# Saving the Unfortunates

by Rahat Fahmida



boys moved Abdul Momen into action. He was Pakistani and Nepali women and children as one of the main people involved in saving the well as Bangladeshis. lives of these children recently. They were all boys under 5 years of age, rescued by Bombay arranged for their food and accommodation in police in March just before being sold to Persian an orphanage, "Home of joy" in Khulna. This is Gulf States as 'camel jockeys'.

sor of Merrimack College in Boston, emigrated these 25 children in Bombay. to the USA 15 years ago. He has worked for six return to Bangladesh at the end of last year.

tional media.

back home." He sensed that these children were Bangladesh. Bangladeshis soon after the international media Through Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy II, got into the business.

his other fellows of Committee for Democratic their air fares from Bombay to Bangladesh. Bangladesh in Boston, wrote letters to dozens of Through his contacts and initiative Momen got American and foreign agencies, embassies, UNICEF to fund about US \$ 4,000 along with prime ministers and newspapers seeking their contributions from other quarters which helped support and help.

Bangladesh, one of the world's poorest coun- while eight are being held in Bombay as wittries, have been sold in Middle Eastern slavery nesses against accused traffickers for trial in in recent years. He said traffickers from South India. Asian or Arab countries buy the children from Now Momen is pressuring the countries of poor families, take them over land to the ports the South Asian Association for Regional organisations have monitored, the sale of South at it next summit providing for the enforcement has long been one of the symptoms of the re- and children.

The picture of 25 frightened, malnourished gion's poverty, with the victims including Indian

As for the 25 kidnapped children- Momen run by an American lady Faith Willard who spent Abdul Momen, a 45-year-old science profes- more than a month getting acquainted with

Without Momen, now an American citizen, months to make it possible for the children to and perhaps Willard, much of the world might not have been aware of the plight of the The brutal sport, for which little boys are Bangladeshi children. Before going to states in strapped on the back of racing camels because 1978 on a Ford Foundation fellowship at Harvard their frightened cries spur the animals to run University, Momen had worked in the Ministry faster, has been reported widely in the interna- of Commerce and rural development in Bangladesh. Now Professor of management and Momen, now in Bangladesh, while talking to economics at Merrimack, he set into motion a "The Daily Star" said, "I bought a fax machine chain of protests through telephone calls, the recently for my West Roxbury home to speed up media, faxes, cables and letters to diplomats, communication, for bringing these children politicians in the United States, India and

had given a wide coverage of their being res- Momen got verification from Bangladeshi ambascued. Momen did not stop. With a little more in- sador in Washington that "Home of Joy" was cavestigation and queries he proved right. Now he pable of providing shelter for the children. Once permission had been granted for Willard to take 3-30 This Bangladeshi professor, with the help of responsibility of them, there was the problem of the children to come back to their homeland. Momen estimated that 95,000 children from Seventeen were put in the orphanage in Khulna,

of Bombay or Karachi. As many Human Rights Cooperation (SAARC) to issue a joint resolution Asians into bondage in Middle Eastern countries of their existing taws against the sale of women | 11-40 Monday's programme

#### BCL observes first death anniversary of Badal

By DU Correspondent Different factions of the Bangladesh Chhatra League yesterday observed first death anniversary of its leader Moniruzzaman Badal demanding immediate trial of his

Moniruzzaman Badal, central Organising Secretary of BCL (M-I) was gunned down near the TSC of the Dhaka University (DU) following a factional clash on January 9 last

To observe the day, the pro-Awami League BCL (M-1) brought out a procession and held a rally on the DU campus yesterday morning.

Later, the BCL (M-I) submit ted a memorandum to the Home Ministry demanding arrest and immediate trial of the killers of Badal.

The BCL rally held at the foot of Aporajeo Bangla of Dhaka University was addressed, among others, by the BCL General Secretary Iqbalur Rahim, Shaifur Rahman Shafiq with the BCL President Mainuddin Hasan Chowdhury in the chair.

Earlier, the BCL unveiled a memorial plaque of Badal near the Shamsunnahar Hall where he was shot.

The Montu backed BCL (M-L) also brought out a silent procession on the campus.

The processionists wore black badges and carried a black banner.



Sunday

Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary 4-00 Live telecast of President Gold Cup football: Romania Czechoslovakia 6-00 2nd match: Bangladesh

(Green) vs South Korea News in Bangla Discussion programme Film show: The Wizard 10-00 News in English

10-30 Chhayachhanda 11-30 Khabar/The News

summary 11-45 Closing

## Tk 350 cr Barind project undertaken

RAJSHAHI, Jan 9: Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman today said the BNP government has come to power to consolidate democracy, augment development and establish peace in the country, reports BSS.

The minister was addressing a public meeting at Godagary thana headquarters.

The meeting was addressed by State Minister for Law and Justice Barrister Aminul Haque and Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu. Godagary thana BNP president Aminul Islam Punjab presided.

The Finance Minister said the government has undertaken Barind Integrated Rural Development Project at a cost of Taka 350 crore to turn the Barind area into a prosperous one through infrastructural development, installation of tubewells for irrigation, afforestation, crop diversification and other socio-economic uplift programmes.

· He said the government is keen to quickly implement the project. He said a meeting will soon be convened at the highest level to examine the possibilities of further expansion of the areas of the project and

workout mechanism for its expeditious and timely imple-

mentation. Saifur Rahman said BNP is committed to fulfil its election pledges and added government is embarked upon implementing massive development programmes through pragmatic policy reforms to bring out as comprehensive and harmonious development across the country.

#### Mahboob Alam made HC to Malaysia

The government has appointed Mahboob Alam, Director-General at Prime Minister's office, High Commissioner to Malaysia, reports UNB.

According to an official press release, Mahboob was born on June 14 in 1944. He is an MA in History from Dhaka University.

He joined Pakistan Foreign Service in 1968 and held various diplomatic assignments in Bangkok, Rome, Berlin, Belgrade, Jakarta, Ottowa, Washing-ton, New Delhi and Calcutta.

Humidity in percentage

100

Weather

No change in night temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Rajshahi division and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Dhaka,

Tangail, Mymensingh, Comilla and Sylhet and weather will

remain mainly dry elsewhere across the country during the

over the country, the Met office forecasts adding that,

reported from Dinajpur yesterday (Saturday) and the

next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Sunday).

maximum of 28.7 degree from Khulna.

Cities/ Towns Temperature in degree Celsius

26.0

20.5

28.7

27.5

27.0

20.5

17.2

23,2

tomorrow (Monday) at 6.44 am.

yesterday were:

Dhaka

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Rajshahi

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

Dinajpur

Ishurdi

weather is likely to improve during the next two days.

Rain or drizzle is likely to occur at a few places over

Night temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged

The minimum temperature of 12.0 degree Celsius was

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 5.29 pm and rises

The maximum and the minimum temperature and

humidity of some of the major cities and towns of the country

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16.6

16.0

18.4

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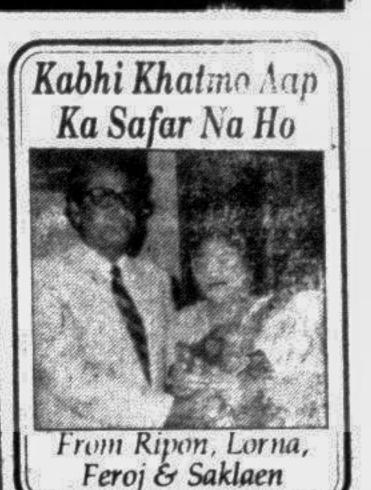
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#### Zahir visits Halishahar

CHITTAGONG, Jan 9 Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan today visited south Halishahar, Patenga, Bandartila and Jaley Para damaged in the recent violent incidents and asked the concerned authorities to provide necessary medicare facilities and ensure distribution of relief materials among the af-

fected people, reports BSS. Zahiruddin went to the houses of deceased drivers Afsar and Abu Zafar



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of 10.00 A.M. on 12-01-93.

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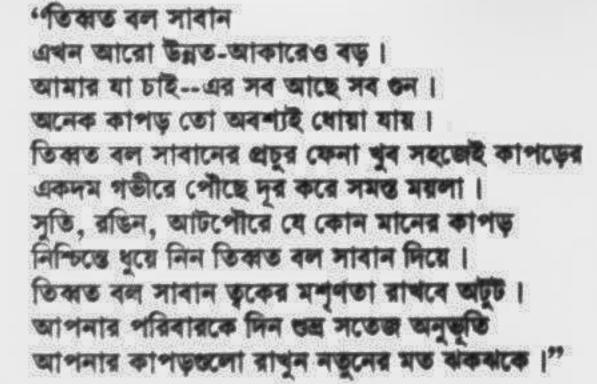








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