

### Political commitment to curb drug trafficking needed

Education and Cultural Affairs Minister Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury Wednesday called upon the people to come forward to create social awareness about the disastrous effects of drug and take a pledge to free the country from this menace, reports BSS.

He was speaking as the chief guest at a seminar organised by the department of narcotics control in observance of the International Day against drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking and held at the Shipakala Academy auditorium in Dhaka.

The seminar was also addressed by State Minister for Information M Nurul Huda, Resident Representative of UNDP Charles H Larstmo, Director General of Narcotics Department M Enamul Haq and Additional Director General M Saiful Islam Khan.

Prof Chowdhury said drug addiction is a social disease which can destroy a family, a society and a nation. It is a social crime and every religion prohibits drug addiction, he said.

Emphasising the need for political commitment to deal with the problems of drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking, the Education Minister

said the BNP government was committed to make the country free from drug addiction and would continue the movement at every stage.

He said during the last autocratic regime drug addiction, specially to heroin, spread in a big way. If present situation proceeds uninterrupted, the entire social, economic and national systems would be destroyed one day.

He said during the past regime, many people who were well placed both socially and politically had allegedly been reported to be linked with abuse of drug and illicit drug trafficking. He said 'now is the time to be vocal against the menace which is a crime against oneself, the family, the society and the nation.'

Referring to the report that 10 per cent of the addicts coming to the hospitals were drivers, Prof Chowdhury said this contributed to increased road accidents. He said strict measures should be taken so that addicted drivers do not get driving licence.

**Mustafizur Rahman**

Another report adds: Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman Wednesday called upon all voluntary and social organisations to launch a

united and integrated movement to safeguard the society from the ill effects of the illicit use of drugs.

"In our country only a decade ago drug abuse was a minor issue. But in recent years we have seen it grow in leaps and bounds into a major and national issue", he added.

Rahman was speaking as the chief guest at a discussion jointly organised by Dhaka Ahnasia Mission (DAM) and the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Dhaka on the occasion of International Day against drug abuse and its illicit trafficking at the UNIC auditorium Wednesday afternoon.

Minister of State for Information M Nurul Huda and Senior Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP in Bangladesh Winston Tampic, attended the function as the special guests while former Vice-President Justice AKM Nurul Islam presided.

Director General of Narcotics Control Department M Enamul Haq presented a paper on drug abuse and its detrimental effects while eminent psychologist Prof Nazimuddin Chowdhury took part in the discussion. DAM President Alhaj Salimullah and Executive Director Kazi Rafiqul Alam also spoke on the occasion.



Acting President Justice Sahabuddin Ahmed held a reception on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha at Bangabhaban and exchanged greetings with local and foreign guests on Monday.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia held a reception on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha at Sugandha office and exchanged greetings with ambassadors and local guests on Monday.

### Wage Board award: Hearing of vacation petition July 7

The date for hearing the leave petition for vacating the stay order on implementation of Wage Board award has been fixed on July 7, reports BSS.

Justice Mustafa Kamal fixed the date after hearing of an application moved by BFUJ, BNPWF and BNEF Wednesday. The application was moved for vacating the stay order granted on June 2 and for fixing a date of hearing of the regular leave petition.

Barrister A R Yusuf with advocate Nawab Ali appeared on behalf of BFUJ, BNPWF and BNEF while Aftab Hossain appeared for the BSP.

### Iqbal Sobhan, his wife hurt in road mishap

Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Senior Staff Correspondent of Bangladesh Observer and his wife were injured in a road accident on Sunday last.

They were admitted to a city clinic at Mohammadpur and operated upon on Tuesday. Chowdhury's right leg and his wife's right hand were fractured in the accident.

On way home just before the Eid day, their car was hit by a speeding bus coming from opposite direction near Daudkandi Ferryghat.

Chowdhury is the former President of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ).

### Golam Hafiz

Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz Wednesday called for making united effort by all to eradicate drug abuse from the country for ever.

He was addressing a seminar, arranged by Bangladesh Anti-drug Federation on the occasion of International Day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking at Jatiya Press Club in city.

Among others, the seminar was also addressed by Begum Khurshid Jahan Haq, MP, and Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Maniruzzaman Mian.

### Delhi urged to solve bilateral issues with Dhaka

Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman Tuesday hoped the new Indian government would show its best gesture to solve longstanding bilateral disputes with Bangladesh.

Giving his first reaction over the installation of new government in New Delhi, headed by Congress (I) leader PV Narasimha Rao, Mustafiz said "It appears to be a good government".

"I look forward to meeting new Indian Foreign Minister Madhavsinh Solanki in Male during the ensuing sitting of the Council of Minister of the

### Khaleda meets Shahabuddin

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia met the Acting President and Begum Shahabuddin Ahmed at his official residence Monday evening, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister exchanged Eid greetings with the Acting President and Begum Shahabuddin.

The Acting President, Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, Monday hosted a reception at Bangabhaban on the occasion of the holy Eid-ul-Azha.

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Transport Commissioner Government Transport Directorate Secretariat Link Road, Dhaka. TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide ship repairing firms of Bangladesh (government and private) for repair of the following watercraft of the Government Transport Directorate.

1. G. M. V. "Mohua"

Intending tenderers can collect terms and conditions and fault list/schedule for the repair of the watercraft any day during office hours by depositing Tk 450/- (four hundred fifty) through treasury challan under head "65-misc-non-tax revenue miscellaneous" at the Bangladesh Bank (non-refundable) for the above watercraft repair work and submitting the original copy of the challan to the Director, Inland, Water Transport, Government Transport Directorate, Secretariat Link Road, Dhaka. Intending tenderers should drop their tenders in the tender box kept at this office on or before 21/07/91 (05/04/98 BS) and the tenders will be opened by the tender committee on the same day immediately after the closure of the tender box before the tenderers (if any) present. Tenderer must submit with their tender 2.5% (two and half per cent) of the amount quoted for the repair of the watercraft as earnest money through Pay Order/Bank Draft/Jatiya Sanchayapatra in favour of Director, Government Water Transport from any scheduled bank. No tender will be treated as valid without earnest money. No tender schedule will be sold on the date of opening tender and no tender reaching late will be acceptable.

The tender committee reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any tender and is not bound to accept the lowest tender.

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### 'BNP to work for socio-economic changes'

The Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs, Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury has said that the BNP government would work for improving the socio-economic conditions of the rural people, reports BSS.

He was addressing a public meeting at the Birtara Union in Srinagar Upazila under Munshiganj district Tuesday.

### Bangladeshi student raises relief money in Britain

Kamran Ahmed (13), a Bangladeshi student of Homefield school, Surrey in United Kingdom collected Tk 39,956 for the Prime Minister's Relief Fund, his relatives said in Dhaka on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Kamran, son of Jalaluddin Ahmed, now residing in UK with his father, attracted sympathy from his school friends who came forward to extend their help for the cyclone-affected people of Bangladesh.

The entire amount was collected from Tiffin money and sent to the relief fund by a bank draft through Sonali Bank, London.

### World Diabetes Day today

The first ever World Diabetes Day will be observed today (Thursday) in the country elsewhere in the world to make the people aware of the deadly disease, reports UNB.

International Diabetes Federation (IDF) proclaimed the day in the backdrop of growing concern about the rising toll from diabetes throughout the world.

Elaborate programmes have been chalked out by 100 members of IDF, including Bangladesh, to mark the day.

About two per cent of the country's population and nearly 120 million people around the globe have diabetes, according to a reckoning of World Health Organisation (WHO).

Diabetic Association of Bangladesh will arrange poster and discussion meetings marking the significance of the day. Besides, Radio and Television will air special programmes highlighting the importance of the day.

Meanwhile, a five-member delegation led by the President of Diabetic Association Alamgir M A Kabir has gone to Washington to attend the six-day 14th Congress of IDF.

Diabetes ranks third after cardio-vascular disorders and cancer that are taking heavy toll in the industrialised countries, a recent WHO report revealed adding that diabetes causes heart disease, stroke, kidney damage, blindness and amputation.

### Japanese novelist in city

Mrs Ayako Sono, a renowned Japanese novelist has been visiting Bangladesh since June 24. She will leave Dhaka on June 28, says a World Vision press release.

Her visit to World Vision of Bangladesh projects in Chittagong and Jalchakra of Tangail district is sponsored by World Vision of Japan.

Mrs Sono (60), acknowledged as a writer at the age of 26, wrote numerous essays, short stories and novels. Ten of her novels were best-sellers in Japan.

As an author, she received La Croce Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice (1979) from the Vatican, Father Damien Award (1983) from the Korea Hansen's Disease Measures League, Civil Engineering Society Writer's Award (1986) and Sikanal Nobutaka Seiron Prize (1987).

She has been involved in various philanthropic activities for a long time.

### Police Academy, Sardah Tender Notice

Tenders are invited from bonafide traders/suppliers/ contractors/companies for supply of the following goods and articles to this Police Academy, Sardah during the financial year 1991-92.

(1) Ration goods for Academy Ration Store

(A) Lentil pulse  
(B) Fire wood (black berry)  
(C) Wheat crushed  
(D) Carrying of Dalda/Soyabean Oil from Dhaka and Ration goods from local food godown to the Academy.

(2) Food items for horse

(A) Grms  
(B) Barley  
(C) Hay  
(D) Medicine for horse treatment

(3) For patients at the Academy hospital

(A) Medicine  
(B) Patients' diet  
(C) Liveries for Nursing orderlies and patients and other articles.

(4) Stitching Uniforms of Police Staff  
(5) Supplying liveries for MLSS.  
(6) Supplying Various articles for the Departmental store.

Schedule of articles can be collected from the Chief Assistant at the office of the undersigned against payment of Tk 100/- (One hundred) per set (non-refundable) up to 14-7-91 during office hours. Tender should be deposited in the sealed tender box kept at the office of the Police Academy by 12-00 noon on 15-7-91. Tenders will be opened the same day before the tenderers present. The authorities reserve the right to accept or reject the tender as a whole/in part without assigning any reason.

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A devastating fire damaged a rubber factory in Islambagh in the old city on Wednesday.

### Fire in rubber factory godown

By Staff Correspondent

Five godowns of a rubber factory in the city were gutted in a fire early morning Wednesday. The fire damaged machinery and huge quantities of raw materials including chemicals stored in the godowns.

Fire brigade sources said that the fire broke out around 3 am at the godowns of Bulbul Rubber Industries located at Islambagh in Lalbagh area near the Buriganga river. Fire fighting vehicles rushed to the spot immediately, but failed to reach the place since the lanes of the areas were too narrow. However, fire brigade personnel could extinguish the fire with the help of some speed boats brought from Sadarghat. But, it took over three hours to bring the fire under control.

The cause of the fire and extent of damages were yet to be ascertained and investigations were continuing.

### Brunei Sultan's envoy due with relief tomorrow

A special envoy of the Sultan of Brunei Darussalam arrives in Dhaka tomorrow (Friday) with relief goods and cash for the cyclone victims, reports UNB.

Foreign Office sources said Wednesday Dato Paduka Haji Selamat Bin Haji Munap, Deputy Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture of the oil-rich Indian Ocean island, will lead a 19-member delegation during his two-day visit.

He is likely to deliver 2 lakh US dollar to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in aid of the victims of the April 29 devastating cyclone, which ravaged country's coastal belt and offshore islands leaving about 1.5 lakh people dead.

The special envoy, during his sojourn here, is expected to call on Foreign Minister Mustafizur Rahman and other officials.

A national committee set up in the island state in May at the personal initiative of Sultan Hassan Al-Balkiah to raise funds for the Bangladesh cyclone victims will continue its drive till July 25.

### Armed forces celebrate Eid-ul-Azha

The Holy Eid-ul-Azha was celebrated on Monday by the Armed Forces with due solemnity and religious fervour, reports BSS.

According to an ISPR press release on Wednesday, in Dhaka, main Eid congregation of the Bangladesh Army was held at the Garrison Mosque where Chief of Army Staff Lt General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan, principal staff officers and other senior army officers offered their Eid prayers.

Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Muhammad Muhaimeed Islam offered Eid prayers at the BNS Haji Mohsin, senior naval officers including principal staff officers also offered their prayers there.

The main Eid congregation of the Bangladesh Air Force was held at the BAF Central Mosque at Kurmitola where Chief of Air Staff, Air Vice-Marshal Altaf Hussain Chowdhury and other senior BAF officers including principal staff officers offered their Eid prayers.

### Social movement against drug abuse stressed

RAJSHAH, June 26: International Day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking was observed here today, reports BSS.

A colourful rally was held in observance of the day which started from Rajshahi Government College and ended at Zila Parishad auditorium.

The processionists paraded the main streets of the city carrying colourful banners, festoons and chanted slogans against drug abuse and illicit trafficking. Different government, non-government, social and voluntary organisations took part in the rally.

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