

Navy chief returns

The Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Mo-hammudul Islam returned Dhaka June 1 after a five-day visit to Malaysia, says a press release.

BDR men urged to defend border boldly

Major General Mohammad Anwar Hossain, BP, director general, Bangladesh Rifles, yesterday called upon members of BDR to boldly defend the border against attack by any evil power and also make all-out efforts to contain border crime including smuggling, reports BSS.

The BDR chief was addressing BDR personnel on duty at Teknaf border outpost, a press release said.

He assured BDR personnel of quick promotion and honour them with awards as incentives if they can perform their task with honesty, dedication and skill.

Int'l efforts should be geared up to address chemical issues: Noman

Environment and Forest Minister Abdullah Al-Noman yesterday said the government was aware of the situation created by use of toxic chemicals in industries and release of hazardous wastes which are threat to human health and environment, reports BSS.

Inaugurating a workshop on "The management of toxic chemicals and hazardous wastes" here the Minister said recently the government has ratified Basel Convention on the transboundary movements of hazardous wastes.

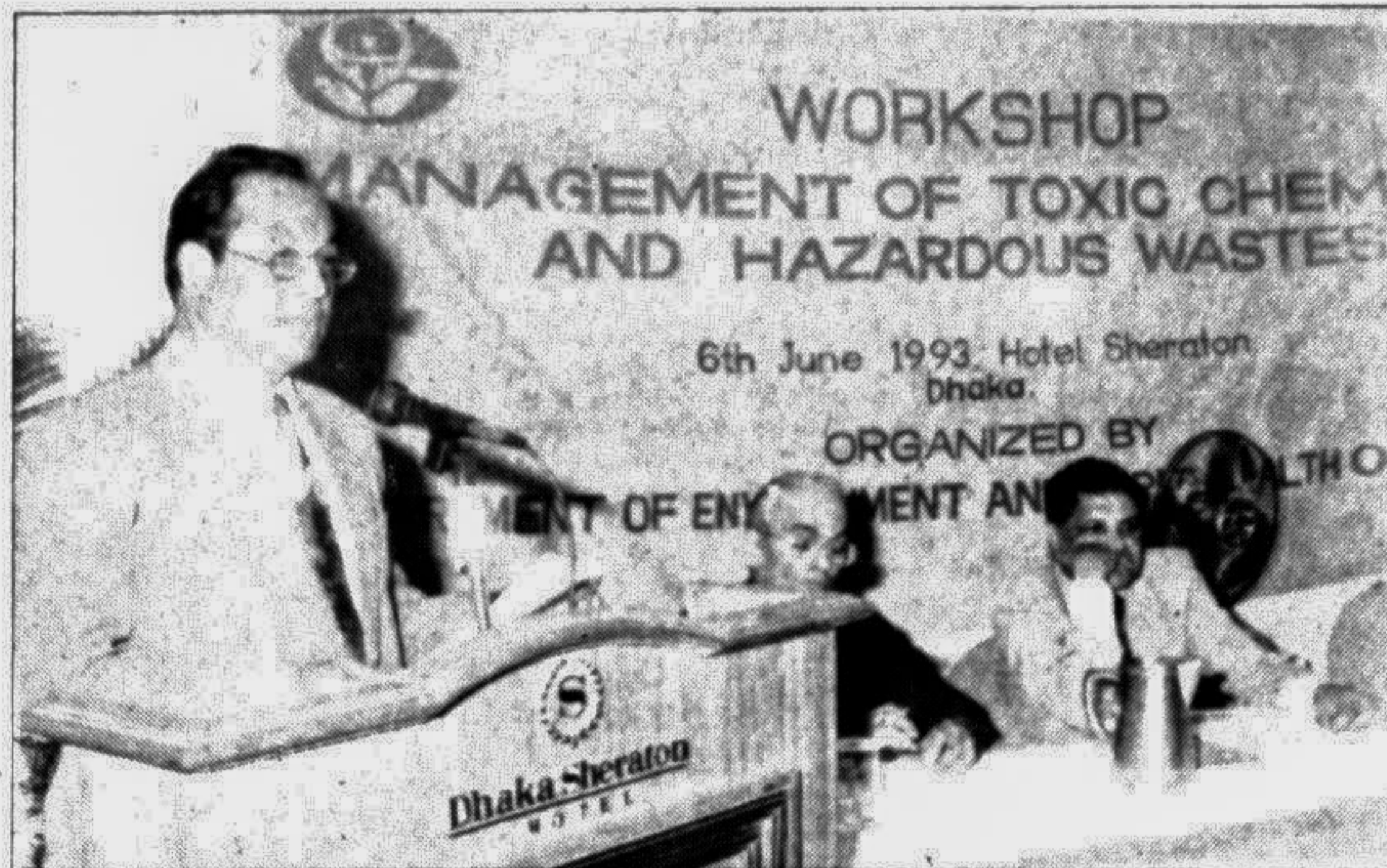
He said as the national systems were inadequate to cope with chemical risks, both national and international efforts should be strengthened to address the issues.

He suggested to enhance knowledge and information on the economics of prevention and management of hazardous wastes.

Organised by the Department of Environment in association with the WHO, the inaugural session was also addressed by the State Minister for Environment and Forest Gayeswar Chandra Ray, Secretary of the Ministry Abdus Salam, WHO Country Representative Dr Ana Abeyesundere and Director General of the Environment Department Ri-salat Ahmed.

WHO consultant Prof JM Dave presented the keynote paper at the workshop while Prof SZ Haider of Dhaka University presided.

Prof Dave said Bangladesh has 480 industries using about 40 toxic chemicals and 19 of these industries has possibility



Environment and Forest Minister Abdullah Al-Noman addressing the workshop yesterday. —PID photo

for large scale accident. He said over 1000 chemicals used in commerce, industry, agriculture and domestic purpose have been recognised as highly toxic or hazardous and their routine release into environment from manufac-ture, use, storage and handling was continuously endangering human health and ecological system.

He said chemicals like chlorine, ammonia, highly inflammable petroleum products, highly poisonous technical grade pesticide drums and others are being stored, handled and transported through populated area in Bangladesh with unacceptable safety code or emergency preparedness.

Prof Dave also said imported highly acute toxic chemicals are transported through cities here without any safety measure and manner which would never be allowed in the countries of their origin.

Terminating the present situation of the toxic chemicals in Bangladesh potentially serious risk to the communities and the environment, he suggested necessary control measures to be adopted to arrest further deterioration of the situation.

He said an alkali producing unit in Chittagong is using four tons of mercury per year and substantial part of it is being released to the Karnaphuli for the last 26 years with the possibility of high benthal deposits.

WHO representative Dr Abeyesundere said it is still unknown how much of the toxic chemicals and hazardous wastes cause diseases.

He said vector borne dis-

eases especially malaria and kala-azar are on the increase in Bangladesh and localised epidemics has occurred in recent times. Mortality and severe debilitating complications occur with these dreaded diseases, he added.

UNAB

Protection of environment is a prerequisite for human survival and through the elimination of poverty and uniform use of resources natural course of ecology could be ensured.

This was observed by the speakers at a discussion yesterday arranged on the occasion of the World Environment Day by the United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB).

Eminent educationist Dr Abdullah Al Muti Sharfuddin presented the keynote paper at the function held at the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) here.

President of UNAB Prof Innas Ali presided while Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP in Dhaka W Fischer, Prof Salahuddin Ahmed, Prof Afsar-uddin Ahmed of Sociology Department of Dhaka University, Secretary General of UNAB Syed Ahmed Hossain, former MP M Mohtaimin and others took part in the discussion.

Dr Sharfuddin said, in a country like Bangladesh, efforts towards the alleviation of poverty and the conservation of nature should go hand in hand. The absolute poor should be provided with the means to support themselves to protect the environment so that we can hand down a livable land to the coming generations, he said.

Referring to the different

studies, Dr Sharfuddin said backward industrial technology was usually more polluting than the advanced ones. In the overall interest of the world environment, it was necessary for the advanced countries to share technological know-how with developing countries.

"The developing countries should have access to the non-polluting technologies available in the advanced countries for the sake of the planet", he said.

Dr Sharfuddin also suggested some measures for a healthy environment which include maintenance of good personal and social hygiene, protection of water from pollution and wastage and recycling of materials, use of renewable sources of energy and adoption of more afforestation programmes.

Prof Innas Ali said with the proper utilisation of resources, poverty could be removed which is both the cause and effect of environmental degradation.

He also urged all concerned to face the environmental degradation on regional and global basis as well as at individual level for effective outcome.

Fischer said it is an established fact that the poor consume less resources than the rich and do less harm to the global environment. But sometimes poverty leads the poor to destroy natural balance for immediate survival.

"The most vivid image of this is the farmers of many poor countries are eating their next year's seed grain for survival", he said adding that "extreme poverty must be eliminated not only for humanitarian reasons but also for environmental causes."

TV industry faces imminent closure

By Staff Correspondent

Anomalous duty structures on import of TV parts and spares threaten the country's booming assembling industry, industry sources claimed.

They allege that until now TV components were being imported at the duty rates of between 30 to 60 per cent and that they used to enjoy a ten per cent rebate on their imports.

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) used to consider components containing printed circuit boards in blank condition eligible for the above mentioned rates.

However, on May 22, the NBR issued an order stating that all parts and components imported in completely knocked down (CKD) condition would be charged a 75 per cent duty, as in the case of the completely built units (CBU).

TV assemblers observe that there was no basic difference between components and CKD sets and that this move of the NBR would destroy the assembling sector of the country.

The enhanced rate would increase the price of a 14-inch black-and-white TV from Tk 4000 to Tk 6000.

TV manufacturers feel that this rise in price would put the TV sets out of the reach of the middle income group, the main consumers.

In yet another move, the Controller of Valuation has

fixed the value of TV components at a higher rate of 57 US dollar as against the current rate of between 38 and 44 dollars. Manufacturers allege that this would increase duties to be paid and would raise the price of televisions.

There are now about 30 TV manufacturing and assembling companies in the country.

These companies produce some 1.25 lakh black-and-white sets, the total annual demand of the country.

Cardiology Hospital

Report on irregularities submitted

One minister told the parliament yesterday that there had been some cases of irregularities in the appointment in the National Cardiology Hospital, reports UNB.

Replying to a question of Rahmat Ali, AL, Deputy Minister for Health Sirajul Haq said a 3-member inquiry committee headed by Dr Golam Nabi has been formed to investigate into the allegation of corruption and nepotism.

The inquiry committee had submitted its reports to the Director General of Health on February 15 this year.

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BSTI

Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institution (BSTI) realised fine amounting to Taka over eight thousand while conducting five mobile courts and six police raids against the users of illegal weights and measures at different market places of Rajshahi division during the month of May.

Some illegal weights and measures including eight maunds of old weight measures, 120 gallon measures, 15 yard sticks and 189 faulty scales were also seized during the raids.

IUBAT

Prof Dr Danilo Orescanin, Professor of Business, Indiana University, USA, is visiting International University of Bu-

siness Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) from yesterday.

Dr Orescanin, the first technical advisor to IBA in 1960's, will be sharing his expert knowhow and experience in the field of business with IUBAT to bring to maturity IUBAT's business related programmes. Dr Orescanin will also be taking steps to facilitate potential collaboration between the Indiana University School of Business and IUBAT College of Business Administration.

The on-going project of starting a Pre-Engineering programme in collaboration with Indiana University, Purdue University at Fort Wayne will also be reviewed. Professor Orescanin's short visit will strengthen IUBAT alignment with North American Universities.

BJMC Advertisement Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers and Suppliers by UMC Jute Mills, Narsingdi for (1) Hardware & Tools (2) Spare parts (3) Printing & Stationery (4) Electric goods (5) Dyes (Magenta) (6) Shuttle (7) Rubber Apron (8) Aluminium Inner Tube (9) Rubberisation of Roll former Leather Pulley (10) Repairing of Fallo: Screw (11) Hard Coke (Foundry Grade) (12) Shal Balli and Sundury wood (13) Syn Bobbin Bottom etc.

Tender schedule with full specification, terms & conditions will be available on payment of Tk 50.00 per set (Non-refundable) except opening date from the office (1) General Manager (A&F), BJMC, Dhaka Zone, 99, Motijheel C/A (4th floor), Dhaka (2) Dy General Manager (A&F), UMCJM Mill site, Narsingdi and (3) Manager (SP), 44 Dilkusha C/A (1st floor), Dhaka.

Tender will be dropped in the Tender Box kept at our (1) Purchase Office, 44, Dilkusha C/A, (2) Dy General Manager (Maintenance), BJMC, Dhaka Zone, 99, Motijheel C/A (6th floor), Dhaka up to 11-30 AM on 15-6-93 and will be opened in presence of bidders at 12-00 Noon on the same day.

BJMC-412 DFP(BA) 4821-29/5 G-752

Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation International Tender Amendment Notice

Notice Inviting International Tender for Appointment of Pre-shipment Inspection Agent for Importing Lifts of Electronic Complex, Mirpur and Head Office, Dhaka.

Following Amendments have been made in the tender invited by BSCIC on the above subject.

- 01. Tender submission date has been fixed on 15-06-93 instead of 31-05-93. 02. The Clause 5 (b), 5 (c) and 5 (e) of the Tender Schedule should be read as follows: 5 (b)- The Tenderer must have their own branches/offices in most of the important countries of the world particularly in Italy. 5 (c)- The Tenderer must have minimum ten years experience in pre-shipment inspection work. 5 (e)- The Tenderer must not be connected with any business of lift including its manufacturing and sales. Tenderer must submit a certificate to this effect. 03. Other terms and conditions of the tender document will remain as before. BSCIC/ PRD- 3/93 (37) DFP (BA) 9136-30/5 G-753 Chief Engineer

STAR TV BBC WORLD SERVICE TELEVISION Monday, 7th June (All programmes in local time)

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STAR Plus

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Dhaka WASA Tender Notice. Tenders are invited from bonafide apparel manufacturing firms/tailoring firms for supply of dungaree. Tenders will be received up to 12 Noon on 16-6-93...

R & H Lease Quotation Notice (2nd Call) Quotation No. 10/Mymensingh Road Division, 1992-93

Sealed quotations are invited from reputed individuals or business firms for toll collection at govt. approved rate in view of crossing of vehicles over the Shambhuganj Bridge adjacent to Mymensingh town from 01-07-93 to 30-6-94... A K M Fazlul Haque Executive Engineer (R & H) Mymensingh Road Division Mymensingh.



DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Emaujuddin Ahmed addressing a seminar at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday in observance of 4th death anniversary of Imam Khomeini. —Star photo



JAGPA brought out a torch procession in the city yesterday to press for construction of Ganges Barrage as an alternative to Farakka Barrage. —Star photo