

Metropolitan

UN role as catalyst in global peace lauded

Speakers at a seminar in the capital yesterday lauded the United Nations for its role as a catalyst in maintenance of the global peace and tranquility but stressed that the world body can transform itself into a more effective organisation to accomplish the task mandated to it, reports BSS.

Organised by the "Bangladesh-2000" in cooperation of the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), the seminar was addressed by Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar, Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperative as the chief guest while Shah A M S Kibria, a former executive secretary of the ESCAP and under secretary general of the United Nations as special guests.

The seminar synchronised with the 48th founding anniversary of the United Nations.

Presided over by Shahjahan Khadem, it was also addressed by MA Khaled, a former district governor of the Lions Club and Ali Reza, information officer of the UNIC.

Salam Talukdar in his speech recalled the past of the world body since its inception on this day, 1945, and said that it passed through a long and chequered history weathering many a storm to its existence and utility.

The minister reiterated Bangladesh's unequivocal commitment to the charter of the United Nations and said Dhaka would make unremitting efforts in promoting peace and stability as enshrined in the constitution of the United Nations.

Another report says: Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Ghulam Haifa yesterday underscored the need for educating the people, particularly those living in the rural areas about the activities of the United Nations.

He said the people should also be aware about the human rights declared by the United Nations which not only mean political rights but social and economic rights like right to education and economic emancipation.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at a seminar organised by the Lions Club of Dhaka Midtown on the occasion of UN Day held at the Russian Cultural Centre in the capital.

Presided over by the president of the club Kazi Rafiqul Islam the seminar was addressed, among others, by district governor Lions District

315B-II Kazi Akramuddin Ahmed, vice district governor J L Showmik and seminar organising committee chairman Mahabubur Rahman.

Barrister A K H Morshed, chairman, board of governors, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies, presented the key-note address on "The United Nations in the Post-Cold War Era," while Professor Nurul Momen and Assistant Professor Dr Intiaz Ahmed of the Department of International Relations, Dhaka University, were the discussants.

Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Oct 24: The United Nations Day was observed in the port city today as elsewhere in the country in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

Different organisations have observed the day through day-long programmes that included holding of rally, discussion, seminar and debate competition.

UNESCO Club of Chittagong held a discussion at Buddhist Foundation auditorium here with club president Capt (ret'd) Dr Golam Mustafa in the chair.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Abdul Aziz, Prof AKM Matin, club leaders Mir Ramzan Ali and Mahabuddin Chowdhury were, among others, who participated in the discussion.

The speakers opined that the United Nations should play a very useful role for the protection of the basic rights and security of the oppressed million of the world.

Inner Wheel Club of Ramna

In observance of the UN Day, a discussion meeting was arranged by the President of the Inner Wheel Club of Ramna at her residence under the auspices of Inner Wheel Club District 328, Bangladesh, says a press release.

The chairperson of the Inner Wheel District 328, Ms Munira Khan was the Chief Guest and Ms Jawshanara Rahman of UNICEF was the guest speaker. It was attended by the district officials, President of the Inner Wheel Clubs of Dhaka and the members of Inner Wheel Club of Ramna. The guest speaker spoke elaborately on the history and achievements of the United Nations and its various organisations. The role of United Nations in maintaining global peace and its commitment towards UN Charter was highlighted by the other speakers.

The Club also distributed free milk and fruits to the poor and destitutes on this occasion.

New school buildings inaugurated

RAJSHAHI, Oct 24: State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain inaugurated the newly constructed buildings of two primary schools at Paba thana of the district yesterday, reports BSS.

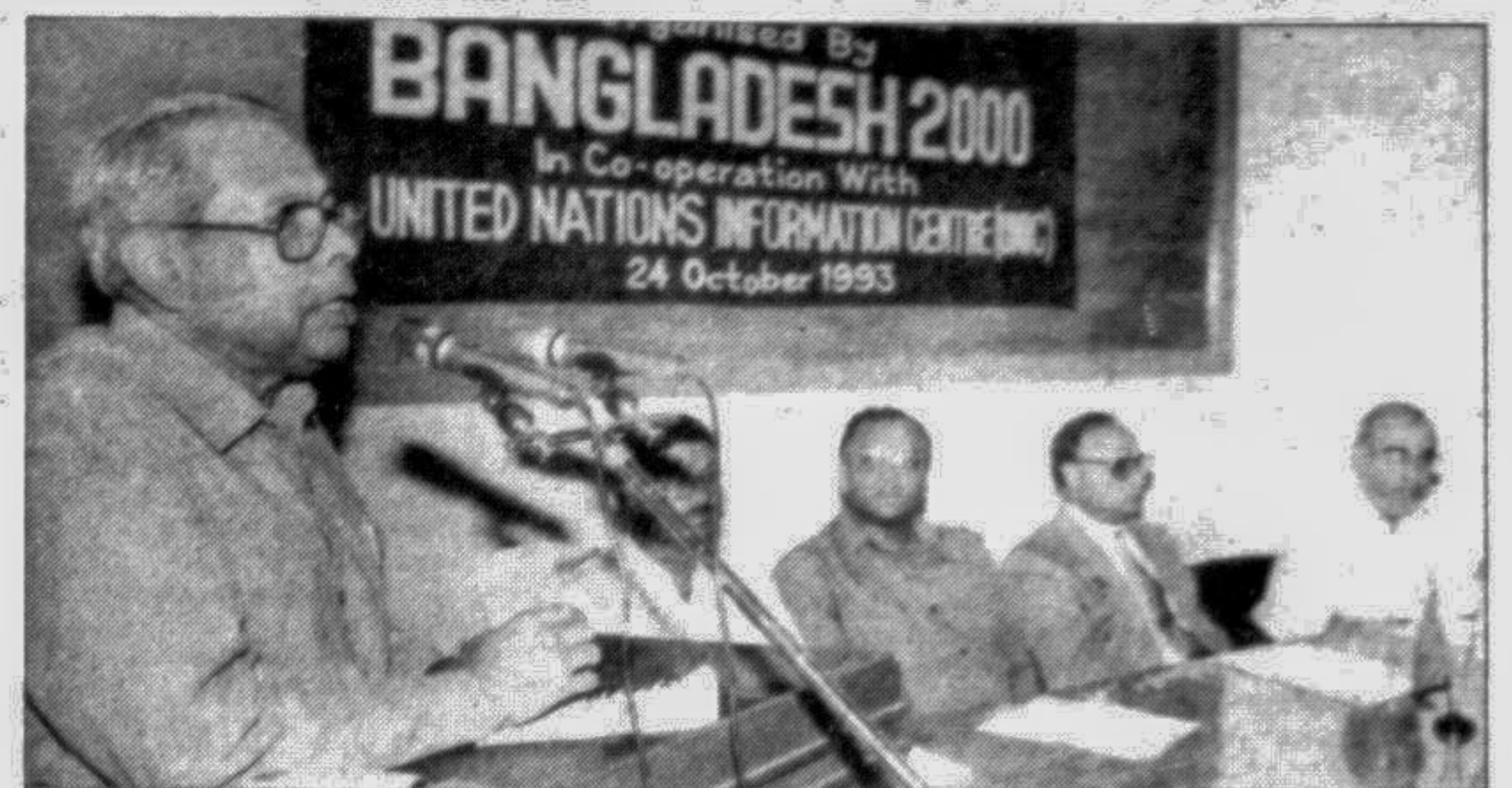
The buildings of the schools were constructed by the Local Government Engineering Department at a cost of Taka four lakh 25 thousand each.

Addressing separate gatherings on the occasion the state minister stressed the need for educating the people for ensuring overall development of the country.

The state minister later attended a meeting of Naohata High School where he announced a donation of Taka 25 thousand to set up a new girls high school at Naohata.

133 arrested in city

Police on the 13th day of their special drive in the city yesterday arrested 54 people for their alleged involvement in serious crimes, including murder, robbery and under the Arms Act, reports UNB.



Shah AMS Kibria, former executive secretary of the ESCAP and under secretary general of the United Nations, speaking as special guest at a seminar organised by the Bangladesh-2000 in cooperation of the United Nations Information Centre to observe the United Nations Day.

MISSING



MR. SALEHUDDIN KAISER left his residence for Gulshan 2nd D.I.T. Market on 7th October, 1993 at 5:30 PM and has been missing since then. If anyone notices Mr. Kaiser, he or she is requested to kindly contact at the following telephone number. Tel 600728. D-771

Land records to be computerised

RAJSHAHI, Oct 24: The government has decided to computerise the land records for overcoming the age-old land record system of land owners in the country.

Disclosing this to BSS, the State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain said this concept of land records would be the first of its kind in the sub-continent and added that it would not only mitigate the sufferings of the people but also improve the standard of land records through modern method of technology.

Initially, the Land Ministry has introduced the system on an experimental basis at the office of the Director General, Land Records (DGLR) headquarters, Tejgaon, Dhaka.

No kutcha bazar for 3 residential areas

For several lakh people in the densely populated Rampura, Hajpara and Ulan residential areas of the capital, there is no sizeable kutcha bazar that can cater to their daily needs, reports UNB.

Eviction of vendors who, somehow, used to sit on roadsides near the bazar has worsened the sufferings of the consumers as well as of the small traders as there is no alternative arrangements in sight, local people said.

What bears the name of Rampura Bazar virtually looks like a pigeonhole when hundreds of people hurdle for entry into it through a narrow entrance every morning to buy kitchen items — vegetable, fish and spices.

It is a small enclosure surrounded by a few groceries and meat shops and hardly accommodating 10 vegetable and several fish shops inside.

They felt the urgency of setting up a market in the area on priority basis to end their troubles.

The city fathers, they said, had a plan for shifting the market onto a suitable site in the TV Bhaban area. "But that couldn't come true over the years", said Nazrul Islam, a trader of Rampura.

Machinery parts recovered

CHITTAGONG, Oct 24: A special squad of the port police recovered stolen machinery parts worth about Taka twenty lakh from a house at Pannapara under Doublemooring thana here last night, reports BSS.

According to police today, two persons were arrested in this connection.

The goods were earlier stolen from a marine workshop of Bangladesh Shipping Corporation on Thursday last. On the basis of the confession of one arrested person, the squad raided the house and found most of the stolen machinery parts there, police added.

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FLOWER SHOW AND COMPETITION

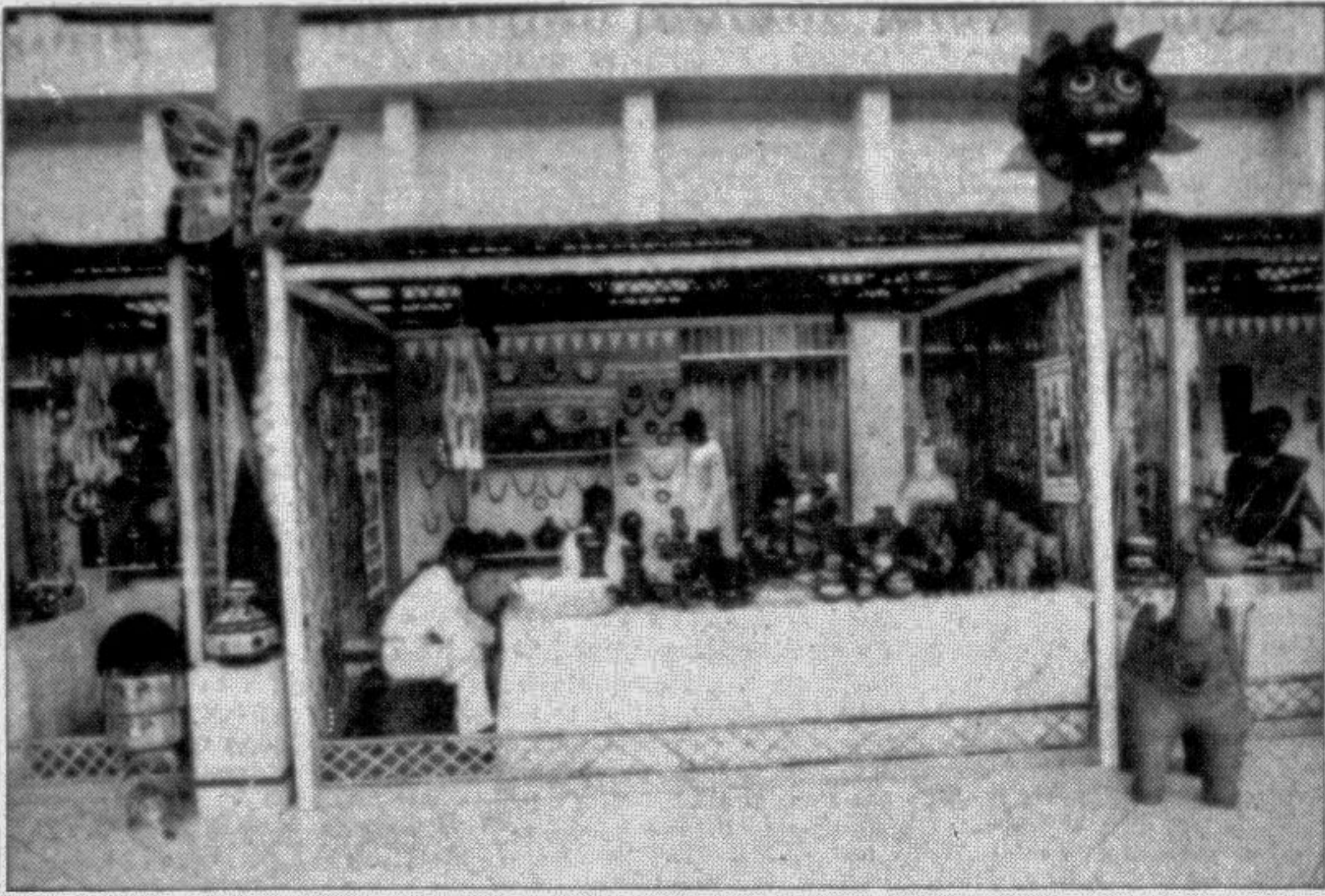
In observance of Tourism Month a Flower Show and Competition will be organized at the Waterfront Restaurant at Zia International Airport on Wednesday 3 November 1993 at 10.00 a.m. Attractive prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners.

Interested persons are requested to contact the undersigned by 28th October 1993 for registration and further information.

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Dhaka Day by Day Celebrating Tourism

by Aasha Mehreen Amin



Five star hotels in Dhaka are in fierce competition to celebrate Bangladesh Tourism Month from mid October to mid November, arranging food festivals, performances, parades, exhibitions shows and so on. The month-long 'Sharat Mela' being held in Sheraton is another way to attract foreigners and introduce them to the handicrafts of Bangladesh.

If it is innovation one is looking for, the exhibition may be a little disappointing since it offers the stereotyped exhibition items like jamdani sarees, nakshi kantha, wall hangings and brass candle sticks. But a closer look, if one has the patience, will show that the exhibition is definitely worth going to.

Take some of the tapestry work which is so intricate and detailed that it takes a good few minutes to absorb all the motifs and themes. One of the spectacular tapestry works is a huge wall hanging with the traditional 'mela' (fair) theme. A colourful ferris-wheel dominates the piece with smiling people on the seats. Surrounding it are the 'ferry-walas' (hawkers) selling sugary goodies, clay dolls, toy ponies and pairs of animals so typical of a mela. The lack of proportion of the figures in terms of size only makes the picture more interesting. Another striking piece depicts a court scene in the British period. A white-wigged judge admonishes a brown defendant at the stand while an English lord visits the 'desi' zamindar who is reclining in his luxurious divan. Again, disproportionately small boats and ships sail across the ocean, while nobles in colourful costumes and on sprightly horses play polo at the bottom of the piece.

The brass items displayed by one of the stalls have a remarkable collection of knick knacks, old and new. Some of the items collected from different parts of the country, such as the bell metal or 'Kasha' bowls are antiques from British times. These have been later engraved with intricate patterns and cost as much as 8,000 taka or more. Antique-looking items include a wooden frame with half human half snake figures, blackish brass goddesses and a curious 'sindoor box' with several compartments, all with women's faces as covers. The big gram-ophone with golden designs on the wood, over 50 years old is part of this unique collection and costs 11,000 taka.

The silver collection includes beautiful trays, rose water containers, betel-leaf boxes and surais (wine decanters) in floral patterns. Small rickshaws and sail boats and usual jewelry items also give a hint of traditional Bengal's opulence. The items made of pure silver are all made by craftsmen of old Dhaka whose skill has been handed down for generations.

The handwork of tribal people is also a prominent theme of this exhibition. The 'Monipuri Craft collection', for example, includes kimonos made of handloom cotton, straw hats and bags and raw silk shawls and scarves — all made by the hands of indigenous people.

The usual clay items, such as clay earrings, necklaces, vases and cute black elephants are also on display. Other common products include jamdanis, Dhakal saris, Rajshahi silks and children's cotton frocks with embroidery.

The exhibition laid out on the outside of the lobby allows anyone visiting the hotel to stroll around and see the stalls. As for those who are not interested in the handicrafts of Bangladesh, there is a stall selling hot pakoras, samosas, spring rolls and other tasters.

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Aman blames BCL (M-I) for CMCH killing

CHITTAGONG, Oct 24: DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman MP, today blamed Chhatra League (M-I) for the killing at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) on October 18, reports UNB.

Aman alleged that Chhatra League as a part of its deep rooted conspiracy was unleashing terrorism in the educational institutions across the country.

He was addressing a rally, organised by the city unit of JCD at the Dost Building premises this evening to protest the attack on doctors' cafeteria at the CMCH that left a doctor and two people dead and 15 others injured.

Presided over by city unit President Abu Sufian, the rally was also addressed by JCD President Fazlul Huq Milon, GS Nazimuddin Alam, Organizing Secretary Abul Khair Bulyan, Qumruzzaman Ratan and Dr Shahjahan.

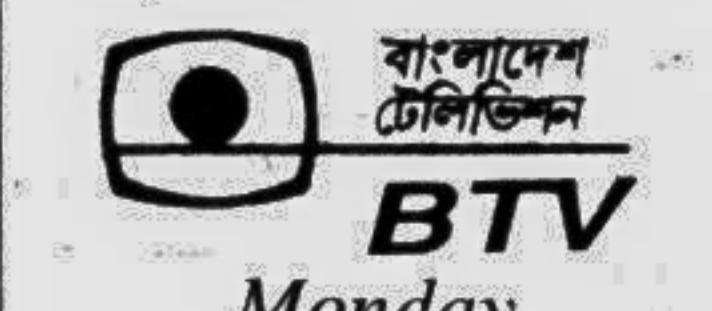
DUCSU VP said the "hijackers, rajakars and autocratic forces" have joined hands with the party and letting loose violence every where to destabilise the present government.

Milad in memory of S. M. Ali today

By Staff Correspondent

The Sylhet Bibhag Andolan will hold a milad mahfil in memory of The Daily Star founder-editor S. M. Ali at the Baitul Mokarram Mosque today (Monday) after Asr prayers.

Following the milad, the Andolan will bring out a mourning procession from the south gate of the mosque which would end at the Jatiya Press Club premises.



- 5.00 Opening announcement
- 5.10 Al-Quran
- 5.15 Programme summary
- 5.20 News in Bangla
- 5.25 Sports programme
- 6.25 Moder Garob Moder Asha
- 7.25 Nazrul songs
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Janomat
- 9.00 Programme of folk songs: Vira Nadir Bunkre
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Comedy series: Murphy Brown
- 11.00 Musical programme: Disco Rally
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Tomorrow's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing

Weather

No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

The sky will remain mainly partly cloudy with chances of light to moderate rain or showers over the regions of Chittagong and Noakhali during the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Monday).

The Met Office forecasts, during this time weather will remain mainly dry with clear sky elsewhere over the country while the day temperature will remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 32.5 degree Celsius was recorded in Satkhira and the lowest 19.5 degrees at both Satkhira and Jessore.

The sun sets today at 5.24 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.01 am.

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	30.5	20.6	75	77
Chittagong	30.5	23.0	92	82
Rajshahi	29.5	19.8	77	87
Khulna	31.0	20.8	78	78
Barisal	31.0	21.6	77	77
Cox's Bazar	29.5	24.0	87	86
Sylhet	29.6	22.2	88	83
Dinajpur	31.0	19.6	83	90

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

Tenders are invited from BSCIC enlisted small & cottage industries owners and Ministry of Industries approved local bonafide manufacturers for supply of CI Footstep for Dhaka WASA Sewer (E & D) Division-1 & 2. Tenders will be received up to 12-00 Noon on 1-11-93 & opened on the same day at 2-00 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

Bill of quantities of tender will be available at the Office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka & all MODS Zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed descriptions will be available at the office of the undersigned.

Address: WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka. WASA-P.I.-470/93. DFP (G) 16916-18/10. C-1420. Executive Engineer, Procurement Division, Dhaka WASA.

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বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

Local sealed tender is hereby invited by the Bangladesh Power Development Board for procurement of AAC "WASP" (Insulated) & AA "ANT" (Insulated) as follows:

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description of materials	Cost of tender documents	Submission of tender date and time	Opening of tender date and time
1.	Pur-226/93	AAC "WASP" & ANT (Insulated)	Tk 1,000/-	16-11-93 at 11:00 AM	16-11-93 at 11:30 AM

A complete set of tender documents will be purchased by interested bidder on submission of written application and upon payment of Non-refundable fee for Taka mentioned above against each tender in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order favouring Director of Purchase, PDB, Dhaka.

2% Bid Bond of the offered price shall be submitted along with tender.

Tender will be received up to 11-00 AM and will be opened at 11:30 AM in presence of the bidder or their representative if any. No tender shall be sent by post or sold on the opening date and No Telex/FAX offer will be acceptable. Biddut/Jana-470(5) 93-94. DFP (BA) 9440-19/10. G-1429. Director, Purchase, PDB, Dhaka.

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