

Draft paper on women's affairs at final stage

A draft paper on "Equality, Development and Peace for the advancement of Women" prepared by the Women and Children's Affairs Ministry is at the final stage, reports UNB.

The paper will be presented at the Regional Ministerial Level meeting to be held in Jakarta next month.

This was informed at the third meeting of "National Committee Preparatory to the World Conference on Women" held in Dhaka yesterday with State Minister for Women and Children's Affairs Sarwari Rahman in the chair.

The paper will highlight mainly on women in economic development, women in social development, and women and empowerment in Bangladesh, said a PID handout.

In the meeting, members of the committee put suggestions and recommendations for the draft prepared by the Ministry.

To make the paper more informative and objective, three regional workshops on the issue was held in Chittagong, Rajshahi and Khulna.

A national level workshop on "Equality, Development and Peace for the Advancement of Women" will be held in the city on May 31. The Prime Minister is expected to inaugurate the workshop.

This was for the first time

representatives from both government and non-government organisations including grass-root level activists responsible for women in development, participated in the deliberations at the workshop.

The meeting was attended by Begum Selima Rahman MP, Begum Rabeya Chowdhury MP, Khurshid Jahan Haq MP, Secretary of Women and Children's Affairs Muhammad Enamul Haq, high level officials from different ministries and representatives from Women for Women, BRAC, Nari Pakhya and Grameen Bank.

Mostafiz greets S African FM

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman yesterday greeted Alfred NZO on his appointment as the Foreign Minister of the multi-racial democratic South Africa, reports UNB.

In a message to Alfred, Mostafiz conveyed his heartfelt congratulations, saying "I shall look forward to working closely with your excellency in furtherance of relations between Bangladesh and the Republic of South Africa in bilateral and multi-lateral fora to the advancement of mutual benefit of peoples of our two countries."



Traffic jams like this have been a regular feature on the city's Rampura Road because of digging up of a portion of the road by the Wasa.

Keramat will go to S Arabia tomorrow

Minister for religious Affairs Muhammad Keramat Ali will leave here for Saudi Arabia on May 9, on an official visit, reports UNB.

During his stay upto May 27 there, the minister will see different aspects of Hajj management '94 and will contact the appropriate authorities and various agencies of Saudi Arabia for ensuring proper Hajj performances by the Bangladeshi Hajj pilgrims this year.

Besides, the minister will also stay in Makkah, Jeddah, Madina on different occasions to see the facilities, provided to Bangladeshis Hajj pilgrims in observing various essential Hajj formalities at Makkah, Mina, Muzdalifa, Arafat and Medina.

Necessary instructions have already been given to Bangladesh Hajj Mission of Makkah and consulate general office at Jeddah to ensure proper facilities for Bangladeshis Hajj Pilgrims in performing Holy Hajj said a PID handout yesterday.

Kenyan army team visits Ansar Academy

Deputy Commandant of Kenyan Army Staff College Brig Nynda visited the Ansar Academy at Gazipur yesterday, reports UNB.

He was accompanied by a 24-member entourage including high officials of Kenyan Army Staff College.

On their arrival at the Academy, Commandant of the Ansar Academy M Sulaiman received them. Deputy Director (Admn) Khalilur Rahman and Deputy Director (Training) Tozammel Hossain were present.

The guests went round various sections of the Academy, including garments factory and wood project, and were highly impressed, said a press release.

ACD workshop held in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, May 7: A workshop on 'violence against women, violence against humanity' organised by the Association for Community Development (ACD), Rajshahi, was held here at Education and Culture Practice Centre today, reports BSS.

Presided over by Ayesha Khanom, President of Mohila Parishad, the workshop was inaugurated by Dr Shahanara Hossain, Prof of Rajshahi University as the chief guest.

The main objective of the workshop is to discuss the women's problems and human rights and adopt pragmatic steps for eliminating the problems of women.

Obituary

Abdur Rashid, 42, Executive Engineer (MM Division), Karnafull Hydro-Electric Power Station, died of heart attack while offering Johr prayers in a mosque at Kaptai May 3, says a press release.

He was laid to rest at his own village in Chapainabaganj district. He left behind his wife, one son, and one daughter to mourn his death.

Death anniversary

The 13th death anniversary of Khan Bahadur Maulavi Muhammad Ismail, a noted lawyer and a front ranking leader of the undivided Bengal's Muslim League movement, will be observed today at 5 pm at Thikana, Sector No. 5, Road No 9/c, Uttara, says a press release.

VOA keen to broadcast Bangla news on BTV

Minister for Information Nazmul Huda met with the chief of Voice of America (VOA), Geoffrey Cowan Friday at the VOA headquarters in Washington, according to a message received here, reports BSS.

They discussed various aspects of cooperation between Bangladesh Radio and Television and the Voice of America.

During the discussions, Cowan proposed that the Voice of America would be interested to introduce a weekly of bi-weekly VOA Bangla news broadcasts and development programmes on Bangladesh Television. The minister welcomed the proposal and said it could be examined and worked out between the two sides.

Both of them discussed the proposed agreement for VOA broadcasts on FM channel in Bangladesh. It was agreed that a VOA official would be visiting Bangladesh soon to finalise discussions on the proposed agreement.

The Information Minister

Students urged to be united against terrorism

The Bangladesh Chhatra Union yesterday called upon all to be united against terrorism, communalism and anarchy, reports UNB.

It also urged the student community to take part in their campaign 'Save the campus. Change the campus' to make educational institutions free from violence towards building a healthy nation.

The urge came when it held a view-exchange meeting with the Dhaka University correspondents of different dailies, at the TSC yesterday afternoon. It was attended, by Chhatra Union President Ruhin Hossain Prince and General Secretary Kazi Sazzad Zahir Chandan.

Ruhin Hossain told newsmen that they would observe its 23rd national conference on May 16 and 17. The Chhatra Union has also planned different programmes, including a literacy movement on May 12, a library movement on May 13 and a movement for protection of environment on May 14.

Cowan said that the proposal was an excellent one and the two sides could discuss it further at the official levels.

French journalist due today

Mrs Menie Gregoire, a renowned French journalist, writer, activist and commentator on women's affairs arrives in the city today to participate in the programmes of a women's week to be held from May 8 to 12, says a press release.

French Ambassador in Bangladesh Jean-Michel Lacombe and Mrs Lacombe have organised the programmes.

During her stay here, Mrs Menie Gregoire will present keynote paper at a seminar on "evolution of women in the European countries and its consequences" on May 10.

State Minister for Women and Children's Affairs Sarwari Rahman will be present as chief guest. Sigma Huda, Secretary General of the Bangladesh Manabdhikar Bastabayan Sangstha will preside.

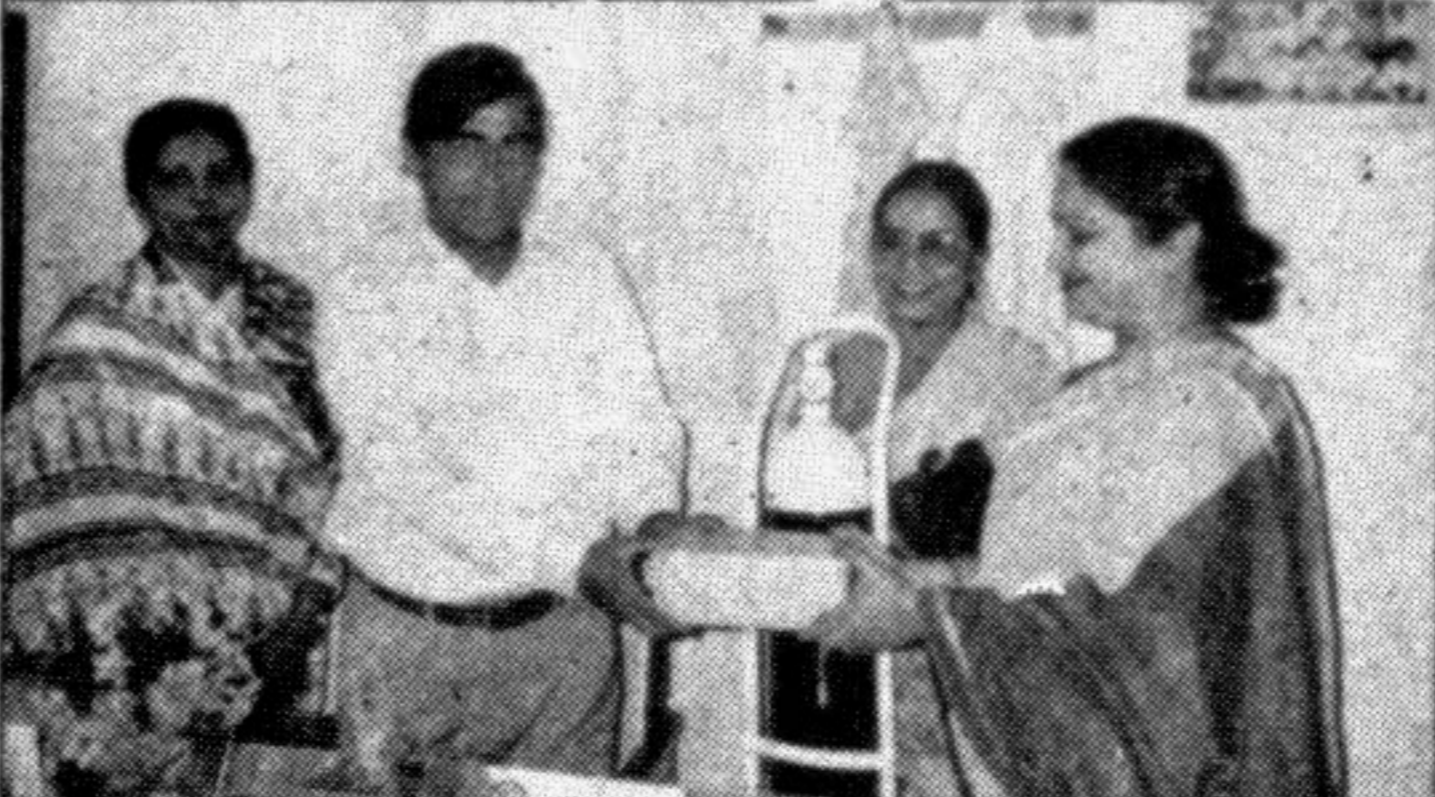
Mrs Gregoire will also take part in a number of programmes during the week.

BCL activist arrested

A special squad of the Detective Branch yesterday made a swoop in the city's Maghbazar area and arrested one Farid Ahmed Sentu for his alleged involvement in an attempt to murder a student leader.

Police said Sentu, an activist of the pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-L) was accused of firing at Moazzem Hossain, a leader of the Montu-backed Chhatra League.

Sentu was also involved in terrorist activities on the campus, police added.



The Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka North donated some oxygen cylinders to the Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital recently. The President of the Club Towfika Aftab seen handing over the equipment to the Head of the Department of Medicine, Secretary of the Inner Wheel Club Momtaz Haq and Zerina Akhter were also present.



The installation ceremony of the new executives of the Lions Club of Dhaka Greater Shabbagh was held recently. Lions District Governor Ataul Karim was the chief guest.

HERE and THERE

Rotary confce

The district conference of the Rotary Village Corps (RVC) was held Friday in the morning at the auditorium of the Institute of Business Administration of Dhaka University.

The conference presided over by Prof Iqbal Ahmed, Chairman of the district RVC Committee, was attended by Magfur Uddin Ahmed, Governor of the Rotary International District 3280 as the chief guest. Prof M Shamsul Huq of IBA and past District Governor Mostafa Zaman Abbasi were present as special guests.

RVC leaders from all over the country took part in the conference. The conference was sponsored by Rotary Club of Dhaka Downtown.

YMCA

An annual general meeting of the Dhaka YMCA was held on Friday at its New Eskaton office premises with Peter A Gomes in the chair.

A 51-committee, formed with Dr Abdur Rashid and Mohammad Nurul Amin Talukder as president and secretary, has been entrusted with the responsibility of taking fruitful measures for forming a new thana with seven unions of the area which is a long-felt demand of the local people.

The meeting reviewed YMCA's charitable and academic activities. The meeting also elected Samuel Tapan Halder, Gabriel Manik Gomes, David Halder, David Pankaj Banik YMCA board executives, a press release here said yesterday.

Teachers urged to make hunger strike a success

By Staff Correspondent

Convenor and Coordinator of the Central Teachers' Action Liaison Committee, Prof Abdur Rab Mia, in a statement Saturday called upon all striking teachers to make the mass hunger strike programme on May 11 a success. The Liaison Committee will also organise a meeting of the representatives of teachers from all over the country on May 14 at 10 am at the TSC of Dhaka University.

The committee has also decided to hold press conferences at the district towns on May 9 and 10 to explain their demands.

Shamsul Haque back home

Awami League leader ATM Shamsul Haque has returned to Dhaka after attending the World Conference on "People's Right and Security: Sustainable Development Strategies for the 21st Century" in Mexico City, reports UNB.

Organised by the Society for International Development (SID) the conference was held in Mexico City from 6-9 April.

Shamsul Haque, who is the Member of the Advisory Council of the Awami League, also visited USA. In Washington D.C. he was interviewed by the Voice of America and attended a meeting organised by the North American Awami League.

On his way back home Haque, a former Secretary of Bangladesh Government, attended a meeting of the working committee of UK Awami League in London.

STAR TV Network logo and Sunday 8th May broadcast schedule.

BBC broadcast schedule table with times and program names.

PLUS logo and broadcast schedule for various programs.

TV logo and broadcast schedule for various programs.

PRIME sports logo and broadcast schedule for sports events.

Zee TV logo and broadcast schedule for various programs.

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD CHT Workshop Division, Rangamati Notice of RHD Inviting Tender. Includes details of tender notice, name of work, estimated cost, and eligibility of contractor.

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