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Bangladesh Cultural Secretary Islamuddin Malik and visiting Indian Cultural Secretary Sitakant Mahapatra leading their respective delegation at the bilateral discussions held at the conference room of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs at the Secretariat yesterday. — PID photo

Aricha-Nagarbari ghat

Tk 474 lakh earned, JS told

The earnings from Aricha-Nagarbari Ferry Ghat from July 1990 to December 1993 was Taka 473.81 lakh, Shipping Minister M K Anwar told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from Dr A K M Asjad of Jamaat-e-Islami, the minister said the expenditure during the same period including cost for dredging of the ghat was Tk 237 lakh.

To another question from Jamaat member Moulana Mohammad Shakawat Hossain, Anwar said the earnings from Dhaka Inland Water Port were Tk 739.70 lakh during July 1992 to December 1993.

The expenditures were Tk 816.08 lakh during the same period.

SAIC meeting begins

Eighth meeting of the Governing Board of the SAARC Agricultural Information Centre (SAIC) began in the capital yesterday, reports UNB.

Executive Vice Chairman of the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council Dr M Sujayet Ullah Chowdhury inaugurated the three-day meet at the SAIC auditorium.

Presided over by current chairman of SAIC governing board Karma Tashi of Bhutan, the inaugural was also addressed by SAIC Director A K M Abdun Nur.

What's on today...

Drama by Raju Nattiyam

The Raju Nattiyam, a cultural organisation, will stage the drama titled *Autmani Chandara* today (Wednesday) at 6:30 pm at the auditorium of Russian Cultural Centre, Dhannondi.

IUB

The certificate awarding ceremony on the completion of the course on Commercial Management and the inauguration of the Course on Production Management, in the Apparel Industry of the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) will be held today (Wednesday) at 4:30 pm at its campus at Plot-8, Road-10, Baridhara.

M Shamsul Islam, Minister for Commerce, will distribute certificates as the chief guest while National Professor M Innas All, the Rector of IUB, will preside.

Ramakrishna Mission

Two sessions of discussion in centenary celebration of Swami Vivekananda's address in the Chicago Parliament of Religions in 1893, will be held today (Wednesday) from 3:00 pm at the Ramakrishna Mission premises.

On the first session poet Sufia Kamal will be present as the chief guest while Prof Nilima Ibrahim will preside. The topic of discussion will be 'Swami Vivekananda and women-awakening'. On the second session, scheduled to begin at 5:00 pm, ex-VC of Jahangirnagar University Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui will attend as the chief guest and Prof Rangal Sen will preside. The speakers will talk on the topic 'Swami Vivekananda and Humanism'.

A drama — *Viswawek Vivekananda* will be staged following the session.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today (Wednesday) at 5:30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel.

Film show at Goethe-Institut

On the concluding day of the 4-day long ongoing Wim Wenders retrospective session, film — *Until the End of the World* — will be screened today (Wednesday) at 5:30 pm at the auditorium of the Goethe-Institut, Dhannondi.

The Umhesh Film Society in collaboration with the Goethe-Institut, Dhaka has arranged the film session.

Bangladesh Ceramic Society

The first annual conference of the Bangladesh Ceramic Society will be held today (Wednesday) at the auditorium of BANSDOC, BCISIR campus at 10:00 am.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman will attend the conference as chief guest while Prof M A Mannan, Minister of State for the Science and Technology, will attend as special guest.

An exhibition has been arranged in cooperation with different ceramic, glass and refractory industries at the auditorium of BCISIR marking this occasion.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga will be held today (Wednesday) at 5:30 PM at Sonargaon Hotel.

Silwal visits SAIC

SAIC Yadev Kant Silwal, Secretary-General of the SAARC Secretariat yesterday visited SAARC Agricultural Information Centre (SAIC) located at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), reports BSS.

On his arrival Silwal was received by Dr M Sujayet Ullah Chowdhury, Executive Vice-Chairman of BARC.

Obituary

Ahsanul Huque, son of late Sir Muhammad Azizul Huque died on February 3 at his London residence, says a press release.

He left behind his only daughter, three grand-children, relatives and friends to mourn his death.

The Namaj-e-Janaza of Huque will be held today after Zohr prayers at the Masjid-e-Taqwa Lakeside Mosque, Road 22, Dhannondi.

The Qulhwani will be held on February 11 (Friday) after Asr prayers at House 330H, Road 28 (old), 15 (new), Dhannondi.

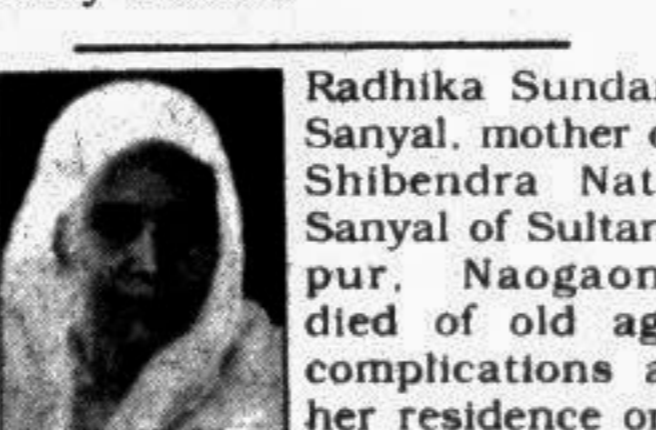


Abul Hasnat Mohammad Abdul Quadir, founder Principal of Central Law College died of old age complications at his Indira Road residence here yesterday. He was 80, reports BSS.

He left behind his wife, one son, three daughters and a large number of students to mourn his death.

After namaz-e-janaza, the body of the noted educationist was laid to eternal rest at the Banani Graveyard.

Late Abul Hasnat Quadir was also the Editor of a literary magazine 'Dilruba' and evening daily 'Chashi'.



Radhika Sundari Sanyal, mother of Shyambendra Nath Sanyal of Sultampur, Naogaon, died of old age complications at her residence on Monday midnight. She was 96, says a press release.

Later she was cremated at Naogaon's 'Daher Ghat' burning ground. She left behind her only son, three grandsons, two granddaughters and a host of relatives.

Her *shraddha* will be held February 17 at her Sultampur residence.

One of her grandsons Rathindra Nath Sanyal is the Production Manager of The Daily Star.

Saudi envoy, Speaker exchange views

Saudi Ambassador Abdullahi Omar Barri made a courtesy call on Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali at his Sangsad Bhavan office yesterday, reports UNB.

Razzak Ali and the Ambassador exchanged views on functioning of the parliament in Bangladesh and Majlis-e-Shu'ra in Saudi Arabia.

Mannan visits fire gutted areas

State Minister for Textiles Major (ret'd) Abdul Mannan yesterday visited the fire gutted areas of South Begunbari at Tejgaon to see for himself the losses caused by a fire incident recently, reports BSS.

He distributed relief materials among 250 victim families. The relief materials include 300 pieces of sarees and 300 pieces lungis and other foodstuff.

State minister talked to the affected people and assured them all sorts of help and assistance on the part of the government.

He also advised them to face this situation with courage and fortitude.

Ghurnijhar Padak handed over

The Pakistan Military Relief Team which took part in rescue and relief operations at the coastal areas of Bangladesh after the havoc of cyclone and tidal surge in April, 1991, has been awarded the *Ghurnijhar Padak* (Cyclone Medal) for its humanitarian services, says a press release.

The Principal Staff Officer of the Armed Forces Division Major General M S A Bhuiyan handed over the medals to the Defence Attache of the Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka Captain Shah Muhammad Salahuddin, PN, who received them on Behalf of the recipients at a simple ceremony at the Armed Forces Division, Dhaka Cantonment.

The government has decided to award the *Ghurnijhar Padak* to all armed forces personnel including members of all foreign military relief teams who took part in rescue and relief operations after the devastating cyclone and tidal surge at Chittagong and the adjoining coastal areas in April '91.

General Noor Uddin was addressing at a ceremonial parade marking the second reunion of the army service corps at the ASC Centre and School at the Jahannabad Cantonment near Khulna.

Reunion of army service corps held

KHULNA, Feb 8: Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan said today that untiring efforts, sincerity, devotion and efficiency of the members of the army service corps stood the corps on a proper place in the Bangladesh Army, reports BSS.

General Noor Uddin was addressing at a ceremonial parade marking the second reunion of the army service corps at the ASC Centre and School at the Jahannabad Cantonment near Khulna.

Relief directorate officers, employees meet Harun

A delegation of Relief and Rehabilitation Directorate Officer-Employee Combined Welfare Parishad called on State Minister for Relief Harun-al-Rashid at the latter's office at the Secretariat yesterday, reports BSS.

The delegation apprised the state minister about their various problems.

The state minister gave a patient hearing to them and assured to look into the problems. The delegation included presidents and secretaries of directorate officers association, district relief officers association, project implementation officers association and president of employees association.

Director General of Relief and Rehabilitation Directorate Md Shaiful Islam was present on the occasion.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Syed Nurul Alam, a businessman and social worker will be held tomorrow after Maghreb prayers and will be followed by

Mejban at his Khulshi residence, House #5/2, Road#4, Chittagong, says a press release.

Alam died of chronic renal failure at his Khulshi residence on January 17. He was buried at Goribullah Shah Mazar graveyard. He was 61.

Death anniversary

The first death anniversary of renowned historian, researcher, litterateur and writer of over 50 books Dr M Abdul Kader will be observed today, reports BSS.

Various socio-cultural organisations will hold discussions on the occasion.

The members of the deceased's family will hold milad and Qurankhwani. Similar functions have also been arranged at late Dr Kader's village home in Ramganj thana of Luxmipur district.

Milad mahfil will also be held at the central mosque of the Engineering University after Magreb prayers.

Dr Kader died last year at the age of 85.

BGMEA holds talks with buyers

A dinner-cum-discussion meeting was arranged by the BGMEA in honour of buyers and buying house representatives dealing with readymade garments export of the country at a local hotel last night, says a press release.

Welcoming the representatives of the apparel buying houses and buyers Redwan Ahmed MP, President BGMEA said that the garments sector is now recognized as the single largest export industry in Bangladesh which accounted for 63 per cent of the total export earnings of the country during 1993.

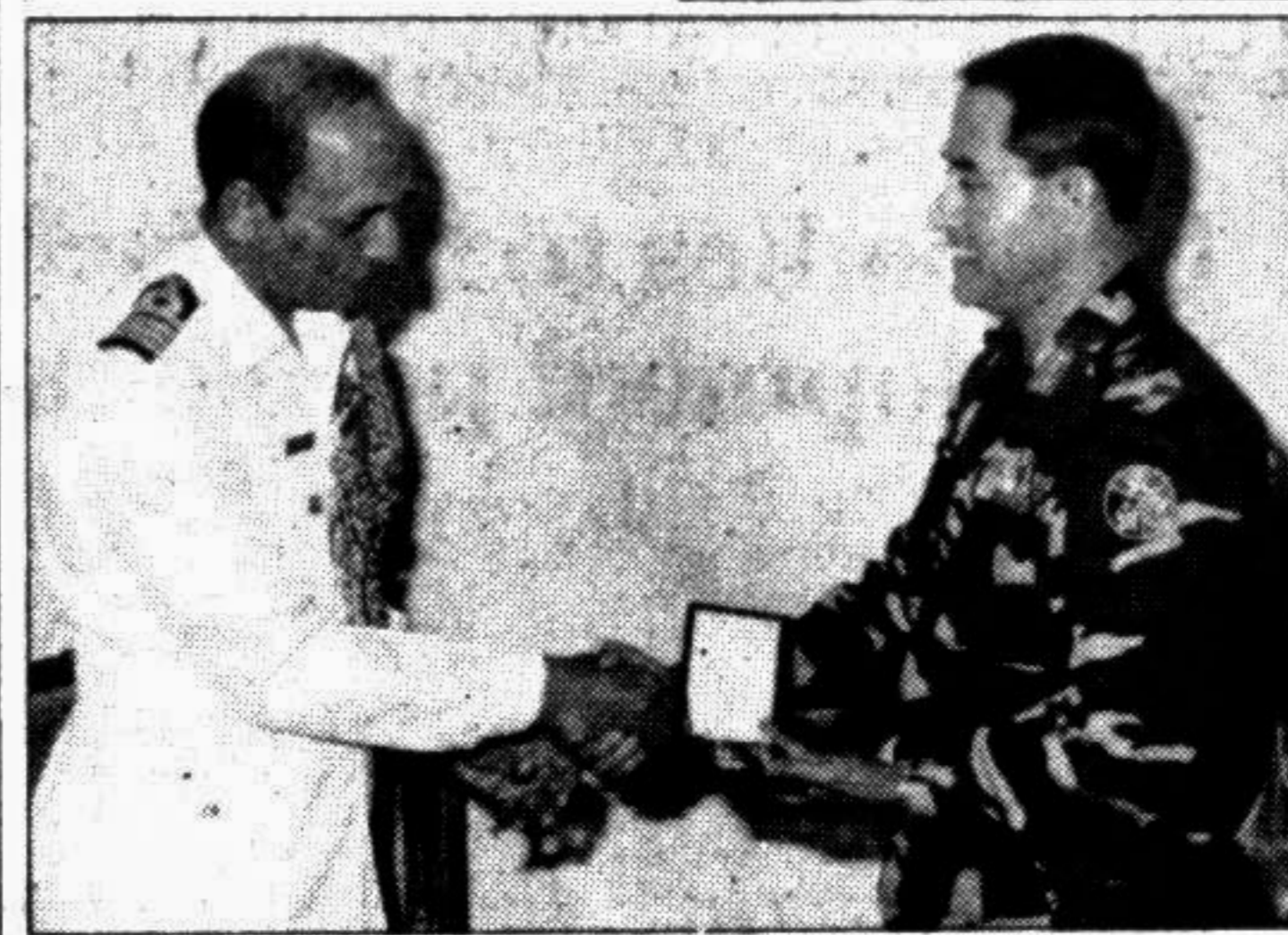
This sector has paved the way for the women folk of the society to work and be economically self-reliant. The multiplier effect of the growth of the garments sector had also been tremendous and thus, a number of other sectors of the economy have expanded significantly Redwan said.

The readymade garments sector is also helping in poverty alleviation, eradication of illiteracy, population control and primary health care of eight lakh workers and their family members, numbering about forty lakhs, he said.

The BGMEA president also reiterated that the BGMEA has a plan to set up vocational institutions to train distressed child labour who have been retrenched from their jobs in garments factories. He also said that the BGMEA is going to set up hospitals, both in Chittagong and in Dhaka, and provide necessary health care facilities to the labourers working in the garments factories. To materialise these plans he invited the owners of buying houses and buyers' representatives to extend all possible co-operation to the BGMEA.

In order to protect the interests of the buyers and buying houses the president of the BGMEA invited them to become Associate Members of the BGMEA so that under a single platform both the garment producers and buying houses can work hand in hand through mutual understanding and resolve the difficulties faced by the sector from time to time.

S M Fazul Haque, First Vice-President of the BGMEA, also addressed the gathering and invited them to work together for the rapid development of the garments sector of the country.



Principal Staff Officer of the Armed Forces Division Major General M S A Bhuiyan handing over the *Ghurnijhar Padak* (Cyclone Medal) to the Defence Attache of the Pakistan High Commission at the Armed Forces Division yesterday. — ISPR photo

Tender Notice section containing details for construction work, including tender notice number, name of work, estimated cost, and eligibility of contractor.

Advertisement for 'ন্যাশনাল লাইফ ইনস্যুরেন্স কোম্পানী লিমিটেড' (National Life Insurance Company Limited) featuring a logo and contact information.

Advertisement for 'গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার' (People's Republic of Bangladesh) regarding a tender for 'দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি' (Tender Notice) for various services.

Large advertisement for 'Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh' regarding a 'Tender Notice' for repair and renovation work of primary schools.

Television schedule for STAR-TV and PLUS, listing various programs and their broadcast times.