

Dhaka Day by Day

Viva Seminar!

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If high-level meetings, seminars, symposia, workshops etc are an indication of development...

The common man is where he was i.e nowhere. But every fertile brain is concerned with the welfare of this small and unassuming...

The new-found popularity of such august gatherings has been in conformity with the jealous defence of development...

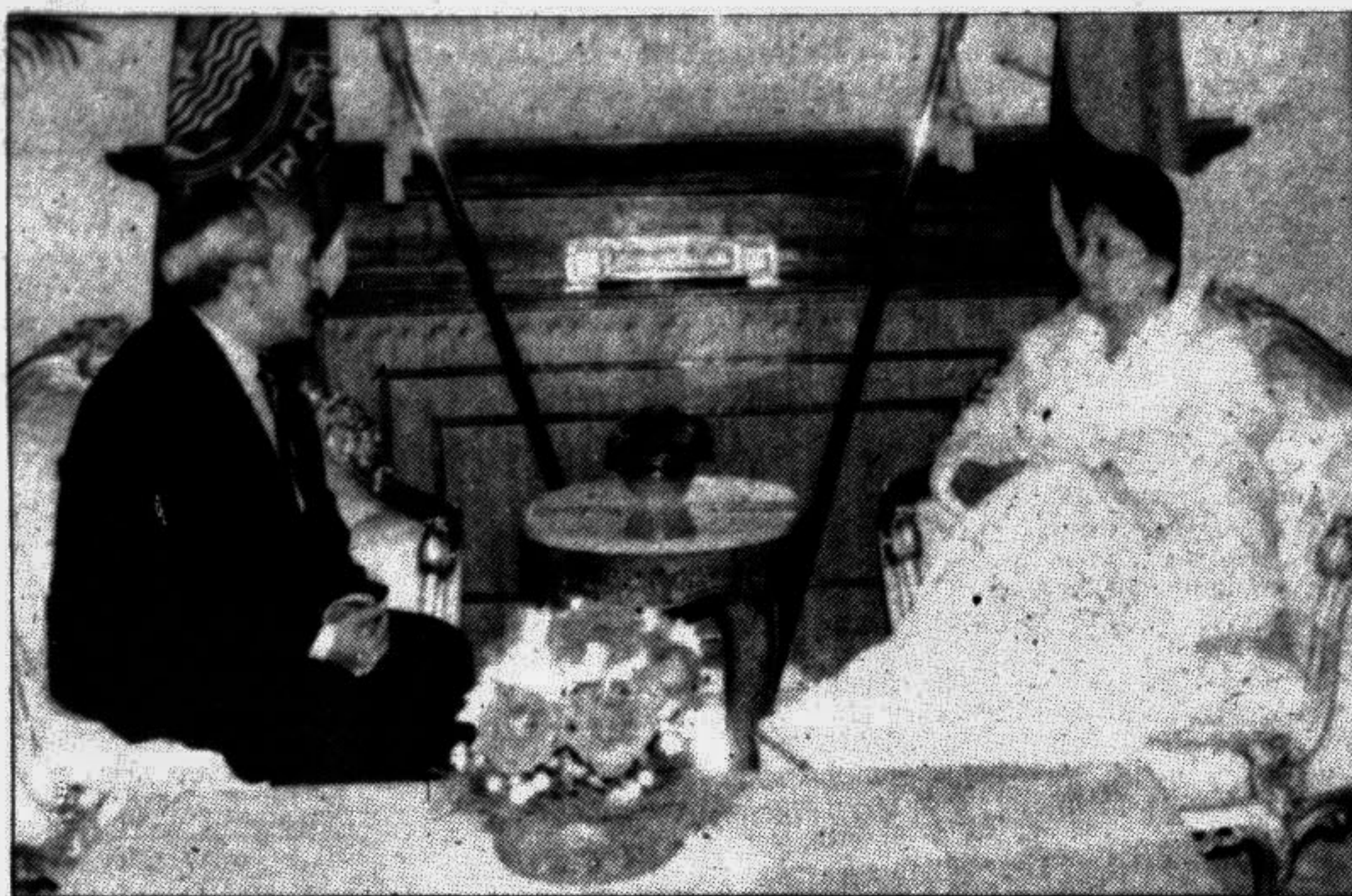


Under eye-catching headlines, these gatherings try, with an effort, to project about them an aura of special erudition.

This is of course the outward look but sometimes those meets betray an air of pomposity without substance.

they will have to possess demonstrably the show of expert knowledge without being deeply conversant with any subject.

Let us call them seminar or symposium men or women. They will go on attending the endless numbers of such meets and, gracefully, the offices will not have to spend much on them.



The visiting SAARC Secretary General Yadav Kant Silwal called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday.

BSC earns Tk 71cr during last fiscal

The Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) earned Tk 71 crore in the last fiscal year by carrying 69 lakh tons of cargoes in its own liner services, reports BSS.

BSC also earned Tk 6 crore 66 lakh by carrying 5483 containers in its Bangladesh-Singapore feeder service from January to December of 1993.

This was revealed at the 26th meeting of the Standing Committee on the Ministry of Shipping at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday with Shipping Minister M K Anwar in the chair.

Deputy Minister for Shipping A Q M Zahurul Haq and other members of the committee Alamgir Haider Khan (BNP), Begum Selina

Madrasah team meets Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas said here yesterday that the present government had been trying its best to remove illiteracy and alleviate poverty from the country, reports BSS.

President Biswas was talking to a 19-member delegation of Patuakhali Waiza Alia (Dakhil) Madrassah and Waizabadi Mostafabia Alia (Fazil) Madrassah under Patuakhali district when it called on him at Bangabhaban. The delegation was led by Maulana Shah Mohammad Nizamul Haq, secretary of the institutions.

President Biswas said, our economic backwardness is due to the prevailing illiteracy in the country. He said that without mass literacy no sustainable economic development was possible.

Tk 100cr road construction project for Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Jan-18: Roads and Highways Department with the help of Asian Development Bank has started constructing new roads and developing the existing ones of 201 kilometres at the cost of Taka one hundred crore in the islands and coastal areas under the Cyclone Rehabilitation Project, reports BSS.

The work, which started in last December, is expected to be completed by August, 1995, an official handout said.

JS body on Works Ministry meet held

The 23rd meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Works was held at Sangsad Bhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

The meeting, which reviewed the progress of the decisions taken at the earlier meeting, was presided over by Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia.

Reports made by the sub-committees on the abandoned property and the Nilkunjia residential projects of the Rajuk were also discussed in the meeting.

Edn week prize-giving ceremony

RAJSHAHI, Jan 18: State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain today said the nation was marching ahead under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and added that the BNP government was working hard for making the country prosperous, reports BSS.

The minister said this while addressing divisional education week prize giving ceremony held in the local Teachers Training College auditorium.

Enamul Haq, Principal of the college, presided over the function. Advocate kamrul Munir and Salahuddin Baby among others, spoke on the occasion.

Secretaries take over charges

A H Mofazzal Karim has taken over the charge of the Ministry of Commerce as secretary yesterday, reports UNB.

Before joining the Commerce Ministry he was the Secretary of the Ministry of Textiles. The outgoing Commerce Secretary, Syed Ahmed has been appointed a member of the Planning Commission.

Mohammad Abu Hena took over as Secretary of the Jute Ministry on Monday. Former Jute Secretary M Akhtar Ali was transferred as the Agriculture Secretary earlier this month.

Meanwhile, a reception was accorded yesterday to the new Jute Secretary Mohammad Abu Hena by the officers and staff of the Jute Ministry in Bangladesh Secretariat.

Govt to encourage re-insurance company: Saifur

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman Monday said that the setting up of a re-insurance company having sound financial basis would be encouraged by the government, reports BSS.

The re-insurance company can be formed combining both the public and private sector concerns in the sector, the Finance Minister said while addressing a reception accorded to him on his becoming the Chairman of the Board of Governor of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) by the Green Delta Insurance Company.

He gave an assurance that the Finance Ministry would make available additional funds to form the proposed re-insurance company.

Rahman urged the insurance companies to act as "development agents" and make use of their idle money through channeling the same for setting up industries and productive units.

Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam, Chairman of the Green Delta Insurance Company Shafat Ahmed Chowdhury and the Managing Director of the company Nasir Ahmed Chowdhury also addressed the function held at a city hotel.

The Finance Minister described the country's economic situation as "stable" and said the economic fundamentals were now in complete harmony. He said the policies and reform programmes undertaken by the present government had created an "enabling environment."

This, he said, is expected to lead the nation to attaining better economic growth rate, higher investments and generation of employments.

Bhutanese envoy meets Huda

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda said yesterday that Bangladesh's relations with Bhutan would be further strengthened in the days ahead in the spirit of SAARC, reports BSS.

The information minister was talking to Bhutanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Tashi Tobgyel when the latter made a courtesy call on him at his secretariat chamber.

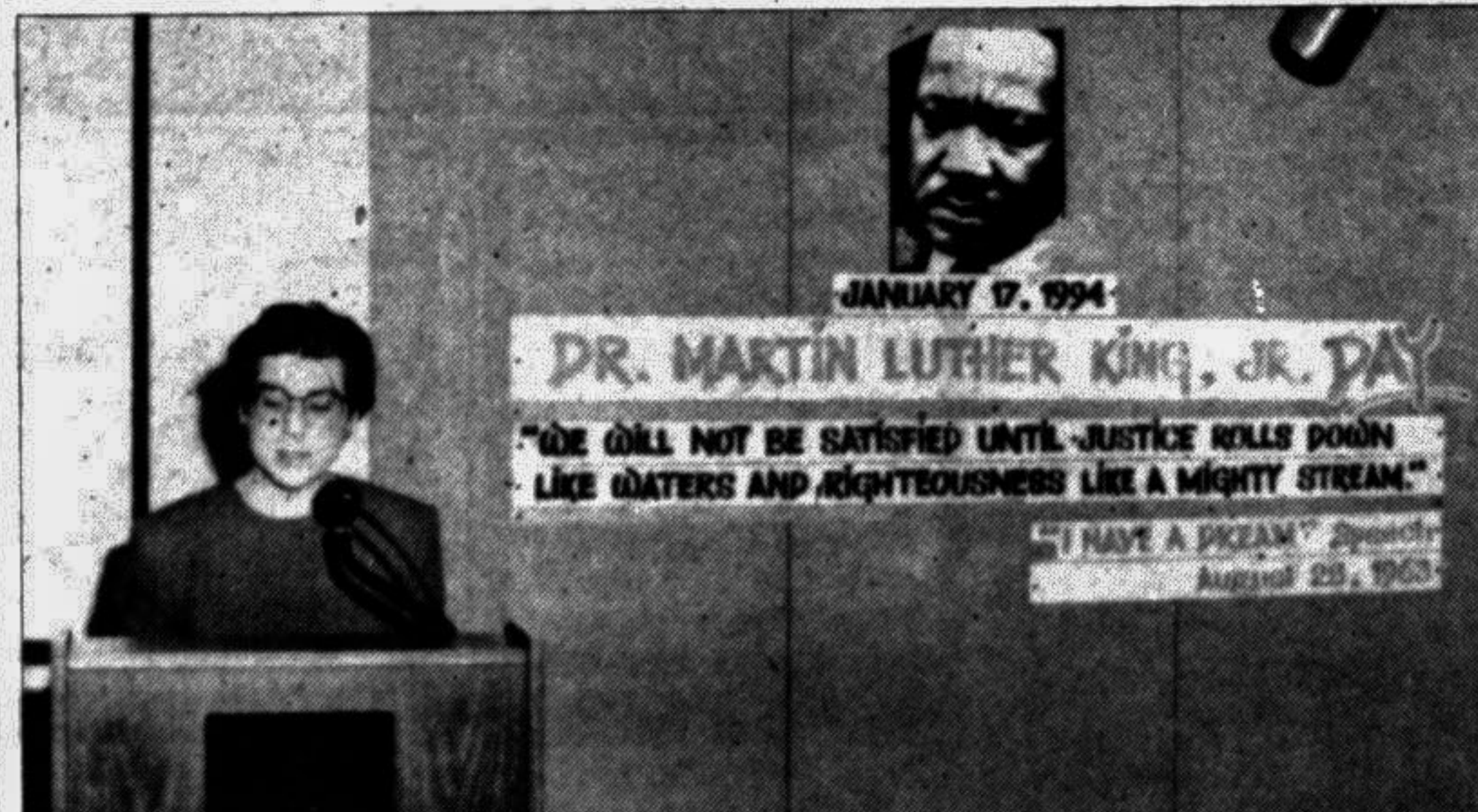
51 arrested on various charges

Police rounded up 51 people from different parts of the city on various charges in last 24 hours, a DMP press release said yesterday, reports UNB.

Enjoy 3 hours solo MUSICAL SOIREE of REZWANA CHOWDHURY BANNYA today 19th January '94 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at National Museum Auditorium, Shahbagh, Dhaka.

Land Wanted BTI Ltd, a major real estate developer, is looking for quality land plots in Baridhara or other prime residential areas of the metropolis.

Table with 3 columns: Time, Program, and Host. Includes items like Opening announcement, News in Bangla, and Tomorrow's programme summary.



To commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, an American holiday in honour of the slain civil rights leader and Nobel laureate, a multi-media programme was held on Monday at the American Cultural Centre in Dhaka.

Weather No change in temperature By Staff Correspondent Dry weather with a partly cloudy sky is likely to continue over Bangladesh in the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Wednesday).

Alhadar made new Indonesian envoy Omar Barry Watanabe meet Hasina Saudi Ambassador, Abdullah Omar Barry yesterday made a courtesy call on Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina at her parliament chamber, reports UNB.

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