geometric windows and a feeling of openness clears the air of any political cynicism. Even when the halls are crowded, people speak in relatively muted tones. Reporters run after reluctant MPs, and publicity-conscious MPs run after reporters. But beware! When you try to call the office after the interview, telephones are few and far between.

The entire building is centrally air conditioned at a comfortable level (one dreads to think of the cost), but the MPs' waiting lobbies are shivering relics of the last Ice Age. Either as a precaution because tempers tend to raise the temperature, or as a reflection of the glacial relations between certain MPs. From the gallery, below the canopy of lights, it is a colorful scene. Awami Leaguers in their little black coats, Jamaatis in caps, and the ladies trying to keep their heads covered. One MP was spotted in a golf cap. Debates and arguments reign, as in Parliaments world-wide, and walkouts are the highlights of each day.

Popular gestures

Popular gestures are forehead-slapping (as in "What is the country coming to?") and desk-pounding (as in "You can say that again!"). MPs also love jabbing at their mike buttons, which the Speaker may turn off if he gets bored. When the Speaker enters, everyone (except, curiously, the press) rises; when MPs enter or exit, they bow towards the Speaker's chair.

Apart from these perks, the job of Speaker is a most unenviable one. The bickering is enough to frighten anyone, and the way one MP tucked in her sari end (metaphorically rolling up her sleeves) as she began a speech would make any intelligent Speaker run for cover. Spectators seem to love it. The visitors' galleries were packed, mostly with young men.

Other moments caught MPs chatting, joking, and indulging in something that looked suspiciously like gossip. Newspaper browsing is another favorite past-time while waiting for your turn on the floor. Here, Bengali papers took the cake. Everyone in Shangsad sticks religiously to Bengali, even people with obvious and painful difficulties.

As jail revolts and the law-and-order situation are debated, down below, in the bowels of the building, minions sort and pack documents. You can see them from the third-floor windows, amid heaps of immortal parliamentary prose. They slug away sullenly, while far above in the corridors of power, MPs chew sullenly on tough rolls.

Landlessness up by 29 per cent

By Staff Correspondent

Discussions on motion of thanks to Acting President for his address Jatiya Sangsad (parliament) on April 5 began Monday afternoon. The motion was moved by Treasury Bench member Abdul Matin Chowdhury Sunday.

Deputy Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali invited Nurul Islam Moni, an independent MP, to open the discussion. But Moni observed the Treasury Bench should open it, since they have moved the motion and it was also the convention as well. He did not take part in discussions on the Acting President's speech. Azhar Rahman, Awami League MP also raised the same point on opening the discussions by the Treasury Bench when he was invited to take the floor. But the Deputy Speaker did not take the point

into cognizance and said that it is not mentioned in the Rules of Procedure that discussions should be opened by the Treasury Bench. "Since, the Acting President is a neutral person, so an independent member was given the floor to open the discussion", he added.

Taking part in the discussion, Azhar Rahman thanked Acting President for his address in which a true picture of country's overall condition has been projected. He praised Acting President for courageously projecting the truth that certain quarters had plundered money from various public sector loan giving institutions in the pretext of establishing industries.

Rahman mentioned that the country's economic situation has deteriorated during last 15 years. He said the growth rate during the rule of Awami League government was 7.6 per cent, which has now come down to 3.5 per cent. Before 1975, only 37 per cent people were landless, but now the figure has gone upto 66 per cent.

Concern over threat to DU Proctor

By Staff Correspondent

A meeting of the Dhaka University Proctors Committee held on Monday expressed deep concern over the threat to Dhaka University Proctor by some college students on Sunday.

The meeting felt that such kind of threat by outsiders is making the administrative activities dangerous.

He maintained that the industrial as well as the agricultural sector should be revitalised to save country from disaster. He said a government accountable to the sovereign parliament can help to solve this problem. He thanked Acting President also for recognising the importance of modalities framed by three alliances for transfer of power.

British support for development assured

Britain assured Bangladesh of its continued support to the development efforts when the High Commissioner Colin Henry Inray called on Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman in Dhaka on Tuesday, reports UNB.

During discussion on bilateral matters, Mustafizur reiterated his government's policy to encourage foreign investment in the country's economic and industrial development, an official of the Ministry said.

Hasina, Sajeda condole death of Nurul Huq

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina and General Secretary Begum Sajeda Chowdhury on Tuesday expressed deep shock and condolence at the death of former President of Madaripur District Unit of Awami League Moulvi Nurul Huq, reports BSS.

The Awami League leaders, in a joint statement, said the glorious contribution of late Nurul Huq in the Language Movement and Liberation War would be ever remembered. They prayed for the peace of the departed soul and expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

AL leader hospitalised

A senior Awami League leader of Faridpur and former Member of Parliament Shamsuddin Mollah was admitted to PG Hospital in Dhaka Sunday last with serious heart ailment, family sources said, reports BSS.

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Shikhapatra Forum formed

By Staff Correspondent

The Central Committee of the Shikhapatra Forum was formed recently with Professor Mohammed Shamsul Huq, Chairman, University Grants Commission as its President and Professor Mohammed Osman Gani as its General Secretary.

The committee was formed on Saturday at a meeting at the Segunbagicha office of Shikhapatra.

Professor Kazi Saleh Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University was included in the committee as Senior Vice President.

The committee also included Abdur Rauf Chowdhury, MP, Principal Hamida Ali as Vice President, Professor M. Shariful Islam and Barrister Mohammed Ali as Assistant Secretary and Dr. Khander Bazul Alam, S. A. Sakoor, Reazuddin Ahmed and Akhterul-Alam among 10 members.

Dateline Chittagong

Banglar Kallol's crew withdraw strike

CHITTAGONG, Apr 9: Bangladesh Shipping Corporation's MV Banglar Kallol sailed off Chittagong for Mongla Port this morning after remaining stranded here since March 28 on account of strike by the crew, reports BSS.

The crew of the ship had been on strike to press home their demand for completion of an inquiry into leasing of the vessel to Sea Lift Command of USA during the Gulf war at nominal charges endangering the lives of the crew.

The strike was withdrawn Monday and the crew resumed duties today following a reconciliatory meeting among the BSC authorities, Collective Bargaining Agents and BSC Officers Association, BSC source said.

Dateline Khulna

4 'blacklisted' JP men arrested

KHULNA, Apr 9: Police arrested four people, belonging to the Jatiya Party, from their residences Tuesday night under the Special Power's Act, police said, reports UNB.

The arrested are former Jatiya Party MP Abdul Gaffar Biswas, two Ward Commissioners, Mustakin Hossain and Hasibul Haq Babla and President of Khulna Disabled Freedom Fighters' Association, Ayub Ali Khan Bangal.

The four are among 38 people in the town who had been earlier blacklisted by district unit of All-Party Students Unity (APSU).

The district APSU unit has been staging continuous demonstration demanding arrest of those involved with the ousted autocratic regime.

Our Khulna Correspondent adds: The local leaders of different political parties including the APSU unit have been demanding immediate trial of the ousted President Ershad and arrest of all his cronies and the branded hoodlums of Khulna city.

To press home their demands the local APSU, Jubo Sangram Parishad and different political parties held a rally at the local 'Maharaj Chatter' Monday and marched through the city streets.

Discussion on education system today

By Staff Correspondent

A discussion titled "Education System in Bangladesh" will be held at the Jatiya Press Club at 4 pm today.

Education Minister Professor A.Q.M. Badruddoza Chowdhury will be chief guest. The discussion is organised in connection with the launching of "Shikhapatra".

State Minister for Education Principal Mohammed Yunus Khan, Education Secretary A.N.M. Yusuf and Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) President Reazuddin Ahmed will attend as special guests.

Professor Kazi Saleh Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of Jahangir Nagar University will preside over the discussion which is jointly sponsored by Shikhapatra Forum and Bangladesh Literacy Association.

WHO's role in combat ing diseases scored

In observance of the World Health Day, a symposium was held under the auspices of the United Nations Association of Bangladesh yesterday (Monday) afternoon at the auditorium of the United Nations Information Centre, says a press release.

Prof. A. Majid, President, Bangladesh Medical Association and former Adviser to the Acting President was the chief guest. Charles Larisimont, Resident Representative, UNDP and Rudra S. Giri, Acting Representative of the World Health Organisation in the Bangladesh was guest speaker.

The UNAB symposium in observance of World Health Day was presided over by Dr. Saydur Rahman, former President of the Bangladesh Medical Association.

Barrister Rafiqur Rahman, President, Supreme Court Bar Association, Syed Ahmed Hossain, Secretary-General, United Nations Association of Bangladesh and Vice-President of the World Federation of United Nations Association and an eminent industrialist and social worker M A Mohaimen participated in the discussion.

Goods recovered

Meanwhile, a vigilance team of Khulna Customs and Exise a contingent of Bangladesh Rifles in a joint operation recovered huge quantities of smuggled Indian goods worth about Taka three lakh from Magura and Benapole areas during the last two days.

According to the Customs authorities, the team recovered 495 pieces of Indian cotton sarees, 65 pieces of synthetic sarees and and huge quantities of cosmetics.

Theft in post office

In another incident, a daring theft was committed in the city Night Post Office and R. M. S. Office at Upper Jessore Road near the Bangalaw of the city on Saturday night. The thieves made good their escape with articles worth over Tk 14,000 including a sum of cash money.

An official of the Postal Department said that the thieves breaking open twelve locks of different rooms of the offices took away the goods at dead of Saturday night while the night guard was away from his duty allegedly because of sudden sickness. He, however, declined information about theft of any government money during the incident.

TUC meet

A meeting of the Khulna city unit of the Bangladesh Trade Union Centre held Monday at its local office premises in support of the demands of the workers of the Ideal Chemical and Printing Works Ltd.

The meeting was addressed by Khan A. Latif and Golam Rabbani while Advocate Firoj Ahmed presided.

The Union leaders demanded immediate realisation

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