Dhaka Day by Day

What the Students and Teachers Face

by Fayza Haq

Azfar Hussain

and four others, said a press

registrars Salamat Ullah and

Ahsanul Karim and an organ-

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others were involved in mak-

ing deeds with forged stamps.

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much higher value on those,

the press release said.

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It found that former sub-

ment of English, Jahangirnager University, one to regulate their mechanism to control and reggathered that both the teachers and students at ulate their activities. It maybe, mentioned here, the universities in Bangladesh were facing over- in passing, that there is no adequate account whelming problems.

"The unpredictable closure of universities interrupting the required course of finishing a it rather compelling to get themselves involved given course does not suffice. The reason of the in what has been come to be known as 'teacher's closure is not sufficient to clarify the problems, politics'. Some of the young teachers have come faced by both the teachers and the students. As a to consider it as a survival strategy, while some consequence of the closure, the teachers and have taken it as a kind of incentive. For compestudents remain in the middle of their course if tent teachers it is a survival strategy, despite the university suddenly shuts down. Meanwhile competence: while for others, those ones who the announcements for the schedules of the ex- have come to the universities without required aminations appear to be dramatic, because this qualification, this 'group politics' is a means to results in the course not being finished," Azfar quick promotions and other facilities. It would explained the situation at the campuses.

The universities have not been able to evolve a mechanism whereby the teachers can have access to necessary resources required for the teaching their courses effectively. These resources include books, journals, laboratory equipments etc, the teacher, who also happens to be a contributor to various national newspapers, added.

"Both these are major problems," he continued, dwelling on the same subject. "The teachers, themselves, are not adequately trained. They might be having a 'first class first' certificate in his subjects, but he has not been trained to teach. There is a debate on the issue as to whether one teaching at the universities requires such a training, which is otherwise imparted to the college and school teachers. However, some young

search expertise in a particular area, such training is necessary. A Ph. D. degree may not added.

teachers do not receive encouragements and in- the in datives for most of the remarkable politicentive from their superiors, the professors, cal and social revolutions! if i at a i. . revoluwho are supposed to train and build them.

busy in activities, mostly nonacademic, that they have been sporadic and momentary." do not have the time to spare for either the students or the young lecturers. They are involved torials of "Sunday Express", a local daily, and is in consulting business, and other public activi- included in the editorial board of "Sachintro ties, which have virtually no reliance to the aca- Somoy". He published his first book of poems, demic life of the universities where they teach." "Chromatones" at the age of 18, and his book "A he said, furthermore." The contributions of Reading of Jimenez" is scheduled to be pubmany eminent professors would have immense if lished shortly.

The Anti-corruption Bureau

yesterday filed a case in Savar

thana against 56 persons, in-

cluding two former sub-regis-

trars, for "stamp forgery" causing a loss of Tk six crore to the

national exchequer, reports

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case against two former sub-

registrars of Savar, 38 deed

writers, 10 vendors, one TC

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A task force at the head of-

against 56

Speaking to Azfar Hussain, of the Depart- the university administration had a mechanism ability system in the universities."

"Quite a number of the young teachers find not be an exaggeration to maintain that 'group

politics' in the universities is largely responsible for creating frustrations and tensions, particularly for those teachers who want to study and teach and build themselves as true academicians.

Talking about the students themselves and the problems they too face, Azfar commented,"It would not be too radical to say that the students are the worst victims of the state of the universities. The other day, one of the students said, "the uni versity is a prison." This metaphor of 'prison' is apt enough to indicate the shackles of conventions to which students are drawn as 'prisoners', more appropriately scapegoats." A number of students

icel that the universities which are supposed to be more democratic than other institutions, and more experimental than teachers feel that apart from developing re- other establishments, do not accommodate

space for creative breakthrough, "he added. "The question which we can rightly ask," he be adequate for the required functions," he continued about the subject of the students, "is: are our universities giving birth to new ideas and Speaking on the same theme, Azfar contin- idea's originating new values which can clause ued." We have a massive problem in that young the, 'tern of think ag and living' it is true that tions, but at least moments and up-eages) came "Usually," he added," the professors remain so from the universities , but in most cases they

At the age of 29, Aziar contributes to the edi-

Corruption case filed Shahid Nazir's

reports BSS.

contribution recalled 3.25 erore.

The Tamaddun Majlis has recalled the contribution of Shaheed Nazir in the freedom movement against the British,

Speakers at a discussion meeting held here Tuesday in observance of the fifth death anniversary of Shaheed Nazir called for compiling the true history of freedom struggle that stretched over a period of more than two centuries.



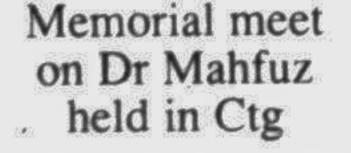
Babupura dwellers brought out a procession in city yesterday protesting violation of a minor girl Nazma and demanding trial of culprits. -Star photo

Johns Hopkins Varsity programme Feb 8

The country representative of the Johns Hopkins University, centre for communication programmes, is going to hold the inaugural ceremony of the "South Asia Population Communication Conference" at Sonargaon Hotel in city on February 8 at 5:30 pm, says a press release.

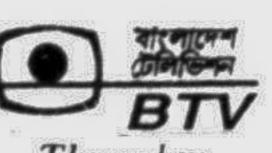
Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Minister for Health and Family Weifare will be the chief guest of the function while Strajul Haque, Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare. and William R Goldman. Director, Office of Population and Health. US Agency for International Development, will be present as special

guests. Syed Ahmed, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will preside over the inaugural session.



CHITTAGONG, Feb 3 Speakers at a memorial meet ing here yesterday paid tributes to late Dr Mahfuzul Hug. an educationist and writer, reports BSS

The meeting held at Fieringhee Bazar ward committee auditorium in observance of Dr Mahfuzul Hug's 2nd death anniversary with Mahfuzul Huq Smriti Com mittee President Ataur Rahman Khan Kaiser in the chair was addressed by Dainik Azadi Editor Prof Muhammad Khaled, social worker Kazi Akramuddin Ahmad, Advocate Muhammad Kamal, journalist Syed Mustafa Jamal and Principal Muhammad Hussain Khan.



Thursday 5.00 Opening announce ment, Al-Quran, Prog-

ramme summary.

5.10 News in Bangla 5.25 TV debate Esho Para Shikhi 6.10 Address of Shri Lankan High Commissioner on the occasion of its National Day 7.18 Jibaner Alo

8.00 News in Bangla 8.35 Drama of the week: Shajh Belatey 10.00 News in English

10.35 Parliament roundup 10.40 Film show: Custody 11.30 Khabar/The News

11.40 Tomorrow's Programme 11.45 Closing



Ransacked election camps of BNP (top) and Awami League (above) at Mirpur (Story on Page1). -Star photo

Biman fetches Tk 32.84cr profit

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan yesterday said that Biman Bangladesh Airlines earned a profit of Taka 32.84 crore during 1991-92, reports

Replying to a question from M Abdur Rahim (AL-Dinajpur) the state minister said that in the preceding year (1990-91), Biman incurred a loss of Taka

He said that since its inception in March, 1972, the

national flag carrier made prof-· its, during the fiscal years of 1972-73, 1975-76, 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80, 1982-83, 1983-84, 1988-89 and 1989

To another question from Enamul Hoq (Jamaat-e-Islami) the state minister said that works had been progressing on the improvement of Cox's Bazar airport. The airport development programme included expansion of runway by 1500 feet in length and by 150 in width.

HERE and THERE

SEECAOR

A week long workshop on advancement of environment and culture organised by SEECAOR was held at 15/1 Zikatala in the city. Abdulla Sharier and Chowdhury Jahirul Islam conducted the workshop Md Jannatul Islam Chowdhury chief executive of the organi sation inaugurated.

Publication ceremony

A book entitled "Panch Dashaker Smriti Katha" written by former Public Service Commission Chairman Faizuddin Ahmed was launched at a ceremony held at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday afternoon.

Reazuddin Ahmed Editor of The Telegraph and former President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) presided over the function while Prof Rathan-Sharif attended it as the chief

The author of the book, Faizuddin Ahmed, narrated his experience in administration and War of Liberation in the

Seminar on pottery

A seminar on "pottery in Bangladesh" was held at the auditorium of National Museum on Wednesday with a call to take measures to save the in-

Dr Shahjalal presented the

key-note paper at the seminar which was addressed by, among others, Tofael Ahmed and Abu Syed Talukder. The seminar was chaired by Imdal

The speakers said pottery industry carried our heredity but we passed a long time leaving behind this glorious

Chemical Engg Alumni convention Feb 11-12

The fourth convention of the Chemical Engineering Alumni of BUET will be held on February 11-12 on BUET campus, says a press release yesterday.

A seminar entitled "Prospects and Problems of Industrialization in Bangladesh" will be held on this

Weather

Dry weather may prevail By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather with clear sky is likely to prevail over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday) The met office forecasts, night temperature is likely to

remain nearly unchanged over the country. The minimum temperature of 9.8 degree Celsius was reported from Srimangal yesterday (Wednesday) and the maxi-

mum of 28.8 degree was reported from Rangamati and Satkhira. The sun sets today (Thursday) at 5.47 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 6.38am. The maximum and the minimum

temperature and humidity recorded in some of the major eities and towns of the country yesterday are: humidity in temperature in Cities/towns degree Celsius percentage 9 am 13.5 73 Dhaka 27.8 15.2 Chittagong

Rajshahi 27.6 10.1 28.2 13.5 Khulna 12.8 28.2 Barisal 28.5 15.5 Cox's Bazar 72 60 15.2 28.0 Sylhet 11.5 Dinapur

Biswas for spreading library movement

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday emphasised the need for growing reading habits to acquire knowledge by spreading the library movement in the country, reports

He said age is not the factor of earning knowledge by reading potential books to enrich the horizon of an individual. President Biswas was talk-

ing to a 15-member delegation of the 'Ganarjan Pathagar' when they called on him at Bangabhaban Tuesday morning. AFM Salahuddin, President of the Pathagar led the delega-

The President said the nation could be more prosperous by acquiring skills and knowledge through the devotion of reading of books on different aspects of life. He said ambition of the hu-

man being should be to render valuable services to the society and make the nation profitable despite limitations. Referring to the concept of

people of the developed soci-

ety, he advised them to be resource personnel, it was only the way to follow the path of pursuing knowledge. He called upon them to build an atmosphere of reading habits throughout the country

by setting up new libraries having sufficient stock of knowledgeable books. He advised the younger

section to come forward in an

Biswas greets Premadasa

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday felicitated Shri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa on the occasion of the National Day of Shri Lanka, reports UNB. In a message, President

Biswas hoped that the existing bond of friendship and ation between the two SAARC countries would be further strengthened in the coming President Biswas also

Mirza Hafiz

elected VP

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and Parliamentary Affairs Mirza

Golam Hafiz was elected unop-

posed the Vice-president of

Asian-African Legal Consul-

tative Committee (AALCC) on

February 1. At the thirty-

second session of AALCC being

held at Kampala, according to

a message received here

Bangladesh has been elected to

this highest post of the AALCC,

a 42- member Afro-Asian or-

leading a three-member

Bangladesh delegation to the

32nd session of the AALCC

now being held at Kampala

Uganda from February 1, to

Law and Justice Minister is

This is the first time that

yesterday, reports BSS.

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Minister for Law, Justice

wished him good health, happiness and long life and the friendly people of Shri Lanka peace, progress and prosper-

organised manner to spread the library movement and utilise their prime time in this essential field.

The delegation apprised the president of their activities' and their problems.

The President assured them to look into their prob-

Dahgram Angorpota Sangram Parishad

A two-member delegation of the Dahgram Angorpota Sangram parishad called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yester-

They apprised the President of their problems. The President gave them a patient hearing.

The members of the delega tion are, Mohammad Abdul Kader, Chairman of the organisation and Mohammad Tafizul Islam Sarker, local Chairman of the Union Parishad.

PATA chief stresses infrastructural development of tourism Bangladesh will have its

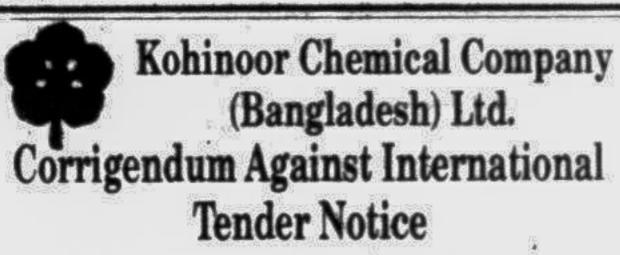
share in tourism in the Asia Pacific region if the infrastructure and marketing are developed, Inder Sharma, President of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) said here yesterday.

Sharma, now on a four-day visit to Bangladesh, told BSS that the country have vast scenic beauty, coupled with cris - rossed rivers and an uninterrupted sea beach which could easily attract tourists. "If the infrastructure is developed why Bangladesh would not get a share of tourism", he said. He said beach tourism had

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Delhi-bused weel agency, held wide range of discussion with Bangladesh officials and tour operators on promotion of tourism and how PATA could contribute to it.



Due to unavoidable reason Press Tender Enquiry No. PD-II/ KCC/331/266 (F) Liquid Paraffin Heavy will now be opened on 10-02-93 instead of 8-2-93.

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. D-90

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TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited for the work: "CONSTRUCTION OF 2-STORIED BUILDING WITH 5-STORIED FOUNDATION OF BANGLADESH RETIRED GOVT. EMPLOYEES WELFARE ASSOCIATION AT SATMASJID ROAD DHANMONDI R/A, DHAKA" from experienced Construction Firms owned and managed by Bangladeshi Citizen and registered in Bangladesn, who have successfully completed building project of similar nature with RCC Cast-in-Situ Pile Foundation for any Govt., Semi-Govt., Autonomous Body. Bank, Insurance Companies or similar type of Organisations, costing not less than Tk. 100 lacs in a single tender during the last 3 (three) years.

Intending firms may apply for tender schedules along with the attested copies of certificate of satisfactory completion of project as mentioned above (from an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer), upto-date enlistment/pre-qualification certificate, income tax clearance certificates. Bank solvency certificate and ABC licence/letter of association with electrical firm List of Technical Personnel with Curriculum Vitae and consent letters and construction equipment list of the firms will also have to be submitted along with the application. No JOINT VENTURE will be allowed for biding the

The application will be received by the Consultant. Design Associates Ltd. House No. 45. Road No. 9A, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209 upto 10.02.93 during office hours and the Tender schedules will be sold to only qualified & eligible firms on receipt of non-refundable cash Tk. 2.000/- (Taka two thousand) only from the office of the undersigned upto 15.02.93. Tenders will be received upto 12.00 O'clock on 25.02.93 in the tender box placed at the office of the undersigned and will be opened on the same day at 12-30 P. M. in presence of tenderers who may like to remain present.

The tenders must accompany an earnest money of 2% (Two percent) of the quoted price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any local scheduled Bank in favour of "BANGLADESH RETIRED GOVT, EMPLOYEES WELFARE ASSOCIATION" Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka

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