

Dhaka Day by Day

An Extravaganza of Modern Sensibilities and Outlooks

by Fayza Haq

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy had its extravaganza of the Tenth National Art Exhibition with 247 entrees and 207 participants. The artists had maintained their tradition while keeping in mind modern sensibilities and outlooks. While some of the works appeared average and nothing much to write home about there were others that caught the eye for their experimentations, techniques, symbols and presentations of compositions and colours.

There was the soft idyllic abstract creation in red and black by Mohammed Kibria. The composition was balanced, and pulsating with colours. The exhibition included S M Sultan's "Village Scenery" was filled with muscular people and sturdy bullocks in burnt sienna and yellow ochre, with bold, dynamic, black outlines.

Equally absorbing was Qayyum Chowdhury's cubistic "My Village -1" showing idyllic images. Despite the modernity of the painting one could clearly appreciate the figures of the traditional village woman and fishermen. The greens, blues and reds were in perfect harmony. The action of the people were captured with deft strokes. Debas Chakraborty's "Rain Over Dhaka" was a blue, white and pink fantasy. The final effect was that of a cut gem seen as an enlarged form. "Light and Shade" by Hashem Khan showed birds, leaves, and flowers. The greens and yellows had a startling juxtaposition which was romantic yet modern to the last line and stroke.

"Signal No 10" by Syed Jehangir showed a cascade of wild, tumultuous waves, contrasted by a dark sky with flashes of lightning like sinuous tongues of snakes. The painting was dramatic, with bold strokes of blue contrasting with the white.

Apart from the entrees of the senior established artists of Bangladesh there were the works of the prize winners to take delight in. Mahmudul Haq's "Rain-1" an oil on canvas was judged the best entree. It was a buoyant abstract in blue, green and red, offset by white and yellow ochre. The play of texture and the experimentation with colours was soothing and sensuous as was the blend of colours. The concept of the subject was well delineated.

Abdus Sattar's mixed media "Print 11" won one of the "honourable mentions". It was a picturesque combination of abstraction and realism in which a white flower had been highlighted repeatedly. Soft browns and blue, along with grey, helped form the symbols and geometrical patterns of abstraction. The realism of the unfolding flowers against the modern background was admirable.

Mansoor Ul Karim's "Source 7" in oil got the second "honourable mention". This had black dramatic figures with colours brought in layers and swirls, in white, burnt sienna and grey. The economy of the strokes and the powerful use of the brush left one amazed.

The drawing "Untitled-1" by K M A Qayyum had a presentation of parts of limbs put in squares. The line work was precise and this had won the third "honourable mention" award.

There were other remarkable pieces such as Kaldas Karmakar's "Image 1" which was stylised and modern and spoke of his experience of industrialised Japan, where he now resides. The bars of colours in the pyramid form — grey, orange and yellow — were offset with more abstractions in grey and black in the backdrop.

Mohammad Eunus's "Image 11" was again an abstraction in blue, green, yellow and grey. The colours had been carefully used and the black brought out the soft and dark tones. Md. Hamiduzzaman Khan's "Spirits of Boats" was a flamboyant geometrical bird like sculpture creation.

Nasreen Begum's "After Ceremony", which showed a house where a wedding or an engagement had taken place, appeared dream-like and ethereal. The artist had taken great care over the details.

"Rickshaw and Birds" by Nazlee (Laila Mansur) showed a typical scene of a woman travelling in a rickshaw, only the colours and tones gave more meaning than mere realistic pictorial delineation. It was a criticism of our society with the overworked labourers and street urchins. The colours used were raw and had a haunting effect.

"Black Doll" by G S Kibria showed a doll's figure against the tangled web of life. This was done in mauve and blue, combined with texture work showing bars of wires.

"Two Figures 111" by Jamal Ahmed was a realistic depiction of a couple in a bedroom scene. The pencil work brought out the women's unkempt figure, while the man lay resting, without a care.

There was Rokeya Sultana's "Madonna 11" with the mother and child theme presented in a realistic fashion. Despite the apparently cultivated naive style, there was beauty and harmony in the figures seen against the sketchy blue and white backdrop. The colours were joyous and one appreciated the feminine touch in the midst of the modernity.

The exhibition gave a chance for Dhaka art lovers to sample some of the best works in the contemporary art world at one go.



National science, technology week begins in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Jan 4: The sixteenth national science and technology week '93 in the district level began here today at New Government Degree College with a call to evolve technology suitable for the country, reports BSS.

Divisional Commissioner of Rajshahi M Aminul Islam formally inaugurated the week at a function held at the degree college auditorium.

The function was also addressed by Chairman of Rajshahi science week observation committee and Principal of Rajshahi New Government Degree College Professor Abdul Majid.

Educational institutions and science clubs in the district have set up scientific stalls and projects for public exhibition on the occasion.

The exhibition will remain open for public from 11 am to 6 pm from January 4 to 6.

Addressing the inaugural function the divisional commissioner said, we had to increase our literacy rate to create proper atmosphere for culture of science and technology.

NSU academic session begins

North South University (NSU) started its academic session on January 4 at its campus in Banani, of Kemal Ataturk Avenue, reports BSS.

Initial enrollment of this private university in the undergraduate programmes in Economics, Business Administration and Computer Science is 130, a NSU press release said here yesterday.

At a get-together, President of the university Muslehuddin Ahmad welcomed the students of NSU and advised them to be serious in their studies right from the beginning of the academic session as the NSU is based on semester system followed by the US universities.

He informed the students that the NSU was already engaged in negotiation for joint collaboration with the University of Illinois and George Washington University.

He emphasised on the need for maintenance of peaceful educational environment on the campus so that the NSU could create a healthy competition in the university education and set an example to be followed by other universities.

Bangladesh, China on a cordial relation: Chen

Chinese Ambassador Chen Song Lu paid a farewell call on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her residence last evening, reports BSS.

During the meeting the Ambassador expressed his deep gratitude to the Government of Bangladesh for the sincere cooperation and assistance extended to him in discharging his duties during his tenure.

He said during his four and a half years of stay in Bangladesh he felt the relations between Bangladesh and China were not a mere formal friendly relations but more than that.

The Ambassador mentioned that development of China would mean increased assistance and support from it to the Third World countries including Bangladesh.

He recalled the role of Shaheed President Zia in a strengthening the fraternal relations between the two countries. The Ambassador hoped that the relations between the two countries would be further strengthened in the years ahead.

The Ambassador praised the present government's role in furthering the development process in Bangladesh.

The Prime Minister thanked the outgoing Chinese Ambassador for his efforts in promoting the bilateral relations between Bangladesh and China. She hoped that the existing relations between the two countries would further strengthen through exchange of delegations at different levels.

She conveyed her warm greetings to Chinese President Yang Shangkun and Premier Li Peng. She extended invitations to both the leaders of China to visit Bangladesh.



Tuesday

5.00 Opening announcement
Al-Quran
Programme summary
5.10 News in Bangla
5.25 Esho Likhi Pari
6.00 Mayeder Jangna
6.30 Open University
7.05 Nazrul songs
8.00 News in Bangla
8.40 Drama series: Vagyangsha
10.00 News in English
10.30 Film Show: E N G
11.30 Khabar/The News
11.45 Closing



A BRTC workers' procession in city yesterday. — Star photo

Resist conspiracy against democracy, urges Abbas

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas yesterday called upon the patriotic people to resist any conspiracy against democracy and development oriented politics.

Initiated by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, reports BSS.

Mirza Abbas, who is also the President of Jubo Dal, was addressing a public meeting organised by Jubo Dal at Manikdal under Dhaka Cantonment thana here.

The meeting was also addressed by State Minister for Forest, Environment and General Secretary of Jubo Dal Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, local MP Kamrul Islam and Jubo Dal leaders.

Mirza Abbas said BNP derives its power from people and it is making continuous efforts in fulfilling their hopes and aspirations.

Citing various problems of

Dhaka, he said efforts are being made to develop roads, drains, street light and health care facilities.

The Mayor called upon the senior citizens of the locality and socio-cultural organisations to cooperate with the City Corporation in its endeavour to develop infrastructures in keeping with their demand. Various developmental works worth Taka 70 lakh in the cantonment area are nearing completion, he said, adding that development works worth Taka another 40 lakh have been taken up during the current financial year.

Goyeshwar Chandra Roy said a united youth force was essential for building a prosperous Bangladesh. He called upon the Jubo Dal workers to work hard for building a healthy society.

DU Syndicate confers PhD on 5 researchers

The Dhaka University Syndicate has conferred PhD degree on five researchers at the recommendation of the academic council, a university press release said here yesterday, reports BSS.

SM Mizanur Rahman and M Mahbubur Rahman got PhD degrees under the Department of Chemistry of the Science Faculty, Sharmin Haq under the Department of Psychology of the Faculty of Biological Sciences and AFM Rezaul Karim under the Department of Zoology of the same faculty and Abdur Rashid Ahmed under the Institute of Statistical Research and Training of the university.

BFUJ meet Jan 7

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalist (BFUJ) will be held here at the union office at 10.30 am on January 7, reports BSS.

BFUJ Secretary General Amanullah Kabir has requested all members to attend the meeting.

Myanmar envoy hosts reception

The Ambassador of Myanmar, U Soe Myint, hosted a reception at his residence here last night on the occasion of 45th anniversary of the Independence Day of the country.



Habibur Rahman, Chairman, Board of Directors of Bangladesh Services Ltd, owner of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel & Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism presided over the 19th Annual General Meeting of BSL share holders recently.

Weather

Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Tuesday) says, dry weather is likely to continue over the country and thick fog is likely to prevail from late night till around 10 am tomorrow.

The Mat office forecasts, night temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over Bangladesh.

The minimum temperature of 11.4 degree Celsius was reported from Dinajpur yesterday (Monday) while the maximum of 29.2 degree was recorded in Satkhira.

The sun sets at 5.26 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.43 am. The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity of some cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	25.0	16.9	88	88
Chittagong	27.5	14.3	89	86
Rajshahi	23.7	12.3	97	96
Khulna	28.4	13.8	100	80
Barisal	28.5	12.5	96	84
Cox's Bazar	29.0	15.0	80	71
Sylhet	22.0	15.0	97	80
Dinajpur	15.8	11.4	95	88

In Memory of Munni Rahman



We deeply mourn and remember
Family Friends and Munni Memorial Committee

ইনস্টিটিউট অব ব্যাংকার্স, বাংলাদেশ
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৭০/১, ইনার সার্কুলার রোড
কাকরাইল, ঢাকা-১০০০
তারিখ: ৩রা জানুয়ারী, ১৯৯৩ ইং

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা অত্র ইনস্টিটিউটের সদস্যদের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, ইনস্টিটিউট অব ব্যাংকার্স, বাংলাদেশ এর উনবিংশ বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা আগামী ১৯শে জানুয়ারী, ১৯৯৩ ইং রোজ মঙ্গলবার বিকেল ৩-৩০ মিনিটের সময় জনতা ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়ের কমিটি রুমে (যা হা মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকায় জনতা ব্যাংকের প্রধান কার্যালয়ের ১০ম তলায় অবস্থিত) অনুষ্ঠিত হইবে। উক্ত সভায় সদস্যদের যথাসময়ে উপস্থিত থাকিয়া আলোচনায় অংশ গ্রহণ করিবার জন্য বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে। উল্লেখ্য, এই বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভায় নিম্নবর্ণিত বিষয়াদি আলোচনা হইবে:

- ক) গত ২৮-১২-১৯৯১ ইং তারিখে অনুষ্ঠিত অষ্টাদশ বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভায় কাৰ্যবিবরণী নিশ্চিত করণ।
- খ) ইনস্টিটিউটের ১৯৯১ ইং সনের বার্ষিক প্রতিবেদন ও অডিটকৃত হিসাব-নিকাশ অনুমোদন দান।
- গ) অডিটর নিয়োগ ও
- ঘ) বিবিধ সেতাপতির অনুমতিক্রমে।

উল্লেখ্য, এই বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা অনুষ্ঠানের ব্যাপারে সদস্যদের ব্যক্তিগত পর্যায়ে কোন চিঠি দেওয়া হইবে না।

সভায় বিবেচ্য বার্ষিক রিপোর্ট ও বার্ষিক হিসাব নিকাশের কপি উপস্থিত সদস্যদের মধ্যে বিতরণ করা হইবে। তবে ইচ্ছুক সদস্যগণ ১৪ই জানুয়ারী, ১৯৯৩ইং হইতে ১৯শে জানুয়ারী, ১৯৯৩ইং পর্যন্ত যে কোন দিন অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে বিবেচ্য বার্ষিক রিপোর্ট ও বার্ষিক হিসাব-নিকাশের কপি ইনস্টিটিউট হইতে ব্যক্তিগত যোগাযোগের মাধ্যমে সংগ্রহ করিতে পরিবেন।

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Deputy Director Agriculture Extension Directorate Khamarbari, Gopalganj

Memorandum

The undermentioned employee of this office being unauthorisedly absent from place of work was repeatedly served notice to join duty and later instructed to submit explanation to the Investigating Officer but, in spite of that, he did not join duty nor submit explanation to the Investigation Officer. Therefore, going to submit explanation within 10 (ten) days of publication of notice in the newspaper, ex parte action will be taken against person concerned in accordance with Government Employee Discipline & Appellate Rules 1985.

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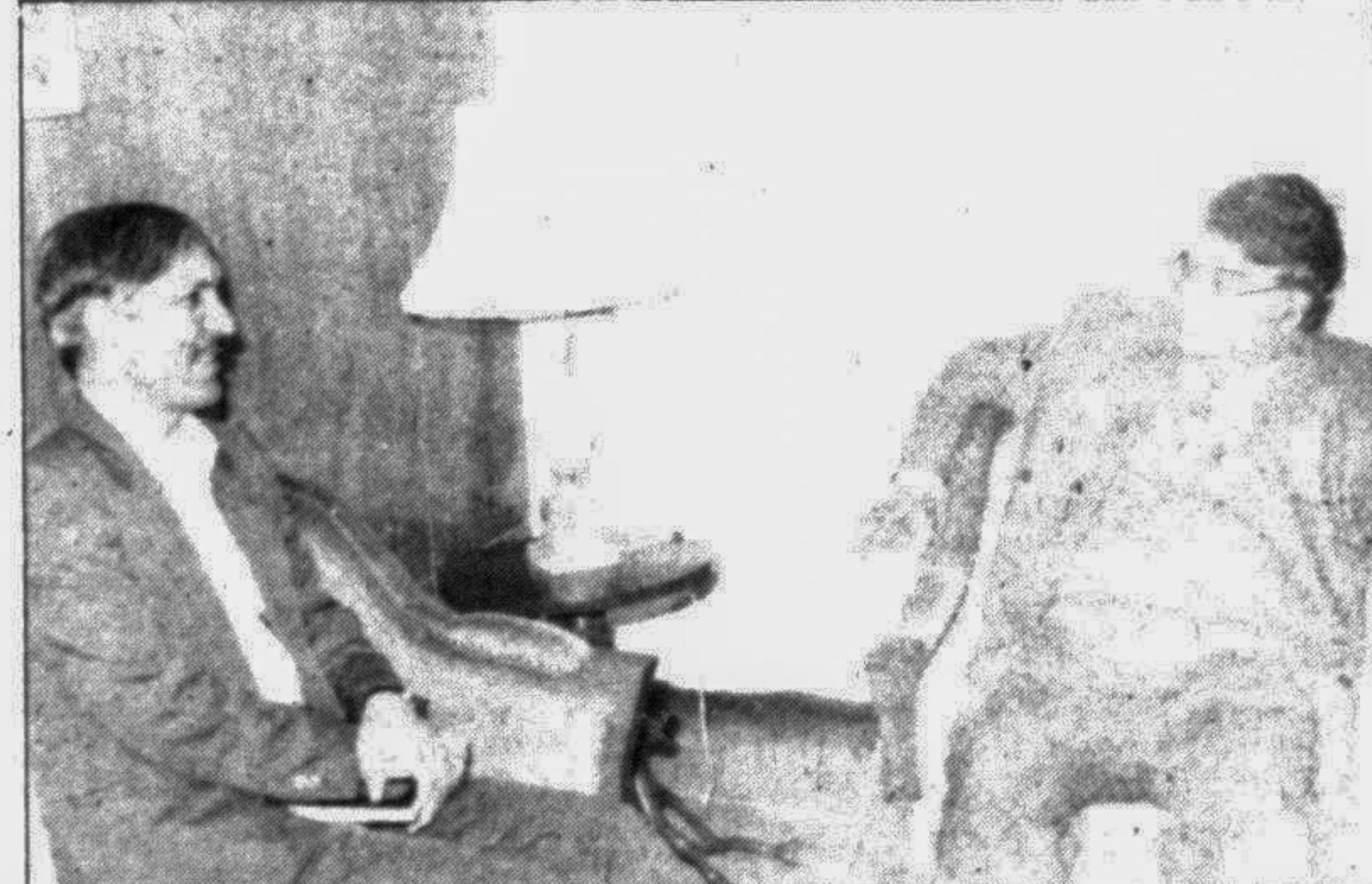
Deputy-Director, Sweeper (Additional) Mr. Ashraf Hossain, son of A. Haq Mia, village—Suryash, union—Ruppatt, PO—Bondpasha, Thana—Boalmari, District—Faridpur.

Serving in the post of Sweeper (Additional), Deputy-Director, Agriculture Extension, Gopalganj, unauthorisedly absent from place of work since 10-10-91.

In spite of instructing him to join duty with acceptable explanation vide this Office Memo No. 2136 dt. 19-12-91, Memo No. 45 dt. 7-1-92, Memo No. 312 dt. 15-3-92, Memo No. 467 dt. 30-3-92 & Memo No. 832 dt. 8-6-92, he has not submitted any explanation nor joined duty as yet. Later on Investigating Officer was appointed in the matter of his unauthorised absence but he also has not submitted any acceptable explanation to the Investigating Officer nor attended.

Therefore he is instructed to join duty and submit explanation showing acceptable cause to the undersigned within 10 (ten) days of publication of this notice in the newspaper. If he fails to join his place of work and submit acceptable explanation within the prescribed time, he will be treated as dismissed from service in accordance with Section 3 (B) & C of Government Employees Discipline & Appellate Rules 1985 with effect from 10-10-91.

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A three-member Iranian broadcasting team led by Dr S Sahidee called on Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda at his secretariat office yesterday. —PID photo

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Iranian broadcasting team meets Huda

A three-member Iranian broadcasting team called on Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda yesterday at his Secretary office, reports UNB.

The team is led by Dr S. Shahidi, Vice-President, External Services of Iran Broadcasting, State Minister for Law Barrister Aminul Haque was present.

They exchanged views on different aspects of broadcast network of both the countries and on different regional and international issues.

Rob condemns killing of JSD leader

ASM Abdur Rob, Secretary General of JSD standing committee, yesterday condemned the killing of Mozammel Huj, Joint Secretary of Ghor thana JSD under Manikgonj Saturday, reports BSS.