

Dhaka seeks regional cooperation for eradicating illiteracy

Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury said literacy programme is one of the main political commitments of the present democratic government, reports BSS.

Literacy and education are the most important and useful tools for human development, he said adding the overall development is difficult to imagine without literacy.

The minister was speaking as chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of a three-day meeting of literacy and adult education officials organised by the Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO) in co-operation with Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO at a city hotel Monday.

Presided over by Education Secretary ANM Eusuf, the function was addressed by State Minister for Education Principal Md Eunus Khan as special guest. A total of 12 literacy officials from eight Muslim countries are taking part in this meeting.

The Education and Cultural Affairs Minister said illiteracy is a great concern for the world community at large and for the Muslim world in particular. He sought global and regional cooperation for achieving success in literacy programme and the goal of education for all in Bangladesh.

State Minister for Education said, at present Bangladesh is passing through a democratic process and as such it is the high time to eradicate the stigma of illiteracy. He said development and literacy are correlated and if we fail to eradicate illiteracy within shortest possible time we will not be able to materialise any development programme.

Education Secretary in his speech said illiteracy is difficult to eradicate but we have to

strive hard for it to make our national development possible. He also laid stress on efficiency and training for literacy officials to achieve success in eradicating illiteracy from the country.

Dhaka-Ctg container express train introduced

Bangladesh Railway introduced a daily Container Express Train between Dhaka and Chittagong from Monday ushering a new era in goods transportation in the country, reports BSS.

This new service will take only thirteen hours to reach Chittagong.

The Container Express will leave Dhaka at 7-30 pm and Chittagong 7 pm everyday.

Customs clearance for both-way booking is now being done at Dhaka ICD. All sorts of banking facilities are also available at the Dhaka container depot now.

The first Container Express Train for Chittagong was inaugurated at the Dhaka Railway Station Monday evening at a simple ceremony. Senior Railway and Sports officials, members of the Shippers Council and Shipping Lines were present on the occasion.



Visiting Vice-President of World Bank Attila Karaosmanoglu called on Industrial Minister Shamsul Islam Khan at his office on Monday. Story on Page-7

Minister seeks all-party cooperation

Campus terrorism can be stopped in 30 minutes: Tofael

Education Minister Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury Monday sought political parties' cooperation to check terrorism in educational institutions, reports UNB.

The general students are not involved on campus violence, Prof. Chowdhury told Parliament, holding outsiders or a very small fraction of students linked with political parties responsible for it.

The Education Minister was responding to a contention of Awami League member Tofael Ahmed who said terrorism on the campus could be contained within half an hour if ordered by the Home Ministry.

Citing government limita-

tions to enforce law on the campus, he said police had to perform their duties on the University campuses under the instruction of the Vice Chancellors.

In this context, the Education Minister mentioned that the government could not implement the recommendations of a one-man Inquiry Commission headed by a neutral judge on the Chittagong University incidents. Prof. Chowdhury regretted a section of teachers sometimes involved themselves in student politics creating a volatile situation on the campus.

Earlier, Tofael, quoting a newspaper, also drew atten-

tion of the House to the situation in Chittagong University where student activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir continued their siege of the residence Vice Chancellor Alamgir Mohammad Serajuddin.

Leader of the Jamaat parliamentary group Moulana Motur Rahman Nizami contradicted him, saying the objectivity of reporting was questioned in the House. He apparently pointed to the controversy over a news item on Opposition Leader Sheikh Hasina's speech.

Besides, he said, terrorism was continuing in almost all educational institutions

Bridge project implementation to start soon

Work on flood control barrage along Jamuna going on

A meeting of the Jamuna Multi-Purpose Bridge Authority held at the secretariat Sunday with Communications Minister Oli Ahmed in the chair, reviewed the latest position of implementation of the project, reports BSS.

The meeting was informed that the joint pre-evaluation mission consisting of the representatives of the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and concerned donor agencies furnished its report in the meet-

ing held in Dhaka in August last year. Proper steps have been taken by Bangladesh authorities under the agreement of the joint mission, the meeting was told, according to a PID handout.

The executive committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC) on May 19 approved the lay-out of the project, including the provisions for installation of the second electric inter-connector and supply of gas in the west bank of

the Jamuna.

Besides, a partial land requisition has been completed under the triennial priority programmes of the government and work was going on satisfactorily on the construction of the flood control barrage on the east bank of the river, the handout said.

It was hoped after a review of the project at the meeting that implementation of the main project would start soon on the basis of the consensus among Bangladesh government, World Bank and other donor agencies and donor countries.

Meanwhile, necessary directives had already been given to the Jamuna Multi-Purpose Bridge Authority to complete various under-construction projects relating to the construction of the bridge quickly.

Secretary, Economic Relations Division Enam Ahmed Chowdhury, Energy and Mineral Resources Secretary Azim Uddin Ahmed, Road and Road Transport Division Secretary and Vice-Chairman of Jamuna Bridge Project Nazem Ahmed Chowdhury, Irrigation and Flood Control Secretary MA Malik, Railway Division Secretary Nurul Momen Khan, Planning Commission Member Mohammad Serajuddin, Engineer-in-Chief, Bangladesh Armed Forces Major General MA Halim, Additional Secretary, Economic Division Dr Taufiq-E-Elahi Chowdhury, Chief Engineer, Road and Highways Directorate Ataur Rahman and Prof Dr Jamulur Raza Chowdhury of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) were among those present at the meeting.

Law students call on Shahabuddin

Continued anarchy on campuses slated

A group of students belonging to Bangladesh Law Students Association called on the Acting President, Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, at the President's Secretariat Monday, reports BSS.

They submitted a memorandum to the Acting President in which they deplored continued anarchy in the educational institutions. They said persisting violence on the campus had caused not only session jam but also a grave crisis in the academic arena and uncertainty about the future of students.

They expressed themselves in favour of mutual tolerance, discipline, peace and stability on the campus.

The law students proposed that a training institute for law graduates be established to help improve their professional skill and practical knowledge.

The Acting President appreciated their views on the

need for discipline in an academic institutions. He told them that their proposal for setting up a legal training institute would be examined by appropriate authorities.

BICPAJ fast for N-free world Aug 8

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Inter-religious Council for Peace and Justice (BICPAJ) is to observe a 12-hour fast on Thursday.

The fast, to promote awareness against the spread of nuclear arms and for steps to maintain a pollution-free climate, will be held at the YMCA Training Centre at Savar.



Mobin named HC to Lanka

The government has decided to appoint Shamsheer Mobin Chowdhury, Director General in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as the High Commissioner of Bangladesh to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, reports BSS.

Born on May 1, 1950, Chowdhury graduated from Pakistan Military Academy in 1969.

He participated in the War of Liberation of Bangladesh and was promoted to the rank of Major in September 1973. He joined the Bangladesh foreign service and held various diplomatic assignments in Rome, Washington and Ottawa.

Chowdhury was Minister Deputy Chief of mission in Bangladesh Embassy in Beijing from July 1986 to November 1988.

Anniversary of Mahbub Ali's death today

The seventh death anniversary of Rear Admiral Mahbub Ali Khan, former Chief of Naval Staff, DCMLA and Minister of Communication and Agriculture, will be observed today, reports BSS.

In this connection a milad mahfil will be held at Mahbub Bhaban' House No 40, Road No 5, Dhanmondi Residential Area after Asr prayers. Begum Mahbub Ali Khan has requested relatives, friends, admirers, well-wishers and associates of late Khan to attend the milad mahfil.

Rear Admiral M A Khan Memorial Committee, Sylhet has also chalked out various programme including milad mahfil, special prayer, and distribution of food to the poor, seminar and discussion meeting on the life and works of the deceased.

An appeal

Dr Capt (Rtd) M A Sattar Sadi has been suffering from acute myeloid leukemia for quite a long time.

He needs treatment abroad which will cost huge amount of money.

He has appealed for financial help.

Any organisation or individual willing to help him may kindly contact him at 32/8, Bonogram, Dhaka. Phones: 281972, 238939.

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from the bonafide firms for repairing 4 (four) Sweeping Machines of Special Branch, Bangladesh, Dhaka to be addressed to the undersigned and dropped in the tender box kept in office premises till 11.30 hours on 18.8.91. The tenders will be opened at 12.00 hours on the same day in presence of the tenderers (if any present).

The tender schedule containing terms and condition of the tender may be obtained from the undersigned at a cost of Tk. 100/00 (One hundred, non-refundable) and the machines may be inspected at the Technical Section of this office on all working days during office hours. No schedule will be sold on opening day of the tender.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or to reject (any or all) the tenders.

Gulam Mustafa

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For-Addl. I. G. Special Branch,

Bangladesh, Dhaka.

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Eastern Wood Works

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The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Directorate of Housing Settlement, Dhaka.

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All first class, special (former 'A' class) first class general/electrical/sanitary, 2nd class general/electrical/sanitary contractors of the Directorate of Housing Settlement are requested to deposit the renewal fees within dates mentioned below.

From	July 91 to	September 91	without fine,
"	October '91 to	December '91	with 50% fine,
"	January 92 to	June '92	with 75% fine and
"	July 92 to	June '93	with 100% fine.

If any contractor/contractors fail to deposit renewal fees within the aforesaid dates, his/their enlistment will be treated as cancelled. Chalan has to be passed from the above-mentioned Directorate before depositing renewal fees. Chalans having not been passed, will be accepted under no circumstances. Registration book must be brought at the time of passing Chalan.

Prescribed rates of renewal/registration fees for the current financial year are mentioned below:

1. First Class Special	Tk 4,000/- (Taka four thousand only)
2. First Class (Civil/Electrical/Sanitary)	Tk 1,500/- (Taka one thousand five hundred only)
3. 2nd Class (Civil/Electrical/Sanitary)	Tk 1,000/- (Taka one thousand only)

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Chief Engineer
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Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority

Mechanical and Marine Engineering Department
141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.

Invitation for Bids

Date : 01-08-1991
International Tender Under IDA Credit
No. 2048-BD. IFB No. FRP-88/F/MME-2

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies towards the cost of the Third Flood Rehabilitation, 1988 and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this Credit will be applied, through the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, to eligible payments under the contract for procurement of Ball Joints.
- Chief Engineer (Marine), Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, Mechanical and Marine Engineering Department, 141-143, Motijheel C/A, (3rd floor), Dhaka-1000 now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of 20 pieces Ball Joints.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of the Chief Engineer (Marine), Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, Mechanical and Marine Engineering Department, 141-143 Motijheel C/A, (3rd floor), Dhaka-1000, TELEX No. 642787 BIWTA-BJ.
- A complete set in duplicate of the Bidding Documents may be purchased by any interested eligible Bidder on the submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk. 2000/- (Taka two thousand) or US\$ 63/- (US dollar sixty three) only.
- All bids must be accompanied by a security of not less than two per cent (2%) of bid amount and must be delivered to the above office on or before 12.00 hours on 26.09.1991.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representative who choose to attend at 12.30 hrs. on 26.09.1991 in the office of the Chief Engineer (Marine), Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, Mechanical and Marine Engg. Department, 141-143, Motijheel C/A (3rd floor), Dhaka-1000.

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M. A. Chowdhury
Chief Engineer (Marine)

Dhaka Rotary Club gives saplings to schools

The Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka has distributed 1500 saplings for plantation in school premises as part of its environment protection programme, reports UNB.

The saplings were planted in the premises of four schools and one college in Kawdia under Gazipur district last Friday, according to a press release Sunday.

President of the Club Kazir Kamaluddin Ekram was present on the occasion as chief guest.

Tk 50 lakh medicine for Chinese flood victims

The government has decided to donate medicine worth Tk 50 lakh for the flood-affected people of China, reports UNB.

An unprecedented devastating flood has struck several provinces in China, resulting in loss of valuable lives and property.

The government has conveyed its deepest sorrow and heartfelt sympathy to families suffering losses in this natural disaster, said an official press release Monday.

Qul Khwani

Qul Khwani of Mrs Rakhshanda Banu Nizam, wife of Reza Nizam of Chittagong, who died at a clinic in Dhaka Saturday midnight after prolonged illness, will be held tomorrow, Wednesday at 110-A, New DOHS, Mohakhali (opposite DOHS Mosque) after Asr prayers.

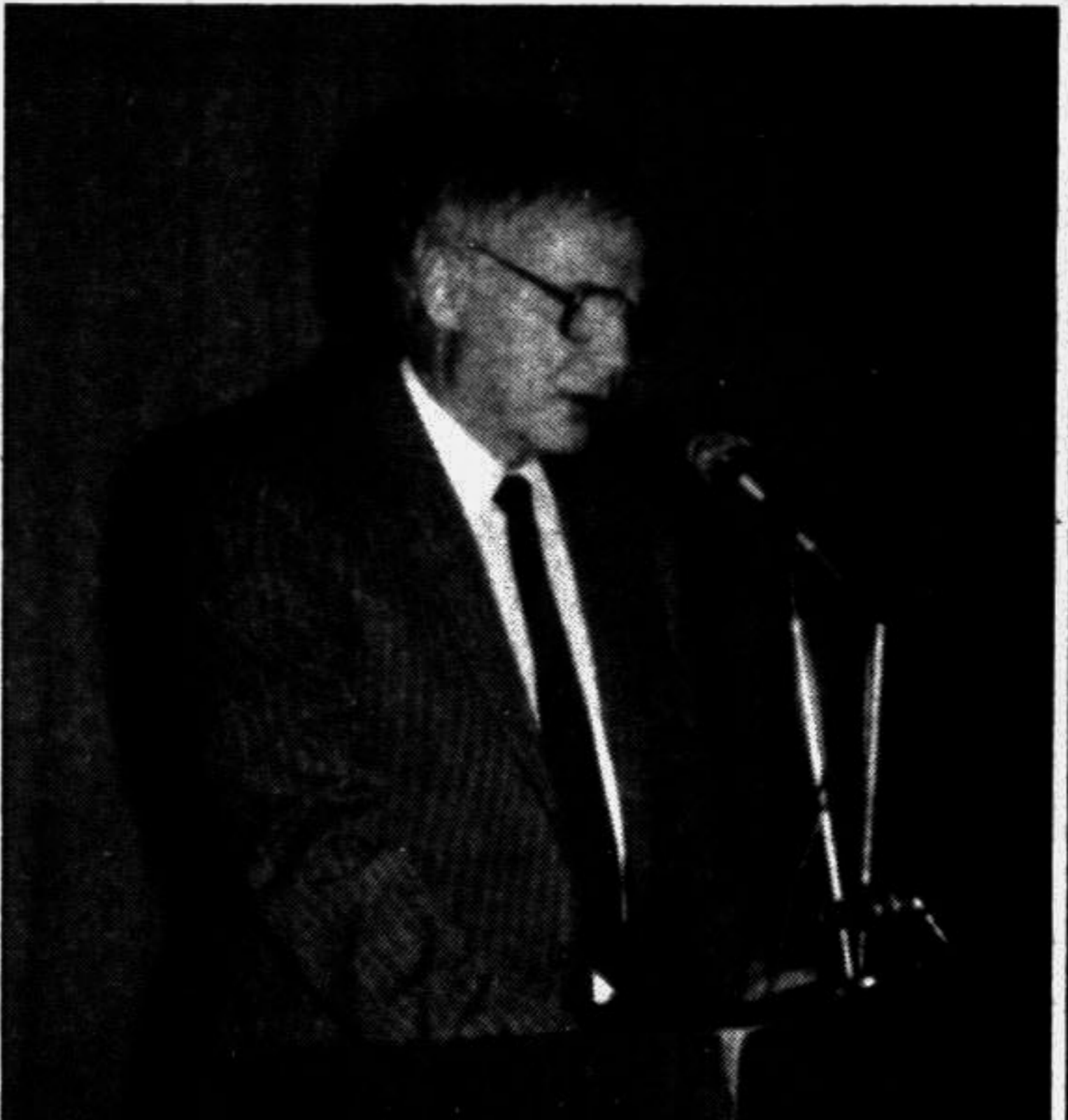
Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to kindly attend and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Mrs Nizam, who was 38, left behind her husband, daughter Naira, mother and her only brother S M Mamoon, Sports Reporter of The Daily Star to mourn her death.

Obituary

Rektbunnessa Khatun Chowdhury, wife of late Abdul Alim Chowdhury of south Bhadeswar, Sylhet recently died in Dhaka. She was 91.

Her body was taken to Bhadeswar where she was buried in the family graveyard. She left behind three sons and three daughters and host of relations to mourn her death.



Soviet Ambassador in Bangladesh Yuri K Alekseev speaking at the annual cultural function of Satarupa Lalitkala Academy at Soviet Cultural Centre in city on Monday. State Minister Major (retired) MA Mannan and Poet Shamsur Rahman attended the function as chief guest and special guest respectively.

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Cox's Bazar remains cut off

Cox's Bazar remained cut off from rest of the country as road communication snapped with collapse of a bridge in swirling flood water, reports UNB.

The bridge on the Cox's Bazar-Chittagong highway at Boraitala in Chokoria upazila broke down Sunday night, the district officials said.

Meanwhile, flood situation in Comilla also deteriorated after the Gumti embankment breached and gushing water from the overflowing river inundated vast areas.

Water rushing through the breach at Jatrapur in Burichang upazila partially affected five unions and totally submerged Pir Jatrapur, Shinal and Rajapur unions.

Flash flood caused by incessant rain in last couple of days submerged another four unions in Brahmanpara upazila, the Deputy Commissioner told

UNB over telephone.

Flood Forecasting Centre in Dhaka informed the Gumti at Comilla and the Surma at Sunamganj in the Meghna basin were flowing 71 cm and 10 cm above their respective danger levels this evening.

The Gumti is expected to recede during the next 24 hours ending 6 pm Monday while the Surma will swell further, according to the centre forecast.

Situation in the districts in the Southeastern Hill basin like Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Bandarban, now under the scourge of flash floods, is likely start improving with cessation of rains.

With a second spell of heavy downpour, flooding with a minor intensity is feared in the vicinities of the mighty Brahmaputra in the later part of the current month, experts at the Flood Forecasting

Centre warned.

They said low areas down stream Goalundo was likely to be inundated within a couple of days.

Meanwhile, a report from Pabna said erosion by the surging Jamuna has devoured many houses rendering some 3,000 people homeless during the last few days in Bera upazila.

The Upazila Chairman, Rawshan Ali, told UNB 500 acres of land along with standing crops had also been devoured by the mighty river.

Rakshaw, Ganopatia and Singhashan villages have been totally washed away, he said.

Nakalia river port and Nagarbari ferry ghat are affected by the massive erosion.

The Chairman said Taka one lakh and 10 metric tons of wheat had been distributed among the erosion victims. Many distressed people, however, said they had not got relief material.