A three-member team of International Organization for Migration (IOM) headed by Mr Marco Gramegna, Special Advisor to the IOM arrives here today on a seven-day visit, reports BSS.

The team will hold discussions with senior official of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Labor and Manpower to explore possibilities of IOM's involvement concerning resettlement or reinsertion of migrant workers repatriated from the Middle East.

The delegation will also call on the Foreign Minister Mr A S M Mustafizur Rahman, State Minister for Labour and

### Azim, Gazi elected MTSF President, Secy Gen

SSMCH Correspondent Prof. A. K. M. Anwar-ul-Azim and Dr. Gazi Abdul Haque have been elected President and Secretary General respectively of Bangladesh Medical

Teachers Samity Federation

for the year 1991-93. The election was held at the premises of IPGM&R Hospital. The other office bearers are Vice-Presidents - Dr. M.A. Hadi, Dr. Mohammad Moazzem Hossain, and Dr. Rashid-e-Mahbub; Joint Secretary — Dr. M.A. Mannan, Treasurer — Dr. Shamsuddin Ahmed Organising Secretary - Dr. M. Igbal Arsalan, Science and Cultural Secretary Dr. A.K.M. Anisul Haque.

### 'Maj Jainal was not a Sector Commander'

Bangladesh Naval Commando Association on Wednesday protested against the mentioning of Major Jainal Abedin as the Sector Commander of Sector No. 10 of the Liberation War in an article in the Eid issue of 'Shishu', a juvenile magazine published by Bangladesh Shishu Academy, reports BSS.

The Commando Association, in a statement, said Sector No. 10 was specially identified for the naval commandoes among the eleven sectors of the Liberation War.

According to the best of knowledge of the Association the name of Major Jainal Abedin was in the list of 11 Sector Commanders, the statement said.

The Commando Association termed provision of "false and incorrect" information to the present generation as a heinous design to distort the history of Liberation War and called upon the persons concerned to refrain from doing

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Manpower Rafiqui Islam Miah, Foreign Secretary Mr Abul Ahsan and Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Manpower.

The IOM assisted in the repatriation of over 36,000 Bangladeshi nationals from the Gulf region at a cost of approximately 23 million dollars.

### Plea to evict Ansars from vocational

centre By Staff Correspondent

The women of Motijheel Colony demanded eviction of unauthorised occupants of the Vocational Training Centre for Women at Motifheel Colony Community Centre.

The centre has been occupied by the Ansar for the last two years suspending all vocational activities of the women of the colony, says a Press release on Wednesday.

Despite the order of Home Ministry to vacate the centre it was still being used by the Ansar as their camp.

The women of the colony hoped that the present Government would take necessary measures to restart the centre by evicting the Ansars.

### Tagore song confee begins tomorrow

The 10th Tagore Song Conference begins in the capital tomorrow on Friday at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium, reports UNB.

Highlights of the three-day cultural conference include the final round of a countrywide Tagore Song competition, soirces of the songs of Rabindra Nath Tagore, Nazrul Islam and other composers, dance-drama, recitation and a

A spokesman for the organisers - Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad said more than 300 Tagore song exponents, competitors, teachers and cultural activists from all over the country would attend the meet.

The conference being held every year since 1980, will be inaugurated by Prof Salahuddin Ahmed in a simple function Friday (April 26) morning.

The biggest attraction of the conference will be the final round of the 10th National Tagore Song Competition with more than 150 young singers from 27 districts taking part

Divided into two groups. the competitors have earlier qualified in their respective district-level competitions. The first phase of final competition begins tomorrow (Thursday), a day ahead of the conference.

The conference will also award posthumous honour to late folk singer Momtazuddin Ahmed and announce Quamrul Hassan memorial scholarship for a promising young painter of the country.

A seminar will be held April 27 afternoon, the second day of the conference. Dr Anisuzzaman will present the keynote paper titled "The Spirit of Democracy and Tagore". Prof Ali Anwar and Dr Ahmed Rafiq will discuss while Prof Khan Sarwar Murshid preside.

Prof Kabir Chowdhury will attend as chief guest the concluding ceremony on April 28.



Metropolitan

The recipients of IFPRI certificates in computer training are seen with officials. Seen in the photo are (from left) Selim Chowdhury, Abu Naser, Mohammad Giasuddin, Dr Harold Rice, Resident Representative, Malcolm Purvis, Deputy Director, USAID Nilufar Jahan, Ruhul Amin and Anwar Hossain. -Star photo

## APSU, Shibir protest CU closure

CHITTAGONG. Apr 24: Students of Chittagong University today protested the closure of the university saying the decision was undemocratic and an interference in the autonomy of the university, reports BSS.

The University was scheduled to reopen today after four months, but the authority last night extended the closure period by another 10 days. All-Party Students Unity

(APSU) and Islami Chhatra Shibir held separate protest rallies and brought out processions in the city. APSU held the rally at Dr.

Milon Square with its leader Monzurul Alam Shah in the chair. CUCSU VP Nazim Uddin, General Secretary Azim Uddin and other leaders Nazmul Karim Dulal and

Rafigul Islam Helal addressed

They demanded arrest of the killers of Farukuzzaman Faruq and those involved in the terrorist activities on December 22 on the campus. They called for reopening of the university immediately.

Islami Chhatra Shibir held its rally at Anderkilla with its city unit President Mustafa Kamal Chowdhury in the chair. Central General Secretary of Shibir Abu Zafar Mohammad Obaidullah and local leaders Hamidur Rahman Azad and Rezaul Karim addressed the

Later, they handed over a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner, Chittagong. demanding withdrawal of closure decision of the university and removal of the Vice

The resident students who came back to the campus yesterday left the halls today, according to the directive of the university authority.

### Khaleda greets Kuwait's PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has congratulated Crown Prince of Kuwait, Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah, on his reappointment as the Prime Minister of the state of Kuwait, reports BSS.

In a message of congratulation Begum Khaled Zta said: "I am confident that under your wise guidance and benevolent leadership, the brotherly people of Kuwait would overcome the problems being currently faced by them."

### Khulna Dateline

# No house for 50 pc of Khulna city dwellers

Our Khulna Office

KHULNA, Apr 24 Residential problems are acute in Khulna city. About 50 per cent of the Khulna city dwellers have no houses. At present there is a requirement of about two lakh houses to accommodate the city population so that slums are growing rapidly at various places in the Khulna metropolitan area.

These were observed in a paper prepared recently by Group Capt (Rtd) ABM Zakaria, Chairman of Khulna Development Authority (KDA).

According to the paper, the population targeted in the 1961 Master Plan of the KDA made after its inception, surpassed to early by 1974. But with the increasing population. civic amenities were poor. The paper further said that the accommodation problem should be considered as the number one problem.

According to the Master Plan of 70 squire miles, drawn in the early 60s, there was the provision for 28.7 per cent land for residential and commercial use, 13.40 per cent for industrial units, 3.9 per cent for educational institution, 2.8 per cent for roads, 0.6 per

cent for construction of mar-25 per cent for agriculture. 7.7 per cent for park, play grounds and open spaces and the rest for other pur-In 1961, for a population of

1,28,000, there were 24 thousand pucca, semi-pucca and kutcha houses. In 1979, for 5,21,000 population, dwelling houses increased to 47,475 and in 1981, for 6,68,000 population, the number of dwelling houses were 68,000

Of the growing population. the paper said, 80 per cent belong to a very low income group. They are mainly day labourers, rickshawpullers, hawkers, low income group office staff and workers who have come to the city from surrounding districts and upazilas.

From the inception, KDA has taken up five projects for development of residential areas. Of those four projects were completed at a cost of Taka 3.40 crore.

At the Sonadanga residential area, 208 plots on 30 acres of land were allotted while at

acres of land 542 plots were allotted. Similarly, at Mujganni residential area of 66 acres of land 513 plots were developed and allotted. At Daulatpur residential area of 5.53 acres land plots were allotted However, only 1,344 plots could be allotted for residential purposes and only another 429 plots are being developed at the Sonadanga residential area phase two at a cost of Taka eight crore.

Nirala residential area of 67

Besides, the KDA has taken up a programme for development of residential plots for the low income group at Shiromoni area of the city. The project comprising 182 residential plots of below two kathas would cost Taka two crore. It is learnt that the KDA abandoned a scheme of 32 flats of 1000 squire feet two years back due to the poor.

The KDA is considering a massive housing programme for development of 2,000 plots in an area of 150 acres of land near interdistrict bus terminal at a cost of Taka 51 crore which will be depended on availability of fund.

### Trainees get IFPRI certificates

by Staff Correspondent

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) held the certificate awarding ceremony at its Dhanmondi Office premises on Wednesday afternoon.

The certificates were awarded to the participants in computer training course organized by the Institute for the senior and mid level officials of the Ministry of Food. Mr M Muttur Rahman, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Food was the Chief Guest on the occasion and was attended by Dr Malcolm Purvis, Deputy Director, USAID, Dhaka.

In his opening address, Dr Harold L Rice, Chief of Party. IFPRI. Dhaka stated that the purpose of the training programme was to familiarize the participants with analytical tools in computer programming so that they could use these techniques in their professional work. He thanked the Ministry of Food and USAID for supporting the project. The course faculty included IFPRI and local experts.

IFPRI specializes in global food policy issues with its home office in Washington DC is currently implementing the Bangladesh Food Policy project on medium and long-term food policy issues in collaboration with Food Planning and Monitoring Unit (FPMU) of the Ministry of Food and funded by

### Seminar on 'Post-war developments in Gulf

A seminar on "Post-war developments in the Gulf' will be held at the National Museum in Dhaka tomorrow (Friday) under the auspices of the Alumni International Association, Dhaka University, says a Press release.

The seminar will be participated among others by Dr. Akmal Hussain, Associate Professor of the department of International Relations, DU, Mohammad Ganji Doost, Ambassador of fran in Bangladesh, Vitali S. Smirnov, the Soviet Ambassador and William B. Milam, the American Ambassador in Bangladesh, A.T.M. Shamsul Huq and Quazi A. K. Refaul Hug.

### Pen Pals Club President leaves for Karachi

Mahbubuddin Chowdhury, President, International Pen-Pals Club and Secretary-General of the National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh left Dhaka for Karachi on Wednesday at the invitation of the National Youth Council of Pakistan, says a press release.

Mahbub will also attend the 9th Executive Board meeting of Asian-Pacific Federation of UNESCO Clubs and the evaluation meeting of UNESCO Co-Action Learning Centre Programme in South Asian Region to be held in New Delhi from April 28-30, 1991.

### USSR to expand trade

Bangladesh Mr Vitali S Smirnov Tuesday said that the relations between Bangladesh and his country would further improve with the expansion of trades in the coming years.

Board of Directors of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCC&I) at the Chamber House. He said, as a step towards this end Soviet Union would purchase jute bags. shoes, ceramic products, crockeries, telephone sets, television and other consumer goods in huge quantities from Bangladesh.

the two countries.

Bangladesh, he added.

Earlier, CCC &I President Mr Amir Khashru Mahmud Chowdhury welcoming Mr Smirnov said that a new avenue was opened for expansion of trade and commerce between Soviet Union and Bangladesh after adoption of perstroika and glasnost by the Soviet Union.

### Dhaka's call to implement child action plan

Bangladesh has underscored the importance of reactivating the growth and development as well as voluntary reduction of debt of developing countries to support their efforts in promoting child survival, protection and development, reports UNB.

This viewpoint was voiced by the leader of the Bangladesh delegation, Dr. Ekram Hossain, while participating in the general debate in the UNICEF Executive Board meeting now being held in the UN Headquarters in New York, according to a message received in Dhaka Wednesday.

He expressed the hope that UNICEF would continue to accord priority attention to the less privileged children and mothers particularly of the least developed countries.

Dr. Ekram Hossain, member of Bangladesh Planning Commission, in his speech referred to the implementation of the plan of action of the world summit for children which assigned high priority to the allocation of resources to the essential needs of chil-

The question, he said, is linked to the revitalisation of economic growth, poverty alleviation, human resource development and environmental protection in the developing countries. Implementation of the plan

required commitment to the goals of children at community, national and international

### Diarrhoea claims 22 lives in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Apr 24 Diarrhoea has broken out in 18 unions of seven upazilas of the district. The disease has so far claimed 22 lives while 1227 were affected in those areas. an official handout said here Wednesday, reports BSS. This was informed at a

meeting of district diarrhoea task force, held today at DC's conference room with Deputy Commissioner Md Saifuzzaman in the chair.

The meeting was also informed that 67 medical teams were constituted and of them 25 have been working in the diarrhoea affected areas. Sufficient amount of medicine and oral saline have already been supplied in the affected areas and stock position of medicine in the district head quarters is satisfactory.

Public Health Engineering Department has also been working to repair disordered tubewells.

### Death anniversary

Death anniversary of former Deputy Secretary of Finance Ministry Mohammad Nurul Haq will observed on Thursday with a milad mahfil after Asr prayer at his residence 726 Dhanmondi staff quarter, road-14, in the city, a press release

All friends and well Wishers of Nurul Haq who was also a noted social worker, have been requested to attend the mahfil.

Dr. Hossatn said universal child immunization in Bangladesh rose to more than 60 per cent in 1990 from two per cent in 1985 and the EPI infrastructure was expanded from eight upazilas in 1986 to all 460 upazilas by the end of

Speaking of the commitment of the Government of Bangladesh to education, he said gross enrollment rate of primary education had increased from 60 per cent in 1986 to about 70 per cent in

### FH Hall Golden Jubilee May 13

The Golden Jubilee of Fazlul **Huq Hall of Dhaka University** will be celebrated May 13-14, reports UNB.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the jubilee observance committee here Wednesday with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder in the chair, a PID handout said.

The meeting was attended by Commerce Minister M Keramat Ali, Shipping Minister MK Anwar, Rural Development Secretary Hasnat Abdul Hye, former minister AK Faizul Huq, former cabinet secretary HT lmam, former food secretary Mesbahuddin Ahmed, former IG of Police EA Chowdhury, hall Provost Dr Abu Jafar Mahmud and committee's member-secretary Omar Faruque Bhutyan.

The meeting, which discussed budget and organisational affairs of the jubilee, also decided to institute a trust fund for the association.

### New BUET VC takes over

Dr M Shahjahan, renowned water resources expert and Professor of Water Resources Engineering Department of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), took over as Vice-Chancellor of the University Wednesday, reports

Prof Shahjahan was appointed VC for a four-year term Tuesday.

He replaced Prof Mosharraf Hossain Khan who has been appointed a member of the University Grants Commission for four years.

over the charge of VC at a simple ceremony sought cooperation of all concerned in discharging his new responsibil-The function was attended

Prof Shahjahan while taking

by deans, heads of departments and senior officials of the University.

Speaking on the occasion, the outgoing Vice-Chancellor Prof M H Khan thanked all concerned for their cooperation during his tenuse and also urged them to extend similar cooperation to the new VC.

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### Dateline Chittagong CU students vacate halls

CHITTAGONG, Apr 24: Resident students of Chittagong

today following sudden closure of the university, reports UNB. The University authorities Tuesday night hurriedly announced the closure of the University for 10 more days hours after reopening the

University vacated their halls

campus after four months. The University was closed on December 22 last year following a bloody clash between supporters of All Party Students Unity (APSU) and the Islami Chhatra Shibir.

### 24 houses gutted in Mirzapur

A devastating fire at Dighulia village under Mirzapur Upazila of Tangail district on last Thursday completely destroyed the Houses and belongings of 13 families and forced them to live in open, reports BSS. According to a delayed in-

formation reaching in Dhaka the fire originated from a kitchen and quickly spread to the entire area gutting a total of 24 houses of 13 families. Because of the absence of any water bodies in the neighbour-

from Chittagong Office Students began returning to their residential halls Tuesday morning and classes were scheduled to resume today

(Wednesday). Meanwhile, different student organisations including APSU and Islami Chhatra Shibir today held protest meetings condemning the clo-

APSU leaders Md Nazi-

muddin and Azimuddin Ahmed

termed the closure anti-

educational and undemocratic. Islami Chhatra Shibir also held a protest meeting at Anderkilla and submitted a three point memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner. Their demands include im-

sure order and dismissal of the Vice Chancellor. Central Secretary of the Shibir AZM Obaidullah were among others who addressed the rally.

mediate withdrawal of the clo-



Monowara Ali, Managing Director, Hotel Hawaii, Chittagong alongwith the Director General of Tourism of the Government of the People's Republic of Indonesia at PATA conference held in Bali recently.

Soviet Ambassador in

Speaking at a meeting of

He hoped that the new government of Bangladesh would adopt favourable measures in order to expand trades and facilitate joint ventures between

The Soviet Envoy said that his country inspite of economic problems would continue to help Bangladesh in her efforts towards economic development. "We would continue our assistance in the field of power development in

He said that the Soviet Union would also extend cooperation in developing nuclear power station in Bangladesh.

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