

Plea to halt unplanned cultivation of prawns

Bio-diversity in the vast tea garden areas of the country was being affected seriously in the absence of any public protection measures. Dr Mohammed Ali Reza Khan, a conservationist of the country told a seminar in Dhaka Friday, reports BSS.

Dr Khan who is now in-charge of Dubai Zoo, Arab Emirates, said the tea garden areas turned into a hunting ground for a section of people as there was no police or public protection there.

He said the tea gardeners were using herbicides to destroy grasses, the habitats of hare, that would endanger this specie.

Public Service Commission Chairman Prof Dr Iajuddin Ahmed addressed the seminar as the chief guest while Pro Salar Khan presided.

Organised by Nature Conservation Movement (NACOM) the seminar was also addressed by Assistant Director of Asian Wetland Bureau, S A Hussain, Associate Professor of Chittagong University Botany Department, Dr. Ansarul Karim, Indian conservationist, Dr. Jayantu Banerjee and NACOM President Anisuzzaman Khan.

Prof Iajuddin suggested stoppage of unplanned cultivation of prawns in the crop lands as it would gradually push the salinity towards the mainland causing long-term harm to the farmers and the nation.

Referring to employment situation in the country he said 40,000 graduates were applying every year to the Public Service Commission against an average of only one thousand

government job. He, however, said that the agricultural graduates were reluctant to work in the rural areas for want of security and the medical graduates do not like to work in the villages both for lack of security and lack of enough earnings as in the urban areas.

Contrary to normal belief Dr Jayantu Banerjee said human movement and intervention was not always harmful to conservation of bio-diversity.

He said travelling of the Himalayan by the mankind led to enrichment of bio-diversity. The Buddhists travelling through the Himalayan's in different routes carried seeds on animal back and spread them all the way contributing to varieties of plant genetics there, he added.

Dr Jayantu, at present working for international centre for mountain development based in Nepal, is on a private visit to Dhaka.

He brushed aside the idea of opposing importation of foreign genetic resources as a narrow and dogmatic view of preserving bio-diversity.

He termed the border conflict between India and China in 1962 as a great disaster for bio-diversity. He said following the conflict roads were built for troops movement to inaccessible area and paved the way for exploitation of the genetic resources.

Criticising mono culture of imported fast growing species of fish S A Hussain said this would destroy the bio-diversity of an area.

He suggested the conservationists to back their arguments with adequate facts.

Mostafiz opens tree plantation programme at Bagerhat

A massive tree plantation programme has been taken up at Bagerhat district as part of country-wide tree-plantation and maintenance of ecological balance programme, reports BSS.

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman formally inaugurated the programme through planting a sapling of "Mehgan" tree at Bagerhat Circuit House premises Friday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Rahman said there was no alternative to motivating the people about the significance of plantation and preservation of trees through strengthening the implementation of this programme in every nook and corner of the country.

Later, Foreign Minister handed over to local Sarai Madrasa authority two sewing machines and one electric fan for the madrasa.

Discussion on "Heritage of Dhaka" July 24

A discussion meeting and exhibition on "Heritage of Dhaka" will now be held on July 24 at the Shishu Academy, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will attend it as chief guest, said an official handout Tuesday.

Information Minister Barister Nazmul Huda will preside over the function, arranged by the Greater Dhaka Zila Samity.

Deputy Leader of the House in parliament Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury will be the main speaker.

Earlier scheduled for July 10, the function was postponed for unavoidable circumstances, the handout said.

Tender Notice

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বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia presiding over the Bangladesh Nationalist Party Standing Committee meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday. Story on Page 1 — PID photo

Embankment project soon to protect Jamuna erosion

State Minister for Finance Mojibur Rahman yesterday said the government would take up a project to construct embankment from Gaibandha to Sirajganj under flood action programme to protect the area from the Jamuna erosion, reports BSS.

The State Minister was addressing as the chief guest a function organised by the Sarikandi Thana Welfare Samity at WAPDA auditorium.

Presided over by President of the Samity AK Sharfuddin Ahmed the function was addressed by Dr Habibur Rahman MP and other elite of Sarikandi living in Dhaka.

Mojibur Rahman said the present government had set forth priority programmes on the basis of broad policies to address to problems and bring

about comprehensive socio-economic emancipation. He said, the cardinal objective of the BNP government was to make best use of available resources to get maximum return.

He called upon the people of all walks to involve themselves in all welfare oriented development programmes and help government implement them successfully.

The State Minister said the priority programmes of the government are poverty alleviation, increasing literacy rates through compulsory primary education and mass literacy programmes, providing primary health for all, reducing rate of population growth, and build broad-based basic infrastructure.

He said, the proposed bud-

get for 1992-93 made the highest allocation for education amounting to Tk. 1600 crore. Other social sectors have also been given priority for human resource development and employment generation, he added.

Speakers in the function emphatically urged the government to protect Sarikandi Thana from the inundation of the Jamuna. A large area of the Thana has been inundated by the Jamuna rendering many homeless.

Rahman said government had already taken up measures to protect the area from the wrath of the Jamuna. He hoped, with the implementation of the Gaibandha to Sirajganj embankment project the problem could well be contained.

Jamaat activists urged to stick to principles

CHITTAGONG, July 17: Maulana Mattur Rahman Nizami MP, Secretary General and Leader of Jamaat-e-Islami Parliamentary group today called upon his party workers to stick to moral principles and work with dedication so that they are regarded as ideal and true soldiers of Islam, reports BSS.

He said, Jamaat workers should prove themselves to be ideal political workers through their activities, he added.

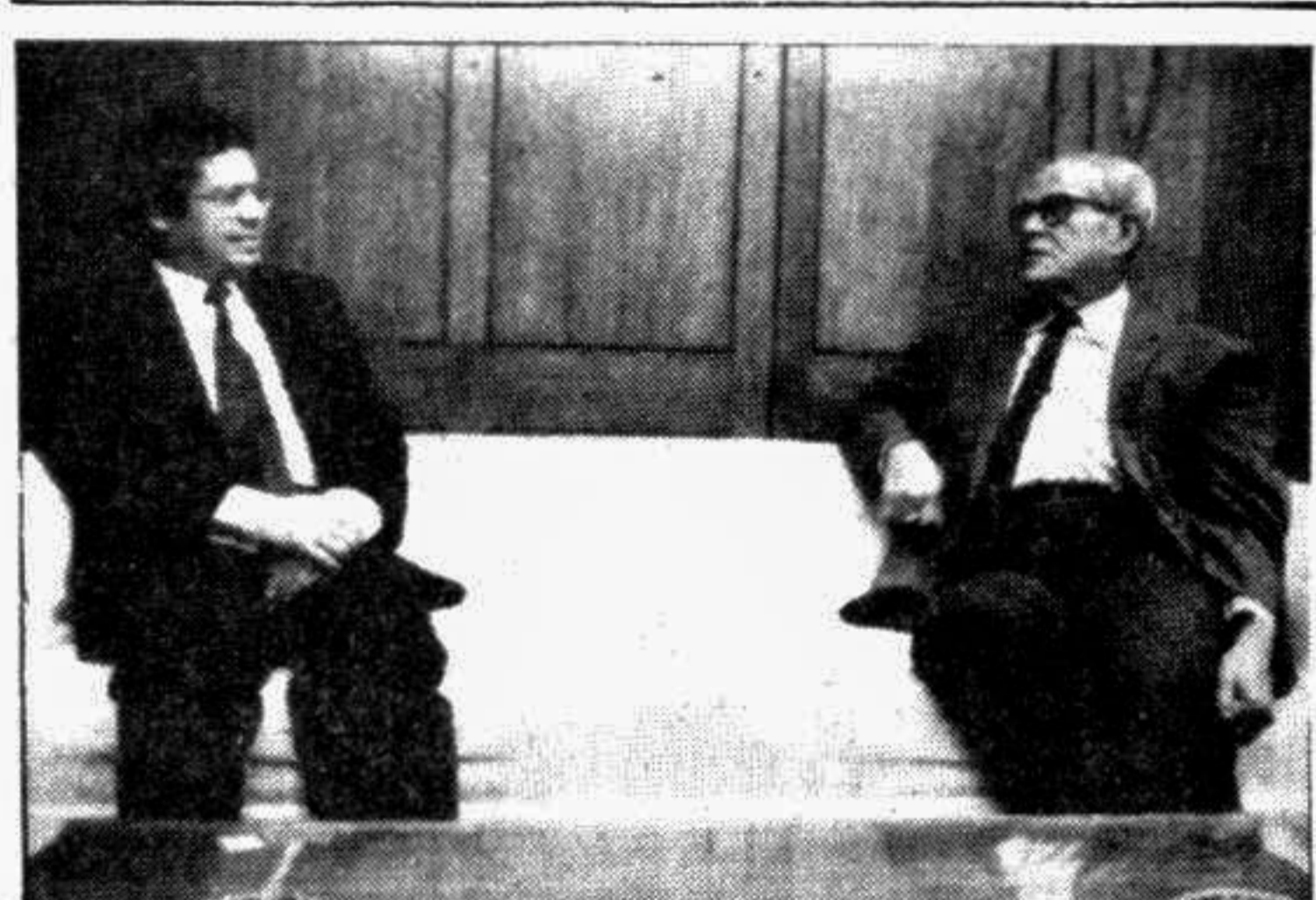
Addressing as chief guest Chittagong City Jamaat Rukon Conference at the Dewan Bazar office of the party he said, Islam aims at building up a society free from exploitation, oppression and suppression and as such there is need for dedicated workers to achieve the goal.

Jamaat-e-Islami's prime objective is to establish Islamic rule in the country with a view to ending chaos and inequalities in the national life.

The Rukon Conference presided over by city Amir of Jamaat Maulana Abu Taher was also addressed by local leaders Prof Mojibur Rahman, Maulana Abdul Halim and Jamaat Organising Secretary Maulana Mominul Huq Chowdhury.

Maulana Nizami demanded release of Prof Golam Azam and expressed deep concern over the activities of Gonoadalats saying unconstitutional activities would seriously hamper democratic process of the country.

He also called upon all concerned to refrain from all sorts of terrorism to ensure peace and order in the country.



Malaysian High Commissioner in Bangladesh Ahmad Fuji Abdur Reza called on Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Panni in the parliament on July 15.

Police officials asked to ensure people's security

Inspector General of Police A S M Shahjahan Thursday called upon the police officials to become more active in suppressing all kinds of crime and ensuring security of the people in their respective jurisdictions, reports BSS.

Police will have to be accountable if the people continue to suffer from insecurity, the IGP warned.

While addressing the officers and employees of the Dhaka district police during his (IGP) visit to the Mill Barrack police lines yesterday morning, the Inspector Gen-

eral of Police said police must stand by the oppressed and would have to enhance their image in the eyes of the members of the public through service to them.

Shahjahan advised the district police administration to establish contact with the people and asked the officers to visit the thanas regularly. He asked the police to register the filing of cases without losing time and become vigilant and effectively active in combating the heinous crimes like murder, dacoity, robbery, repression on women and kidnapping.

The Inspector General of Police sounded a cautionary note to the members of the police for rising above corruption of all kinds, or else, they will have to face dire consequence for this.

The IGP, later on planted a coconut plant at the Mill Barrack police lines. He urged the policemen to come forward to make the tree plantation drive a success.

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Baha'is assembly

The spiritual assembly of the Baha'is of Dhaka held a discussion meeting Thursday at the national Baha'i centre on the subject "Baha Ullah's prescription for health".

The speaker Dr A Hussein made a speech on both physical and social health. Quoting from the writings of Baha Ullah, Dr Hussein mentioned that the individual's physical health could be maintained by adhering to a simple and balanced diet.

Joy Bangla

A meeting of the Joy Bangla Sangskritik Oikya Jote representatives yesterday took up programmes in observance of August 15, the day of assassinating Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members.

The programmes include: holding of public meeting at the Bangabandhu Avenue on August 1 at 4 pm, rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club at 10 am and demonstration in front of the national broadcasting authority at Shabbagh on August 2 at 10 am, recital contest at the Bishwa Sahitya Kendra on August 9 and garlanding the portrait of Bangabandhu on August 15 morning.

Chaired by Salahuddin Badal, the meeting supported the August 15 half-day hartal, called by Awami League.

PGA,B

Pharmacy Graduates' Association, Bangladesh (PGA,B) arranged a seminar at Russian Cultural Centre in the capital Thursday on "Formulation development and stability of pharmaceutical preparations".

Dr Selima Begum, senior research scientist of RW Johnson Pharmaceuticals, New Jersey, USA presented the keynote paper in the seminar.

Dr Selima in her paper laid special emphasis on the parenteral preparation, its new technique and other related subjects.

She also answered queries of the pharmacists of Bangladesh.

M A Mosaddek Hossain, President of the PGA,B, chaired the seminar.

Chhatra Oikya

A meeting of the Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya, Dhaka city unit, was held yesterday demanding withdrawal of cases against 60 student leaders of the Rajshahi University, execution of the Gana Adalat's verdict on Jamaat Chief Golam Azam, dissolution of the Special Security Force, punishment to the persons responsible for tearing the national flag in Kushtia and withdrawal of the private university bill.

The meeting, chaired by Pathik Saha, called for making the Chhatra Oikya's July 25 public meeting a success.

The city branch of Chhatra Oikya will bring out a torch procession in the capital in support of the July 25 meeting.

Bill for separate parliament secretariat to be placed soon

The bill seeking for establishment of a separate parliament secretariat under parliamentary democracy would be placed before the Jatiya Sangsad very soon after proper scrutiny, State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Amrul Huq told the Jatiya Sangsad Thursday reports BSS.

Replying to supplementary questions from opposition members the State Minister said a draft of the bill, placed by Khandaker Delwar Hussain, Chief Whip, was under examination in the Ministry of Law.

Earlier, while replying to a question from Principal M M Nazrul Islam (AL-Bhola), the State Minister informed the House that parliament and the secretariat of parliament were not under the executive authority of the government. He said there should be a parliament secretariat under provisions of the Article 79(1) of the Constitution.

Submitting a supplementary question, Workers Party leader Rashed Khan Menon accused the government of not placing the bill in the House even after their repeated requests. He said the bill which sought separation of the parliament secretariat from the Law Ministry was a vital one under the changed constitutional system and linked with the sovereignty of parliament under parliamentary system of government.

Barrister Huq, who refuted opposition allegations of dilly-dallying, said that the government had no intention to delay the matter and the bill would be placed before the House as soon as it was scrutinised properly.

Nimul body

A meeting of the Ekatturer Ghatok-Dalal Nimul Committee's Dhaka metropolitan chapter was held yesterday with the committee convenor Jahannam Imam in the chair.

The meeting was addressed by Prof Hamida Rahman, Shahrier Kabir, Narida Khatun, Salma Sobhan, Shamim Akhter and Nadira Sultana.

The meeting formed the women wing of the Dhaka metropolis with Prof Hamida Rahman as its convenor.

Shamim Akhter was made coordinator while Jarin Khan and Shamsun Nahar were elected as the office secretary and publicity secretary respectively of the unit.

Jamaat MP

Dr A K M Asjad, MP of Jamaat-e-Islami, in a statement yesterday expressed total support to the demand of upgrading Faridpur district to a division.

The demand was raised by two Jamaat leaders Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujahid and Abdul Kader Mollah recently.

Dr Asjad termed the demand timely and called upon all concerned to launch a movement to compel the government accept the demand.

Chhatra Union

Acting president of Bangladesh Chhatra Union(BCU) Shaheedul Islam Liton and general secretary Ruhin Hossain Prince in a statement yesterday strongly protested the arrests of BCU Khulna unit leaders A K M Bedueyen and its ex-leader Advocate Firoz Ahmed following 'false' cases filed by the Jamaat-Shibir group.

The BCU leaders were arrested Thursday following their surrender in the CMM court praying for bail.

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front president Belal Choudhury and its general secretary Rajekuzaman Ratan in a statement last night demanded release of Mong Juai Ching, a former leader of the organisation's Chittagong University unit.

The Chhatra Front leaders said that Ching had been missing since he was arrested from Kaptai by the army on February 27 this year.

They suspected that the student leader had been detained at an unknown place.

The front leaders termed the arrest of Ching as an act of repression on country's minority community.

SDP

Save the Distressed People (SDP) on Tuesday held a discussion meeting with the slum dwellers of Titipara at Kamalapur to make the organisation's child education programme more dynamic.

The organisation has set up a school in the slum area for a year.

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Anniversary of Fazlul Qader Chowdhury's death today. The 19th death anniversary of A K M Fazlul Qader Chowdhury, Speaker of the National Assembly of the then undivided Pakistan, will be observed today, reports UNB.