



## Laila Kabir new Employers' Assoc president

By Staff Correspondent

Laila Rahman Kabir has been elected President of the Bangladesh Employers' Association (BEA) for the term 1994-95.

She is also the Chairperson of the Bangladesh Cha Sangsad, a post she has held for the last two years.

Laila Kabir has been involved in different forums in her capacity as the Bangladesh Cha Sangsad chief and a vice-President of the BEA.

She was the deputy leader of the employers' group in the Tripartite Labour Consultative Committee, which is the apex forum on labour matters. Mrs Kabir was also a Member of the National Labour Law Commission.

Besides, GM Chowdhury, Managing Director of Glaxo Bangladesh Ltd has been elected vice president of the BEA.

Ten newly-elected members are: Kamaluddin Ahmed, Iftekharul Alam, Syed Mohsen Ali, Tapan Chowdhury, Rashidul Hasan, M Aminul Islam, Syed Rezaul Karim, M. Moshed Khan, Abdul Awal Minto and AKM Shamsuddin, said a press release.

## JMB construction

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management consultant have been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the co-financiers — the World Bank (IDA), Asian Development Bank and the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan.

Agreement with the management consultants will be finalised in the first week of this month to meet the deadline for completing hundred per cent of the conditionalities by August 16, the last date of declaring loan-effectiveness.

The meeting was also informed that as a result of continuous negotiations, the government had been able to lower the cost of the country's single-largest civil engineering project by Taka 502 crore.

The project involves a cost of about Tk 4000 crore. The project profile of the bridge was approved in the ECNEC meeting on May 19, chaired by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia. Until then the much talked about project had no legal base, the handout said.

Presiding over yesterday's meeting, the chairman of the committee, Communications Minister Oli Ahmed directed the Jamuna Multi-purpose Bridge Authority (JMBA) to make the project a self-sustaining and independent one.

The minister also directed the Roads and Highways Department to immediately conduct feasibility studies for constructing bridges at Doarika and Shikarpur under Barisal district to fulfil commitments made by the Prime Minister.

Members of the standing committee Shahidul Huq Jamal, MP and Mojibur Rahman Sarwar, MP attend the meeting.

Road and Road Transport Secretary Syed Rezaul Hayat was also present.

## More investments in manufacturing sector stressed

By Staff Correspondent

More investments in manufacturing and service sectors are urgently needed to overcome the poverty circle and the national budgets should address the macro and micro issues relating to investments.

This was observed by speakers at a seminar on the budget and related issues in the economy of Bangladesh organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) held at its office yesterday.

Commerce Minister Shamsul Islam, who was the chief guest at the seminar, in his brief speech said that to create more employment opportunities, further investments have to be made in all sectors with priorities determined by the planners.

"We are exposing our economy to the world economy which is throwing our businessmen to face the global competitive environment. But at the same time, this is also bringing new opportunities to our entrepreneurs," he said.

Jamal Uddin Ahmad, Vice-President of South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA), said that although the financial management of the government had been well, further management perception and skill were needed to transform the society.

He said the public sector administration has to be recast for meaningful economic growth.

M Yunus, past president of ICAB, said the government should watch the measures taken by some neighbouring countries before going for a drastic trade liberalisation.

"When the local investors are not investing, how can the foreigners invest," he questioned.

Prof Abu Ahmed of Dhaka University presented the keynote paper at the seminar.

Prof Ahmed, in his paper, said that the budget should take the world situation into consideration.

## Old man murdered in city

By DMCH Correspondent

An elderly man, Satish Biswas, was found murdered in his residence at Dilu Road in the city yesterday morning.

Police on a tip off rushed to 42 Dilu Road, and recovered the body of 70-year-old Satish from the dining room.

Police arrested the old man's daughter-in-law, Santi Biswas, her cousin Rahul Adhikari, maid servant Arati Rani and another person Thomas for their alleged involvement in the murder.

## SAARC meeting ends

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that SAARC has 'bogged down', Mostafizur Rahman said, "SAARC is moving forward."

"His (Pakistan foreign minister's) observation came before the meeting started and I am making the comment after the meeting," the Council Chairman said.

He said one of the most important outcome of the meeting was the ministers' agreement to carry forward SAPTA (South Asian Preferential Trade Arrangement).

The Foreign Minister further said that the meeting of the inter-governmental group (IGG) of experts on trade liberalisation would be held in Islamabad in September next. "We are hopeful that with this meeting, negotiations on trade concessions under the SAPTA would be completed."

He said that special attention was given to the need for review of all SAARC institutions and programmes, particularly in view of the fact that SAARC is completing its first decade in 1995.

Mostafiz said that the report of the first meeting of the finance/planning ministers of SAARC of poverty alleviation will be taken up at the next SAARC summit. "So will be the case with the reports of the SAARC ministerial meeting on the disabled and the ministerial meeting on youth," he added.

The Foreign Minister said it has also been agreed that the SAARC countries would seek to coordinate further their position in respect of major international conferences.

The Council has adopted a report for submission to the next SAARC summit. Mostafiz said. The Standing Committee comprising foreign secretaries has been asked to hold a special meeting during the next Council conference.

"This special meeting will address SAARC organisational and programme-related matters along with other specific

issues." The Foreign Minister termed the 14th Council meeting "useful and very successful."

He also made positive remarks about the bilateral meetings with his counterparts.

In reply to a question on water-sharing issue with India, Mostafiz said, "I am quite hopeful that the problems will be solved."

Asked about the tentative time-frame he said, "We have to wait for the next action."

About the stranded Pakistanis, he said, "The repatriation would hopefully start shortly."

The Foreign Minister also said that considerable progress had been made in building ties between SAARC and the European Union and the ASEAN. A high-powered team of experts from the European Union had recently visited Nepal to inquire about SAARC activities, he pointed out.

## TV photographer killed in accident

By Staff Correspondent

A still-photographer of Bangladesh Television (BTV), Manjurul Alam, 29, died in a tragic accident near the Mohakhali railway level crossing yesterday.

A railway locomotive hit Alam from behind around 3:30 in the afternoon when he was walking along the railway track after getting off a bus at the Mohakhali Bus stand. He was returning home at Nakhapara from the Rampura TV Bhaban.

According to witnesses, when the engine hit Alam, the level-crossing guard ran to fatally injured Alam who asked for a glass of water. A woman from the nearby slum immediately came with water. Alam died soon after taking a few sips.



US Defence Secretary William Perry chats with Sadako Ogata, head of the UNHCR, upon his arrival at the Kigali airport in Rwanda yesterday. — AFP photo

## MPs for consensus to end political impasse

A number of ruling party and Opposition MPs at a seminar yesterday felt the need for consensus to resolve the country's current political impasse over the demand for a caretaker government to conduct national elections, reports UNB.

Two suggestions — strengthening the Election Commission and a neutral caretaker government — were mainly offered by MPs representing the ruling BNP and major oppositions Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami respectively.

A Gano Forum MP, however, suggested formation of a parliamentary committee to find out a solution to the impasse over the issue of a caretaker government.

The seminar on the 'Reflections on Ensuring Free and Fair Elections in Bangladesh' was held at the WVA auditorium at Dhanmondi in the city in the afternoon.

The Study and Research Group of Manabik Shahajya Sangstha (MSS/SG) arranged the seminar in a bid to find out an amicable solution to the present political stalemate.

The ruling party MPs participating in the discussions stressed on widening the powers of the Election Commission to ensure free and fair election and invited the Opposition MPs to join the parliamentary discussions to reach a consensus.

On the other hand, the MPs representing the major opposition parties at the seminar urged the government to meet their demand for a caretaker government to resolve the crisis.

## Debate Festival

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Bangladesh Debate Federation, in collaboration with the Dhaka University Debating Society, has organised the festival, expected to draw debaters from all over the country.

On the eve of the festival, the organisers will bring out a colourful procession from the TSC premises at four this afternoon. It will march up to the Jatiya Press Club.

The programmes of the festival include an MPs vs students debate on parliamentary democracy, one between the TV and theatre artists, rhyming debate (pala), court debate, group debate and three-dimensional debate among teachers, experts and students.

Besides, seminars on the debate movement and practice, debate as a profession, TV debate and its system of judgement will also be held during the festival.

On this occasion, an informative book titled 'The theory of debate and its practice' will be published.

The three-day meet will also include a conference of the debaters, a declaration and cultural function.

## Assam CM

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Saikia made it clear that he had no reason to disbelieve the census figures which he described as the most exhaustive field data. Unless infiltration was proved and confirmed by an equally authentic authority, he would continue to hold the view that it was basically a bogey created by political vested interests.

The report said, the census recorded a growth rate of 52.44 per cent in Assam during 1971-1991. During these two decades, Assam registered an increase of 7669410 people. This totally discarded the Indian Home Ministry's projection of infiltration — two to three million — from Bangladesh since 1987.

The report further said neither does the district-wise growth rate indicate an abrupt increase in those areas that are considered as 'prone to infiltration.' Saikia's assertion that there had been no infiltration from Bangladesh into Assam was based on the census figures which rebuffed comments, that an expansionist Bangladesh is launching silent invasion of Assam and the North-East, the report said.

## Sylhetis end

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domestic and international flights connecting Sylhet marked a sharp fall during the month of July. The Biman authorities had to cancel the scheduled flights frequently. Sometimes, the Biman operated its flights with only a few passengers. The volume of cargo booking from abroad also registered a sharp fall.

The month-long programme also included sit-ins in front of Biman offices and stoppage of remittances by Sylhetis through Sonali Bank and other nationalised banks.

## Nat'l anthem issue

## NU demands judicial inquiry

An emergency meeting of the syndicate of the National University (NU) was held in Dhaka yesterday with its Vice-Chancellor Prof Muhammad Abdul Bari in the chair, reports BSS.

According to an official handout, 12 out of 13 members of the syndicate were present in the meeting.

It was observed in the meeting that no journalist had been present in the first meeting of the university senate, but efforts were being made to tarnish the image of the university by publishing false, motivated and inflammatory news, articles and editorials in a section of the press about the university, its senate and syndicate president.

The handout said that the senate and senate president of the university did not make any derogatory comment or had not shown any disregard in his remarks towards the national anthem. The meeting also declared that all the faculty members of the National University absolutely respected and honoured the national anthem like all citizens of the country.

The meeting demanded a high powered judicial enquiry to ascertain as to what actually happened in regard to the issue of the national anthem in the first meeting of the university senate.

## Indo-Bangla JBC

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Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) president Mahbubur Rahman will lead a strong homestead in the talks.

Sources in the FBCCI, the sponsor of the meeting, said the home side would try to impress upon the Indians the rationale of Bangladesh's preferential access to Indian market in view of a mounting trade imbalance against Dhaka.

Delhi has heavily been reaping the benefit of increasing trade between the two countries.

Import from India shot up to 334 million US dollars in 1992-93 from 87 million in 1987-88 while Bangladesh's export to India dropped to 7.42 million dollars from 8.87 million during the period.

The home team, sources added, will also ask for direct investment from India which has been negligible despite strong efforts made by local entrepreneurs.

Commerce Minister Shamsul Islam is due to inaugurate the JBC session Wednesday morning at a local hotel.

## Hasina

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provide security to the people, she said.

"This government has surpassed all records of vote dacoity," the Opposition leader said in support of her demand for polls under a caretaker administration.

She said the leaders and workers of the Awami League and its front organisations were being arrested and tortured under the Anti-terrorism Act without any provocation and demanded scrapping of the law. "Otherwise, it might also be used against those who are in power now," she cautioned.

The AL chief said the government had fielded some religion-based parties to divert attention from the anti-government agitation. "The Awami League neither tolerates any derogatory remarks on the holy Quran nor does it support the blending of religion with politics," she said.

Sheikh Hasina offered Jateha at the grave of late president of the Parshuram thana AL Annul Karim Majumder. Feni district Awami League president Abul Kashem presided over the meeting, also addressed by party President members Abdul Mannan and Amir Hossain Amu.

Mahila Awami League leader Ivy Rahman, Obaidul Kader, Zainal Hazari, MP and leaders of the Comilla, Feni and Laxmipur units.

## The Midnight File

### Yasin Malik flown to Delhi

SRINAGAR, July 31: A Muslim rebel leader arrested after he tried to hold a strike at a mosque in Srinagar was flown to New Delhi on Sunday after he refused to allow doctors to treat him for a heart condition, police and hospital official said. The arrest was the second in four days for Yasin Malik, the leader of the pro-independence Jammu-Kashmir Liberation Front, and could trigger protests throughout the Kashmir Valley, reports AP.

### Egypt, Israel hold summit

TABA (Egypt), July 31: The leaders of Egypt and Israel, partners to a landmark 1979 treaty, held a summit in an Egyptian resort today to discuss how Israel might clinch a peace deal with Syria. President Hosni Mubarak hosted Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who has turned to Egypt at crucial points on his march to Middle East peace. They met at the Red Sea resort of Taba, just across the border from Israel, reports Reuters.

## Khaleda may visit India

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times. The foreign minister said the talks covered all aspects of bilateral relations with India and Pakistan.

Asef Ahmed Ali and RL Bhatia, both currently here to attend the SAARC Council of Ministers meeting, called on Mostafizur Rahman separately at his temporary office at the Hotel, the venue for the business sessions of the two-day meet.

According to sources, Mostafiz told Bhatia that the bilateral accord reached over the repatriation of the Chakma refugees from India proved that irritants between the two countries can be resolved given goodwill and political resolve.

The foreign minister also hoped that economic ties between the two nations would be enlarged in line with the opportunities identified during the last Indo-Bangladesh Joint Economic Commission, meeting, the sources said.

Bhatia told newsmen after his talks with Mostafiz that the Ganges water-sharing issue was also discussed.

He indicated that the proposed visit by Begum Zia to New Delhi would provide an opportunity to discuss outstanding bilateral problems.

Referring to the solution of the Tin Bigha Corridor issue and the Chakma refugee problem, the Indian state minister hope all the remaining problems could be solved through dialogue.

Foreign Secretary MR Osmany, his Indian counterpart K Srinivasan, Bangladesh high commissioner to India Farooq Sobhan and the Indian envoy in Dhaka K Raghunath were present at the meeting.

In his meeting with his

Pakistan counterpart, Mostafiz said that Bangladesh attaches great importance to relations with Islamabad and is committed to enhancing bilateral ties.

He hoped the decisions taken at the recently held fifth session of the Bangladesh-Pakistan Joint Economic Commission would be implemented and recalled the decisions taken by the prime ministers of the two countries in 1992 to meet regularly to evolve measures for increasing trade and joint ventures.

The foreign minister also emphasised speed repatriation of the stranded Pakistanis, the sources added. He was assured by the Pakistan minister that his government would discuss the matter urgently for an early completion of the repatriation.

Later, the Pakistan foreign minister told newsmen that his talks with Mostafiz covered all aspects of bilateral ties, including cooperation in the political and economic fields and described the half-hour talks as "very good." "Pakistan enjoys very good relations with Bangladesh," he said.

Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan Qamar Rahim and the Pakistan High Commissioner to Dhaka Anwar Kemal were also present.

## Corrigendum

In a report published in The Daily Star's Saturday issue, it was said that the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) had cancelled the membership of Dr Ershadul Bari and expelled him from the association.

The report mistakenly mentioned Dr Ershadul Bari as Vice Chancellor of the National University.

The mistake is deeply regretted. — Ed.

## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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