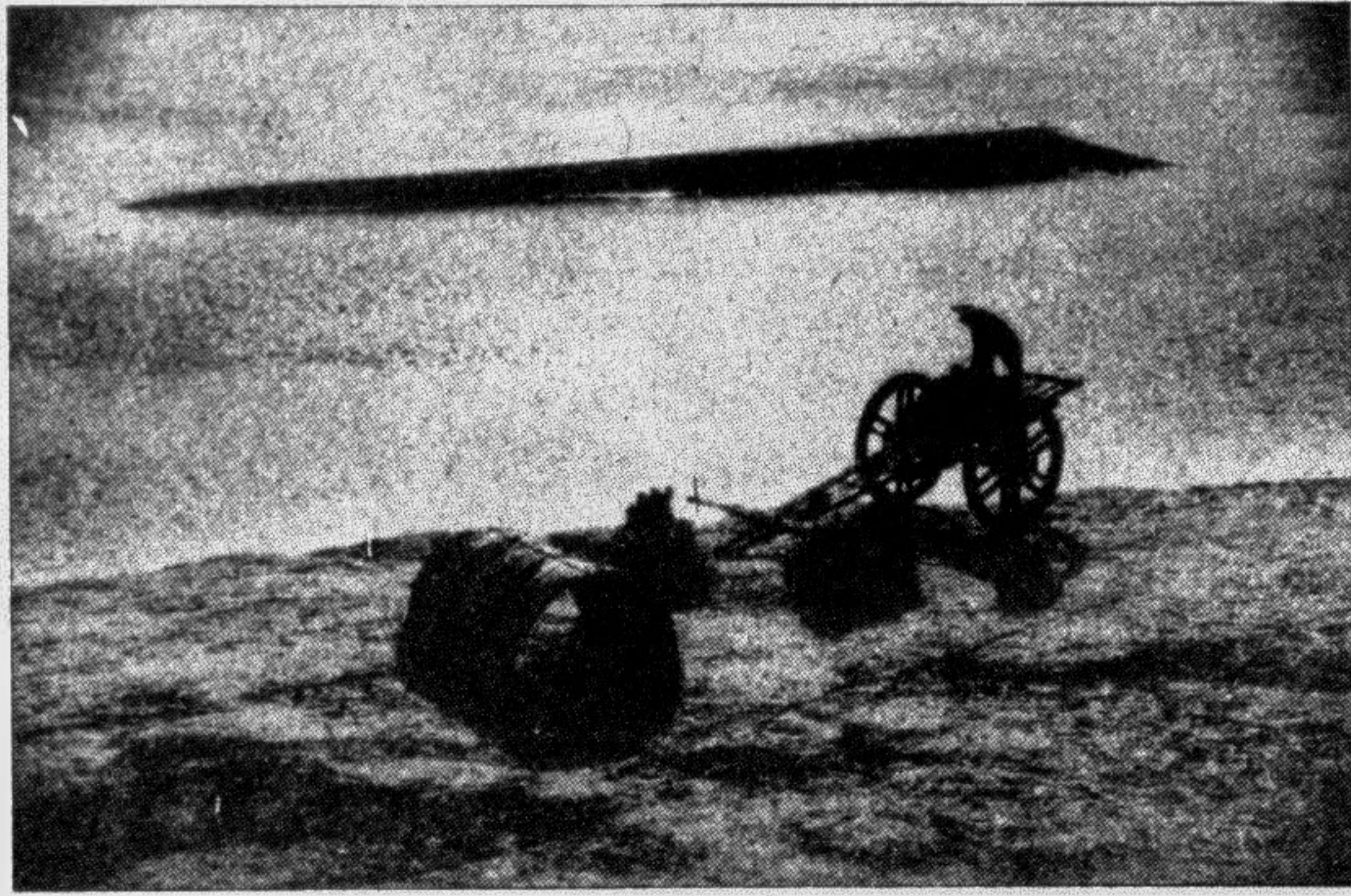


# Dhaka Day by Day

## Talent, Taste and Drive

by Fayza Haq



There was a promising display of photographs by a young group "Ropon" at "La Galerie" recently. The entries spoke of enthusiasm, know-how and imagination. The participants may have quite a long way to go to gain international acclaim but apparently they have enough spirit and determination. Already they have managed to capture the eye of the photography lovers in the metropolis.

Abul Bashai's "Girl Preparing Tea", has a young woman in "shalwar-kameez" pouring tea from a container into a "dekchi" and two white porcelain cups, she was apparently a kitchenmaid in a lower bourgeoisie home, with its accumulation of dirty pots and pans. It was a fairly good composition in which the focus on the subject was good, while the background too had been adequately dealt with. The shadow on the left corner was presented as a rectangle, which elongated and reached the opposite end. On the left were more dark shades. Here the theme of child labour was well portrayed.

"Laughter" by David showed two children. Both the children were girls because of the necklace and bangles that they sported, apart from the parties, the grinning, giggling pair appeared conscious of the camera and yet their spontaneous zest for life was well captured. The subjects were held together against a background of bamboo trees, which varied from light grey to dark shades. The portrayal of the girls had gradations of grains of black, grey and white. The mat on which the girls sat was also clearly delineated in grey and white with inscriptions in Bangla. It was a straight forward depiction without hankering after tick photography effects.

Shafiqul Alam Kiron's "Smiling Girl" had a girl in a tattered "sari" with her doe eyes lit up with happiness and expectations along with her missing and twisted teeth and a snub nose. The simple depiction with a white background spoke of skill and admirable imagination. The absence of any mangle in the backdrop added aesthetic depth.

Kiron's No 24 had been seen before at Alliance Francaise annual photographic show recently. It depicted a bird flying and it had cutwork done out of a negative piece for its base. There was a delicate ladder shown in the centre with two birds, one near the ladder and the other seen at a distance. The top was a shed piece at Kamalapur. The pale clouds against a grey sky added to the lyrical composition. The subject — the two doves and the ladder was composed with admirable suavity.

"Portrait of a village family" by Paul David showed a puppy somewhere to the left central foreground. There were women working in a shed in the background, depicted as rocking the children in a hammock, created out of a story. The children's clothes, like those of the women were represented clearly. The light and shade play on the clothes, faces, the huts and streets as well as the man in the shade in the background was promising. Clothes, dishes, dirt and household utensils were all included in the composition and gave a complete picture of life in the villages near Mymensingh.

"Kuakata Sea Beach" by Imtiaz Alam Beg had a picturesque effect. In fact, it appeared like an enlarged picture post-card. The coconut trees, "chars", the beach the sky in the background had been done in shades of grey. The shadows of the coconut trees as well as the lashing of the waves was captured in a poetic manner. The boats and the beach as the backdrop also lent harmony to the composition.

Md. Abul Basher's "Two Bullock Carts Returning Home" depicted cartleers with their loads, the cattle and cartmen were shown in black silhouette against a background of shades of grey, beige. Details of stubs of grass were also brought in. It was undoubtedly a carefully composed piece of photography.

"A Tribal Woman" by Imtiaz Alam Beg showed an aging woman smoking the "hukkah" with the details of the "chillum" and silver beads having, with her fourteen silver bangles, wearing a jeans jacket plus a red and yellow cardigan depicted the dignity of labour and the beauty and pride even in an old struggling woman. The only pity was that the photographer failed to catch the subject unaware. The background was soft yellow and green delineation of nature — white sky too was brought in — with shades of white and blue.

The display by the five young photographers Paul David Bakdar, Imtiaz Alam Beg, Syed Rafiq Bin Arshad Md Abul Basher and Shafiqul Alam Kiron comprised 40 pieces which were priced at Tk 2,500 with frame and Tk 2,000, if it was only a print.

Paul David was a professional photographer, as were also S R Bin Arshad and Imtiaz A. Beg. The rest studied art and were financed by themselves and their families. They all subscribed to "DRIK" and sold their products to advertising agents like "Bitopi" and "Cassandea". Like most local young photographers they complained of lack of equipment, materials financial backing and adequate training. They realised their limitations and expressed their desire to acquire more fitness and training. Poor patronage was a fly in the ointment for the five photographers, as in the case of many creative workers in Bangladesh.

### Sixth Asian art exhibition in November

The month-long sixth Asian Art Biennial Bangladesh exhibition will be held from November 2 to 30 this year, reports BSS.

On the eve of the exhibition, a two-day international seminar will also be held on November 3 and 4.

This was disclosed by Islam Uddin Malik, Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Chairman, Organizing Committee of the sixth Asian Art Biennial Bangladesh while exchanging views with the heads of mission and representatives of prospective participants of Asian countries at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy here yesterday.

The meeting was informed that three gold medals will be awarded to best works as adjudged by the jury. Each of these awards will be accompanied by a cash prize of Tk 50 thousand.

The jury will comprise two Bangladeshi representatives and three foreign invitees.

In this connection, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahana Begum has already sent out letters of invitation to her counterparts in the prospective participating countries.

### Farewell to Shafiu Alam

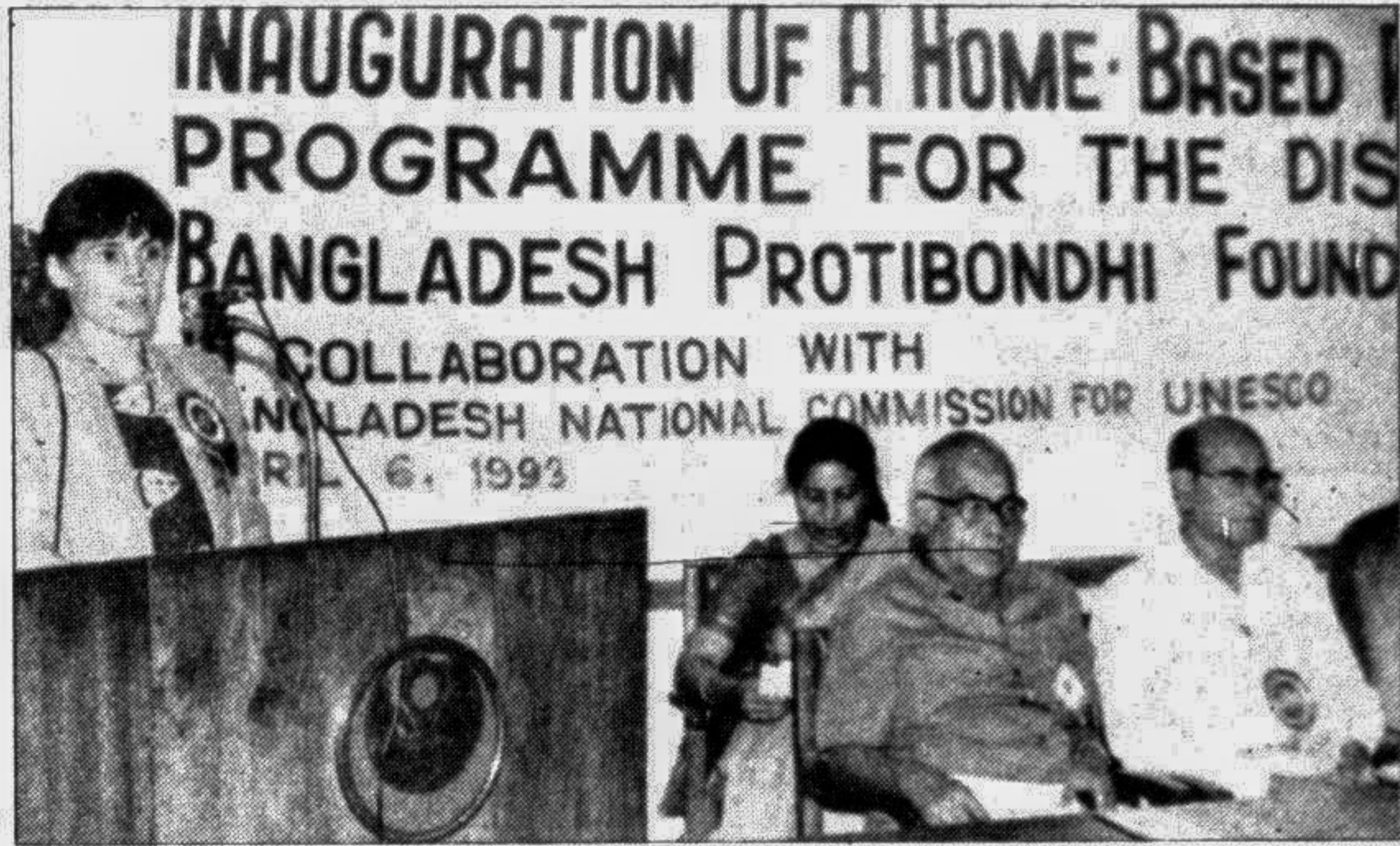
Former Education Secretary Shafiu Alam who has retired from government service recently was given a hearty farewell at a simple ceremony held at the conference room of the Ministry of Education here yesterday, reports BSS.

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar presided over the function.

Speaking on the occasion, the Education Minister recalled the contribution of Shafiu Alam in the administration and education during his long service in the government. He appreciated the efficiency and quick decision making capacity of Alam and prayed for peaceful and happy retired life.

He also called upon the officials of the ministry to work with team spirit following the ideals of Alam.

Former Education Secretary Shafiu Alam, Education Secretary Ershadul Hoq, Senior Assistant Secretary M Shamsul Hoq, Khademul Islam and Quayum Munshi took part in the discussion. The function was conducted by Deputy Secretary Dewan Abdul Jabbar.



Dr Helen Meconachie, a British psychologist, speaking at the inaugural ceremony of Home-based Rehabilitation Programme for the disabled at the Scout Bhaban in the city yesterday.

### Home-based rehabilitation programme inaugurated

## One in every ten of world's population born disabled

One in every ten people of the world's population is born either disabled or acquires a disability and 80 per cent of them live in developing countries being one-third of them children, reports BSS.

It was contained in a paper read out at the inaugural function of a "Home-based Rehabilitation Programme for the Disabled," here yesterday. The paper also disclosed that at least 12 million people representing 10 per cent of the total population of Bangladesh are disabled in the world.

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar inaugurated the programme which was being run by Bangladesh Protibondhi Foundation in collaboration with Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO.

With Dr AKM Nazimuddin Choudhury in the chair the inaugural function was also addressed by Dr M R Khan, British Psychologist Dr Helen Meconachie and S M Saifuddin of Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO.

Dr Sultana Sarwatara Zaman, General Secretary of the foundation, read out her paper at the function.

The Education Minister laid stress on love, affection and sympathy for the remedy and proper rehabilitation of the disabled people and sought cooperation of the well-to-do

section of the society towards government's efforts in this regard.

He assured that his ministry would extend all-out cooperation towards the growth and expansion of the programme which was engaged in such a humanitarian task for the helpless people like disabled.

The Education Minister said the present government was determined to mitigate the sufferings of the disabled persons and called for bringing down the rate of population growth which was the root of all problems in the country.

Dr Sultana Sarwatara Zaman, in her paper said malnutrition, lack of clean water, poor sanitation, faulty birth practices, accidents and inadequate treatment of infectious and communicable diseases are all major causes of disability.

"All these conditions exist in Bangladesh which has made picture of children in general depressing and in case of the disabled the situation is the most pathetic," she said.

Dr Sultana Zaman said all these problems along with lack of proper health facilities, natural disaster and frequent road accidents were making the number of disabled children increase fast.

Besides, she said, at least 30,000 children are becoming

### Pak Navy team leaves

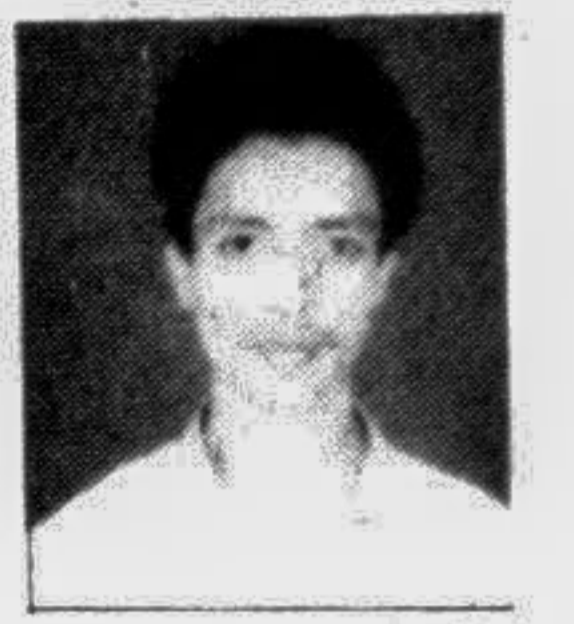
The three-member delegation headed by Rear Admiral Shamoon Alam Khan, Deputy Chief of Naval Staff of the Pakistan Navy, left Dhaka yesterday ending their eight-day visit to Bangladesh, according to an ISPR press release, reports BSS.

During their stay in the country, members of the delegation called on the Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Mohammadul Islam at the naval headquarters.

They also made courtesy calls on the Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan and the Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Altaf Hossain Choudhury.

Other programmes of the delegation included visits to ships and training establishments of the Bangladesh Navy in Chittagong and Khulna.

### Help Needed



Milon Chandra Bhakta, son of Mr Mongal Chandra Bhakta, Vill: Bahadurpur, PO: Bhalukshi, Thana: Agailghara, Dist: Barisal, now undergoing treatment at Suhrawardy Hospital, Ward-1, Bed-6, with two of his heart's valves damaged. He needs immediate artificial valve implant. The Church of Bangladesh has already committed a valve. He needs another. A student of class X and hailing from a poor family, Milon will be highly grateful if generous people come forward with help to save his life. For donation: S/A No: 2835, Janata Bank, West Kafil Branch, Dhaka. Space donated by The Daily Star

## Health Ministry can't alone tackle process of fertility decline: Kamal

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Hossain yesterday reassured the fullest cooperation and assistance of his ministry to all concerned inter sectoral ministries and agencies in further accelerating the process of fertility decline in the country, reports BSS.

He urged concerned ministries and agencies to work together under the intersectoral population project to help attain the national demographic goal. But he said that his ministry alone could not tackle the process of fertility decline which was a matter of grave national importance.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at the concluding session of the four-day national seminar-cum-workshop on strategies for intersectoral collaboration for the population programme in Bangladesh held at the Hotel Sonargaon, organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and URC (Bangladesh). It was jointly sponsored by the

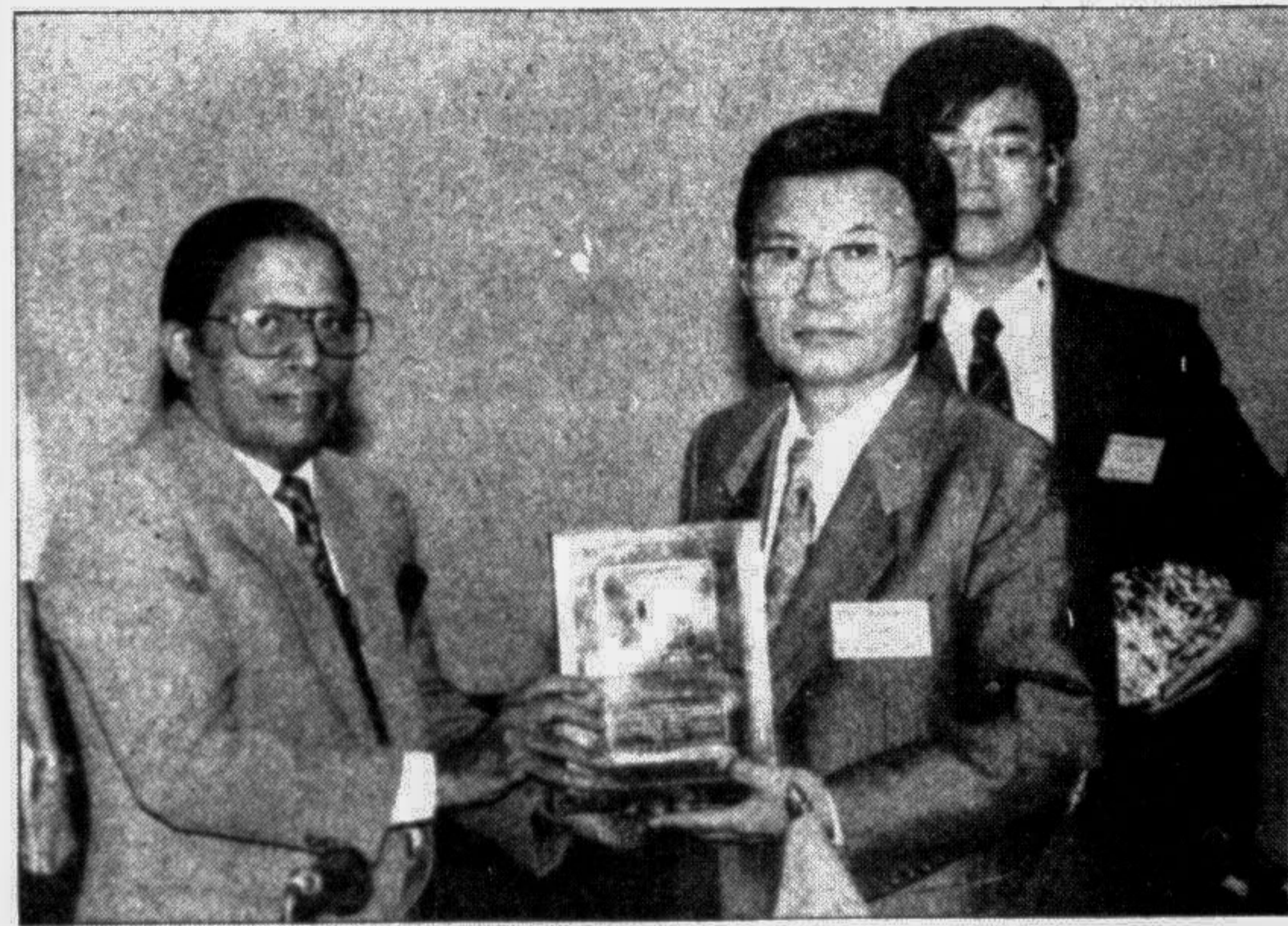
government of Bangladesh, the World Bank and the United Nations Family Planning Association (UNFPA).

The Health Minister expressed firm conviction of the government is enhancing the status of women and rural development which he said, would further accelerate the process of fertility decline.

Presided over by the Health Secretary Syed Ahmed, the concluding session was also addressed by Tom Merrick of the World Bank and Abdus Shaheed, a Joint Secretary of the Ministry.

The workshop discussed different major issues related to the intersectoral population project and made a number of recommendations in this regard.

Syed Ahmed said the suggestions should be selective and pin pointed so that attention could be concentrated on specific directions and areas. He however, said that there was no sector left which was not bearing the brunt of over population



Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry President M Yunus presenting DCCI crest to Joong Kang, Vice-President of Pusan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, ROK in the city yesterday.

### Mohammad Hossain's death anniversary

The fourth death anniversary of eminent journalist Mohammad Hossain will be observed today (Wednesday), reports BSS.

### Obituary

Hafizur Rahman, Chairman of Newshasan Union Parishad under Naria Thana of Shariatpur district, died of a heart attack at Suhrawardy Hospital here yesterday morning. He was 56, reports BSS.

### Weather

## No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Wednesday) says, dry weather will prevail over the country while day temperature will remain nearly unchanged.

The maximum temperature of the country recorded yesterday (Tuesday) of 38.8 degree Celsius was reported from Rajshahi and the minimum of 16.4 degree was reported from Rangpur.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6.17 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5.44 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.6	22.6	52	30
Chittagong	34.0	21.0	64	64
Rajshahi	38.8	22.2	33	24
Khulna	36.5	22.0	67	56
Barisal	35.4	22.5	82	67
Cox's Bazar	33.6	22.3	64	64
Sylhet	34.5	19.6	64	64
Dinajpur	36.4	19.0	35	25

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division, Feni.

### Notice Inviting Tenders No. 33 of 1992-93

1. Sealed tenders in B. D. Form No. 2911 are hereby invited for the undermentioned work from enlisted class-I, II, III & IV civil contractors of PWD and will be received by the undersigned as well as the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/Noakhali/Barisal/Lakshimpur/ Chandpur in their respective Offices up to 12-00 Noon on 12-4-93 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 P. M. in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Eligibility	Time allowed for completion of work from the date of issue of Work Order
1.	S/R to the Hospital Bldg. attached to T. H. C. Parishram, Dist-Feni. during the year-1992-93.	Tk. 2,00,807/-	Tk. 4,017/-	I, II, III, & IV class civil contractors of PWD	45 (forty five) days
2.	Tender form will be sold up to 11-4-93.				
3.	Contract documents consisting of B. D. Form No. 2911, tender notice, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the office of all Executive Engineers, under Comilla PWD Circle on payment of usual charges of Tk. 400/- (Four hundred) (Non-refundable) per set of schedule (Notice Inviting tenders, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc.) and a sum of Tk. 25/- (Taka twenty five) (Non-refundable) per copy of tender Form No. 2911.				
4.	The intending tenderers shall have to produce their registration book of enlistment letter bearing the photo and full signature of the contractors duly attested by an Executive Engineer of this Deptt. along with challan for depositing the current fees at the time of tender form as in absence of which no tender form will be sold. No complaint in this respects will be entertained.				

A K M Shajahan Patwary Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Feni. Phone - 3280 DFP (G) 5067/4/4 G-466

## Kohinoor Chemical Company (Bd) Limited Tender Notice

Sealed quotations are hereby invited by the Managing Director, Kohinoor Chemical Co. (Bd) Ltd. Tejgaon Ind. Area, Dhaka from the Genuine Manufacturers for supply of TIN CONTAINER for (a) Tibet Talcum Powder photo(Std)=3,65,000 Pcs. (b) Tibet Boquet Powder=25,000 Pcs. and (c) Tibet Talcum Powder (Family)=10,000 pcs. against Tender Enquiry No. PD-III/KCC/30 dated 03-4-93. Tender documents available at Tk 200/- (Non-refundable) per set from (1) Kohinoor Chemical Co. (Bd) Ltd, 349-350, Tejgaon Ind. Area, Dhaka, (2) BCIC, 30-31, Dikusha, Dhaka and (3) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong. Tender will be received up to 11:00 AM on 22-4-93 and opened immediately thereafter. No Tender document will be sold on the date of opening.

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**BTV** Wednesday

3:30	Opening announcement
	Al-Quran
	Programme summary
4:00	Bengali feature film
5:10	News in Bangla
6:55	Dances of Sri Lanka
7:25	Targore Songs
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Programme on the occasion of World Health Day
9:00	The Fall Guy
10:00	News in English
10:30	Ujibari
11:30	Khabar/The News
11:45	Closing