Islam ensures proper status of women

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum inaugurated a seminar on "Status of Women in Islam" at hotel Sonargaon in Dhaka Friday, reports BSS.

With veteran educationist Dr Abida Hafiz in the chair, the day-long seminar was organtsed by the committee for the observance of the holy birthday of Hazrat Fatima (RA) marking her birth anniversary on Friday.

In her inaugural speech, Prof Jahanara Begum said, the Muslim women should play their major role for establish ing a society based on Islamic ideals for the benefit of the coming generations.

"The great woman of Islam, Hazrat Fatima (RA) is our ideal and we should follow the teachings of her life," she said calling upon all Muslim women to take lessons from the guidelines of Islam.

Prof Jahanara Begum hoped, women with their concrete quality would be able to establish an Islamic society and said, such seminars would help know each other for greater causes of the Muslim

State Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs Mrs. Sarwari Rahman in a message to the seminar said, it was the duty of all Muslims to ensure legitimate rights of Muslim women in family as well as society enabling them to play their role duly. She said, Islam had ensured

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RAJSHAHI, Dec 27: State

Minister for Education

Principal Mohammad Eunus

Khan today called upon the

primary school teachers to

make the compulsory primary

education programme a suc-

cess with a view to eradicating

the curse of illiteracy from the

visional conference of Non-

Government Primary School

Teachers' Association as the

chief guest at Madrasha

dressed, among others, by

State Minister for Land Kabir

Hossain, Mayor of Rajshahi

Mizanur Rahman Minu, Azizur

Rahman, MP, Luthfunnesa

Hossain, MP, and the Deputy

Director of Primary Education

Department, Rajshahi Division

while Divisional President of

the Association Md Akkas Ali

compulsory primary education

programme would be launched

from January 1, in 64 upazilas

and added the programme

would be extended in all upazi-

las during the next five years

in phases. He said mass educa-

tion programme would be

retritroduced to resist dropout

ernment was sympathetic

about the rational demands of

non-government primary

ernment would follow a prin-

ciple in the question of na-

tionalisation of educational in-

stitutions for qualitative devel-

opment of education. He, how-

ever, said their demands

would be placed in the parlia-

Cases filed in '89

against two UP

chairmen still

suppressed

1989 against two Union

Parishad chairmen of Sadar

upazila of Narshingdi district

for misappropriation of wheat

worth about Tk 8 lakh, still

remain suppressed, local lead-

The two persons of Hajipur

and Alekbali union are again

contesting for the forthcoming

Sources said the two

chairmen lifted a huge quantity

of wheat given for food-for-

work programme and they

submitted false master rolls to

the authorities to show that

the distribution of wheat was

But on allegation from the

local people, an investigation

team from Relief Ministry vis-

ited the unions and found that

The Bureau of Anti-

Corruption filed two separate

cases against the two chair-

men but proceedings have not

The cases are now being re-

erred to by the opposing can-

lidates in the UP electioneer-

started in the last two years.

done and work completed.

no work had been done.

ers alleged, reports UNB.

Union Parishad election.

Separate cases filed in

Terming education as the

He further said, the gov-

Eunus Khan said the gov-

The State Minister said

Sheikh presided.

of the children.

school teachers.

The conference was ad-

He was addressing the di-

country, reports BSS.

improve quality

rights for the women in all walks of life. She mentioned Hazrat Fatima (RA) and the wives of Prophet Hazrat Mohammad (SM) as instances, and said they had lived, worked and moved about indifferent walks of life and preached Islam in their own

Sarwari Rahman also said, Chand Sultana and Noor Jahan were the illustrious examples of Muslim women leadership who became history by their

proper status and legitimate

She hoped that the seminar would go a long way in ensuring the status of women.

The Women Association of the Islamic Republic of Iran in its message to the seminar, called for a greater unity of the Muslim women for establishing the society based on Islamic

Mrs Ali Madadi convenor of the committee and wife of the head of Iranian Cultural Centre in Dhaka, read out the keynote paper in the seminar while Mrs Ganjidoost, wife of the Iranian Ambassador in Bangladesh, Dr Kulsum Abul Basher and Dr Maliha Khatoon presented their articles on the

Besides, Principal Monwara Hadi, Mrs Mahmuda Khatun, Dr Habiba Khanam, Mrs Farugur Rahman and Mrs Ferdousi Begum took part in discussion.

Mrs Rathana Kamal recited a poem on Hazrat Fatima (RA) at the seminar.

backbone for the development

of a nation, State Minister for

land Kabir Hossain said the re-

sponsibility to make the chil-

dren as worthy citizen of the

country was vested upon the

primary school teachers. He

underscored the need for im-

proving the teaching quality of

the teachers ignoring age-old

Tk 1 lakh grant

for Rajshahi

Diabetic Assoc

RAJSHAHI, Dec 27

Rajshahi City Corporation has

donated Tk one lakh as grant

for the Rajshahi unit of

made the announcement at a

seminar, organised by the as-

sociation on "mass awareness

Kabir Hossain attended the

function as the chief guest

Presided over by Vice

President of the Association S.

A. Bari, the seminar was also

addressed by parliament

members Azizur Rahman and

the affluent section of the so-

ciety to help create awareness

to curb the spread of diabetic

said different diseases like

cardiac, paralysis and eye dis-

eases could be controlled

Booking assistant

of Rly suspended

Mutaleb Mullah, a booking as-

sistant of Railway, has been

suspended from service yes-

terday on charge of issuing six

duplicate tickets for inter-city

train Turna Nishitha, reports

release of its leader Mushfeka Mishu yesterday.

CHITTAGONG, Dec 27:

through mass awareness.

Speakers at the function

Kabir Hossain called upon

Lutfunnesa Hossain.

State Minister for Land

and diabetic" held here today.

City mayor Mizanur Rahman

Association, reports BSS.

Diabetic

Bangladesh

education system.

history of the country.

Secretary General Fakir Ashraf and Poet Al-Mujahidi. Raishahi Speaking on the occasion Salam Talukdar called upon the members of the association to devote themselves in wel-Teachers asked to fare-oriented activities rising above all sorts of petty inter-

yesterday.

ports BSS.

Rise above all

sorts of petty

interests: Salam

Welfare Association, Biman

was held at the IPGMR audito-

rium in Dhaka on Friday, re-

Minister Abdus Salam Talukdar

attended the function as the

chief guest while State

Minister for Civil Aviation and

Tourism Abdul Mannan was

Islam, the ceremony was ad-

dressed by noted folklorist Dr.

Ashraf Siddigi, Greater

Mymensingh Association

President Hasinur Rahman and

Presided over by Azharul

present as the special guest.

LGRD and Cooperatives

The installation ceremony

Greater Mymensingh

He also stressed the need for further fostering relationship among the people of greater Mymensingh living in

Eulogising the works of the welfare association, Mannan said, such kind of body helps develop pleasant relationship between the officials and employees of any organisation.

The installation ceremony was followed by a cultural function.

Kabir Hossain said, the BNP JS body on government had allocated 15 per cent of the total revenue privileges budget for the education sector, the highest ever in the meets

The first meeting of the Standing Committee on privileges was held at the Sangsad Bhaban with the Speaker, Shaikh Razzaque Ali, in the chair Tuesday, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed some proposals relating to preserving the privileges of members of Parliament and took decisions on them, according to a Sangsad press re-

Deputy Leader of the House Dr Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Panni, Chief Whip Khondkar Delwar Hossain and MPs Tofael Ahmed (AL). Shahjahan Siraj (JSD-S) and Matiur Rahman Nizami (Jamaat) attended the meet-

10-day eye camp at Bhairab opens

Chairman of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BRCS) Syed Shahidul Haq Jamal Monday inaugurated a 10-day cyc camp at Bhairab M P Pilot Girls High School, reports

The camp was jointly organ ised by the Bhairab and Chittagong branches of Bangladesh National Society for the Blind (BNSB). This is the 16th eye camp so far or

ganised at Bhairab. Presided over by the UNO Bhairab, the function was also addressed, among others, by Bhairab Pourashava Vice Chairman Zahurul Haq.



Jamiruddin Strear called upon the Imams to put in their best efforts to eradicate illiteracy

from the country, reports BSS. He was speaking as the chief guest at he certificate awarding ceremony of Imam training project of Islamic Foundation Bangladesh in Dhaka on Friday.

Presided over by Director-General of the foundation Monsurul Hog Khan, the function was addressed by the

Secretary of the Ministry of Religious Affairs MA Awal and National Professor Nurul Islam.

The Education Minister said the present government had already undertaken a planto bring one Thana of each districts under mass education programme in its first phase. He said that the government would also implement compulsory primary education from January, 1992.

Strear said Mosque-based education centres would be

established and Imams of the Mosquea would be involved in mass education programme. The Imams of the Mosques are the leaders of the society and they should contribute to make mass education programmes a success by creating awareness among the rural

Later, the Education Minister distributed certifi-



Munni and Moni playing instrumental music at a function at the Shilpakala Academy in . the city yesterday.

Ties with Nepal to grow further'

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia felicitated King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev, King of Nepal, on the occasion of King's birth day, reports BSS.

In a message of felicitation President Abdur Rahman Biswas expressed his firm conviction that the traditional bonds of friendship, understanding and close cooperation that so happily exist between our two countries would continue to grow further in the years to come to the mutual benefit of our two peoples.

He wished good health. happiness and long life of the King and continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Nepal.

Khaleda

In another message of felicitation Begum Khaleda Zia said, "the government and the people of Bangladesh join me in conveying to you our heartiest greetings and warmest felicitations on the happy occasion of your birth day.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express my earnest hope that the close bonds of friendship, cooperation and understanding that so happily characterise the relations between our two SAARC countries will be further developed and strengthened in the years

-Star photo

to come to the mutual benefit

of our two peoples. Please, accept, Your Majesty, my best wishes for your good health, happiness and long life and for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Nepal".

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has also sclicitated Mr Girija Prashad Koirala, Prime Minister of Nepal on the occasion of the birthday of His Majesty King Birendra.

In a message of felicitation Begum Zia said, "it gives me great pleasure to convey to Your Excellency my most sincere felicitations and cordial greetings on the occasion of the birth day of His Majesty King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah

I would like to take this opportunity to express my best wishes for your personal wellbeing and for the continued progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Nepal."

Cultural troupe back home

A cultural troupe of 15 members returned recently from Italy after twenty-day's visit, says a press release.

Performances of the troupe were telecast from Italian television Ri Uno from November 21 to 24.

A twelve-member dance troupe from Bangladesh was invited as special guest. Father Mario Rigon headed the delegation. Dance artiste couple Hasan Imam, the honourary General Secretary of the 'Surangama Sangeet Academy, and Shamim Ara Nipa the honourary Principal of the Academy were the Dance Directors of the troupe.

Other artistes of the troupe were Shhrima Bari Sinthi, Farah Sahwar Jhunjhun, Mahbub Khanam Mukta, Rehana Parvin Runa, Sharmin Akhtar Sonia, Asma Yasmeen Rita, Gazi Asha Ilimel Mahjabeen Ahsan Munmun, Firoza Nahar Tania, Ayesha Sattar Roshni, Syeda Tuhin Ara Karim Aupi and Zannatul Ferdous Munmum. The troupe presented two dance perfor-

mances in Visenza. The troupe returned home after visiting four towns -Bologna, Rome, Venice and Visenza.

'Major parties associates of imperialists'

By Staff Correspondent Shahid Biplabi

Deshpremik Smriti Sangsad. an organisation to commemorate the martyred revolutionaries and patriots, at a press conference Friday called upon the people to uphold the names of those who laid down their lives in the struggle for the rights of the masses.

The press conference addressed by Tamizuddin Ahmed, General Secretary of the organisation, termed the major political parties as the associates of imperialists and alleged they were involved in spreading confusions among the people about the role of the revolutionaries like Siraj Shikdar by using the imperialism-controlled mass-media.

He said this was the time to inform the people about the historic role of the pioneerrevolutionaries of the country and to stimulate their ideals among the new generation.

The press conference held at the National Press Club termed both Sheikh Mujib and Ziaur Rahman as 'the enemies of the mass people,' and alleged that a large number of revolutionaries were killed during the regime of the two leaders. The sangsad, however, announced its decision to observe the death anniversary of Siraj Shikdar on January 2, as the National Mourning Day and also called upon the people to observe the day with due homage

Seminar on computer

Dr M A Mannan, Chairman of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, stressed the need for the development of information technology through appropriate and market relevant curriculum, says a press release.

He was addressing as the chief guest a seminar on curriculam development of computer courses arranged by the Computer Education and Training Centre (CETC) of International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) on Thursday at the Auditorium of Academy for Planning and Development. CETC Chairman Dr

Alimullah Miyan chaired the seminar. This first ever seminar on curriculum development was participated by 190 individu-

Korean Scouts JSD (Rab) A 15-member F rean

HERE and THERE

Rovers team arrived in Unaka on Friday to work under a Bangladesh-Korea Joint Social Development Project.

The team will take part in child health care activities, sanitation and tubewell installation at Barotkhalt village at Upazila of Srinagar Munshigani district under the Bangladesh-Korea Joint Social Development Project.

The team will leave Dhaka on January 5.

Jatiya Oikya Front

A meeting of the central committee of Jatiya Oikya Front was held Friday with the Front Presidium member Major (Retd) Joynul Haider in the chair.

The meeting, held at the party office, adopted four resolutions expressing grave concern over killing of a BDR man by the Burmese security forces, calling upon the Indian government to immediately transfer Tin Bigha to Bangladesh and revive the names of roads and institutions after Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

Art Film Culture

The three-day film screening and seminar organised by Bangladesh Art Film Culture concluded in the city Friday.

Noted playwright and President of the organisation Saeed Ahmed presided over the seminar in which TV producer Faridur Rahman presented the key note paper.

Assistant Professor of Mass Communication Journalism Department of Dhaka University Dr Sheikh Abdus Salam took part in the discussion on the paper. The function was also addressed by M Zillur Rahman and Helal Hamidur Rahman.

Youth Council

The Secretary General of Youth Council Abdul Malek Ratan Friday condemned the Burmese military build-up along the Bangladesh border.

In a statement the Council leader expressed his grave concern over amassing of Burmese troops and called upon the government to take appropriate diplomatic steps.

He also urged the government to raise the issue at the international forum.

Crimes in Kushtia increase

Social crimes including rape and hijacking have increased in Kushtia district in the last two months causing grave concern among the people, reports UNB.

The latest incident of murder occurred on December 20, at village Machpara of Jhoudia union in Sadar upazila where Mosharaf Hussain (40) was shot dead by some unknown miscreants at dead on night. The cause of the murder

could not be ascertained. On December 10, Jayanta (20), a local photographer, was

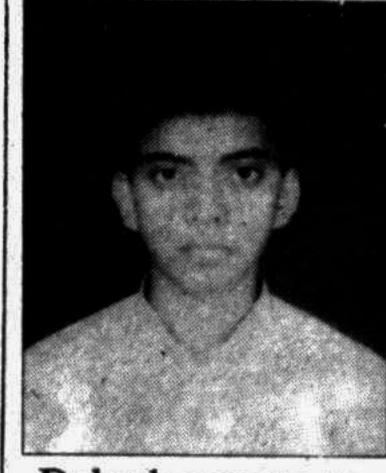
killed in the Housing Estate Anjura Begum (28), preg-

nant for seven months was raped then killed by mastans at Bhaluka village in Kumarkhali upazial on November 30. A year old named Rekha was raped by the miscreants in Millpara area of the town on November 28.

On November 25, the miscreants gunned down Alauddin (30) in Mirpur upazila.

Munnaf (26), a rickshawpuller was seriously injured by the miscreants as the victim helped in recovery of the goods looted November 18.

Police have failed to identify the real culprits in almost all the cases and as such grave and order situation is prevailing in there whole district, local people alleged.



Palash wants to be engineer

M N Momen Palash has stood 10th in combined merit list in HSC examination from Barisal Cadet College under Jessore Board. He obtained 893 marks

with 4 letters. Palash also stood 7th in SSC examination from the same college. Reading books, penfriend-

ship and playing games are his favourite hobbies. He wants to be an engineer. Palash is son of Dr Kafiluddin Ahmed, Deputy Director, Livestock Department.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Rab) leaders have called upon the government to reintroduce the Upazila system as a mark of respect to the public opin-

In a statement, Friday, JSD President Nur Alam Jiku and General Secretary Humayun Kabir Hiru said that the country-wide hartal in support of Upazila administration proved that people opted for it.

Diabetes forecasting centre

Bangladesh Diabetes Forecasting centre conducted a daylong mobile diabetes camp Friday at Merul Kacha Bazar in the city as part of its countrywide programme to detect diabetes patients.

Rafigul Islam and Maniru-

zzaman Manir, President and General Secretary respectively of the centre were present during the programme. The Shopkeepers Asso-

ciation of the bazar, presented a file cabinate to the centre for

M A Khan Memorial Award Committee

Rear Admiral Mahbub Alt Khan Memortal Award Committee organised a function Friday at the Hotel Sheraton to distribute prizes to various personalities and organisations for their special contribution in various aspects.

The persons and organisations awarded prizes are: Shaheed Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon, for his contribution in the Mass movement of 1990 and Sandhani, for its contribution in the health sector in 1990 and antismoking organisation Adhunik, for the year 1991.

Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Minister for Health and Family Planning distributed prizes as the chief guest while the function was addressed among others by Social Welfare Minister Tariqul Islam as the special guest and by Abu Ahmed Chowdhury, President of BMDC, Gazi Shamsur Rahman and Mantlal Aich Litu.

Juba Kalyan Federation

Chairman of Bangladesh Juba Kalyan Federation Sahidur Rahman left Dhaka Friday for Netherlands in an organisational tour.

He will also visit Denmark. Belgium, Switzerland, Luxembourg, USA and UAE and meet with the youth leaders of the

Chhatra Oikkya

Chhatra Oikkya Forum brought out a torch procession in the city Friday demanding immediate release of its leaders Moshrefa Mishu, Jayed lqbal and Obaidul Kabir.

The procession was brought out from the Madhu's canteen premises of Dhaka University in the evening and ended in front of the National Press Club.

A brief rally was also held there which was addressed among others by Badrul Alam, Mohiuddin Lavlu and Badaruddin Milon.

Flying Club

The 34th annual general meeting of the Bangladesh Flying Club was held at the Flying Club premises in city on Friday electing new officer bearers of the club for the year 1992.

Group Capt (retd) Saiful Azam MP, was elected president of the club while Wing Commander (retd) SR Mirza and Brig Abdullah Al-Hussain were the vice-presidents.

Capt Syed Mozammil Huq. Major (rctd) Fazlur Rahman, Mr Nasiruddin Ahmed, Momenur Rahman Chowdhury, Altaf Hussain, Capt Ashraf Hussain, and Capt Abdullah Mahmood were elected members of the club. All the office-bearers and members were elected

unopposed. National workshop

The second national workshop for development of materials for skill based literacy programme for women was concluded here yesterday.

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar attended the concluding ceremony as the chief guest. Director of UNESCO Asia

and Pacific region Hedayet Ahmed and Education Secretary M Mustafizur Rahman also spoke on the occasion as special guests.

The Education Minister laid emphasis on expansion of women education for over-all national development. Mass education programme is being introduced for eradicating illiteracy by the end of 2000 AD, he said.

Library Assoc The carididates who have

been selected for ac mission into the 49th batch of the Certificate Course in Library Science conducted by the Library Association of Bangladesh, are advised to get themselves admitted by January 4 positively.

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