

# Dhaka Day by Day

## French Way of Coming Close to Bangladesh

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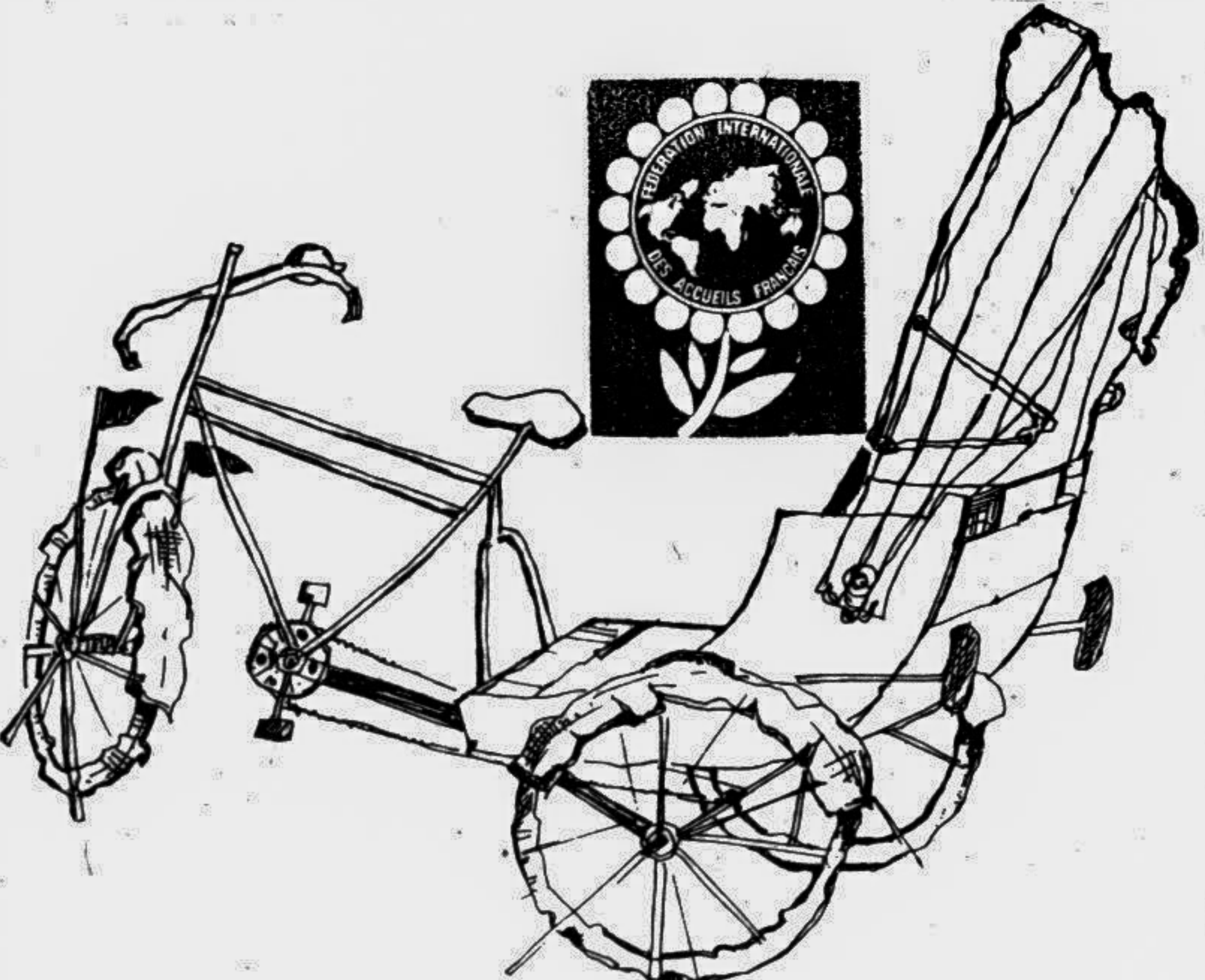
Unknown lands are always mysterious and your expeditions there always thrilling and even full of apprehension. A whole new culture to understand, a totally different race of mankind to meet, to see for yourself the things of wonder you've heard of, so many places you were told of. The visit, until you see it all, remains an ever-exciting holiday every day. (Even if you are there on business or work and your stay lingers a couple of years.)

But one thing is certain that if you have no friends or relatives or even a single — let him be a stranger, man who speaks your own tongue, you'll be absolutely lost. Your feeling of awe and wonder will instantly turn into fear and horror. More so, if you are not fluent in a common language you both understand.

This is exactly the reason why Myriam Lacombe, wife of French Ambassador Jean-Michel Lacombe has initiated Bangladesh

*Bangladesh Accueil* has already 60 members registered in its various clubs, like the acrobatics, jogging, gymnastics, bridge, even video. The entry fee is Tk 700. These clubs are not only for women, men are also registering. These clubs are only meeting places of people from the same country or with people from different countries but speaking a common language — French. "French speaking people have troubles with English but they want to make friends and these clubs will be their rendezvous," explains Myriam Lacombe. She is here in Dhaka for eighteen months now and is very happy with her stay here. "There is so much to do here, just add a little bit of imagination and your stay will be easy and at the same time wonderful," she explains.

She is arranging a three day French Festival sometime in January and also planning another auction, the proceedings of which will



Bangladesh represented by a rickshaw (inset the parent organisation)

*Accueil* (Bangladesh welcomes). "This is an association that will extend all sorts of cooperation and assistance to the French people as well as the French-speaking people coming to Bangladesh for the first time," says Myriam Lacombe.

"People will like Dhaka or any capital for that matter, only if they are well integrated with its surroundings and feel comfortable and also acceptable," she explains. Coming to a land that is so different from your own and trying to settle there can be trouble some and to some extent even painful. Just to make those speaking only French at ease, *Bangladesh Accueil* is aimed at helping these newly arrived to allow them to settle down without facing the usual difficulties.

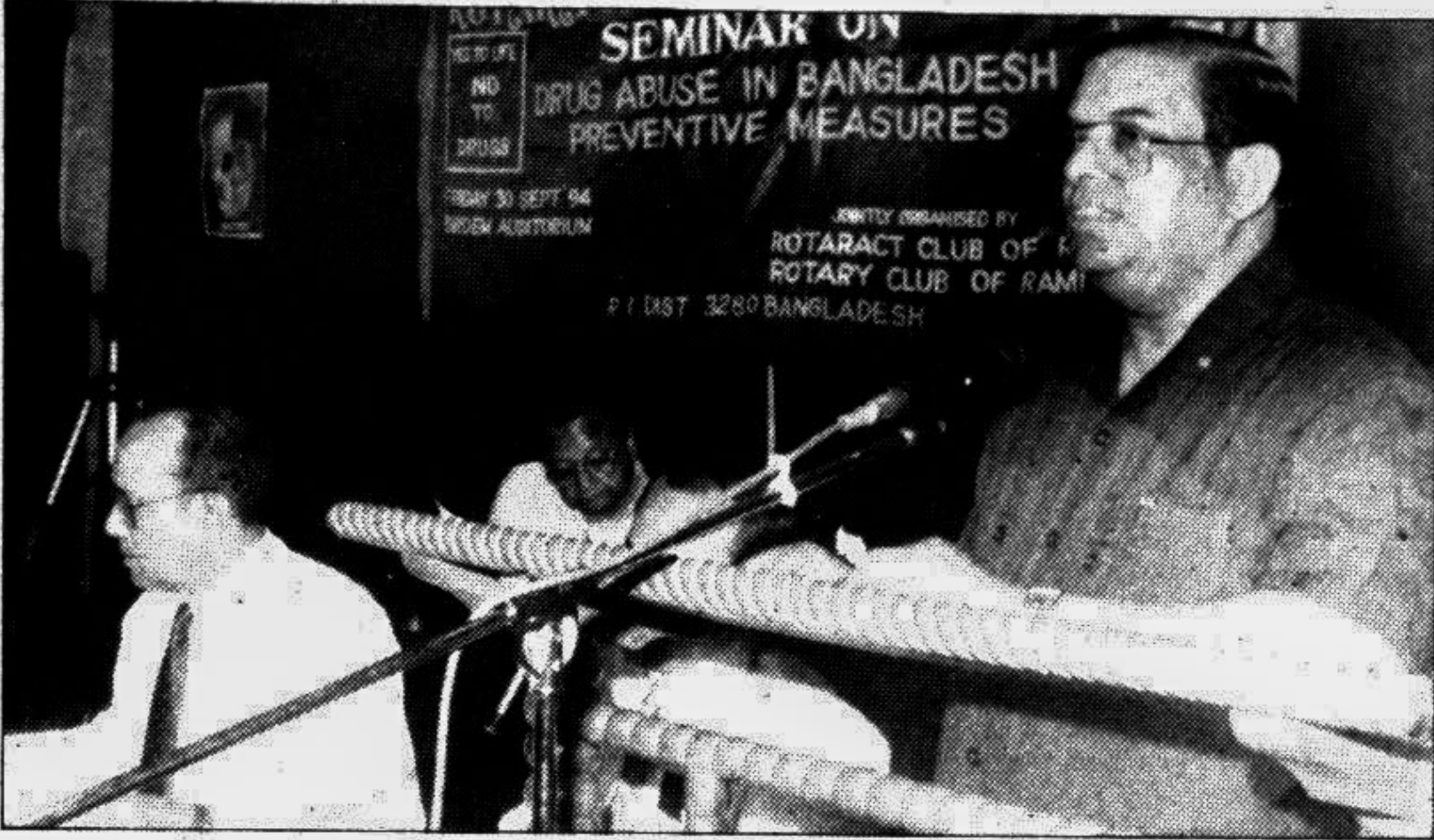
"Civil servants or people working for French companies will come and register, with the association and it will provide for them the service to get their telephones installed, houses for living, inform Ambassador Lacombe. These people will be provided with all sorts of necessary information on local rules and regulations, availability of houses, apartments and household essential commodities, cane furnitures, medical and other facilities. "In fact this association will render personalised and intimate services that these people will not feel lonely or isolated here," he clarifies.

be given in charity. Myriam Lacombe, who is the Vice President of the association, also hopes to open a similar association in Chittagong.

Similar associations exist in about 90 countries of the world and in several cities in the interior of France. These are under a federation having its head office in Paris. The present association is only for French and French speaking people but if need be the people coming from other countries speaking different languages may also avail the services of this association, she relates.

The *Bangladesh Accueil* will publish a regular bulletin for its members that will contain various information on Bangladesh. The association will regularly send these bulletins to its head office in Paris and will be preserved in the data bank of the federation. The people in France, the tourist organisers or different government agencies could very well gather all types of information on Bangladesh from there.

Members of this association will have a natural motivation to seek help from similar associations in other countries, where they might get their new posting. "If the association is not in existence in those places, they will naturally take initiative to form such associations there. Wherever they go they will be a source of information on Bangladesh for many people of that country," Lacombe says.



Rotary District Governor M. Mosharraf Hossain addressing a seminar on Drug Abuse in Bangladesh and Preventive Measures in city's BIRDEM auditorium yesterday. — Star photo

### Biswas, Khaleda greet Chinese President, PM

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has felicitated Chinese President Jiang Zemin on the occasion of his country's 45th founding anniversary today.

In a message President Biswas expressed his confidence that the close bond of friendship between our two countries and peoples would be further strengthened and consolidated.

He wished Jiang's good health, happiness and long life and the welfare and prosperity of the friendly people of China.

In a similar message Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has greeted Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng on the occasion of his country's 45th founding anniversary today.

In the message Begum Khaleda Zia expressed her firm conviction that the deep and abiding friendship, mutual understanding and fruitful cooperation which so happily characterise the relation between our two countries would be further strengthened and deepened in the years to come to the mutual benefit of the two peoples.

She wished Li Peng's good health, happiness and long life and continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of China.

### Demands of CBA Ctg Port Authority discussed

A joint meeting of parliamentary standing committees on Finance and Shipping Ministries was held in Jatiya Sangsad Bhavan yesterday, reports BSS.

The meeting had a fruitful discussion on the demands raised by the CBA of Chittagong Port Authority.

Presided over by State Minister for Finance Mojibar Rahman the meeting was attended by the members of the committees Shipping Minister MK Anwar, State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan, Deputy Minister for Shipping ABM Zahidul Haq, Alamgir Haider Khan MP, Nazir Hussain MP and Begum Selma Rahman MP.

Secretary of Shipping Ministry Waliul Islam, additional secretary of Finance Ministry Abdul Mannan and concerned officials were present.

### Tk 3.25 cr jail rebuilding works underway

The 21st meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Home Affairs was held at Jatiya Sangsad Bhavan Thursday with Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting was informed that 75 projects were being implemented to rebuild dilapidated jails in the country at a cost of Tk. 3 crore 25 lakh. The meeting was also told that limited use of computers has already begun to preserve important police documents.

Committee members Abdur Rouf Chowdhury, whip Mahbul Alam, wing commander (Retd) M Hamidullah Khan and Abul Yousuf Md. Khalilur Rahman attended the meeting. Home secretary Azimuddin Ahmed was present.

### BCL (B-K) programmes

By Staff Correspondent  
Bangladesh Chhatra League (B-K) has planned different programmes today to recall the memory of those who were martyred by different state-run 'private armed groups' after independence.

The pro-JSD (Inu) students organisation will hoist its party flag at half-mast in its office, bring out processions and held rallies on the Dhaka University campus, says a press release issued by BCL (B-K) president Rujul Kuddus Babu and general secretary Abdullahul Kaum.

### Seminar told Drug abuse, business increasing alarmingly

By Staff Correspondent

Drug business and drug abuse were alarmingly increasing in the country, this was stated by M Ismail Hussain, an Additional Inspector General (AIG) of Police while presenting a key note at a seminar on paper 'Drug Abuse in Bangladesh and Preventive Measures'.

The seminar jointly organised by Rotary Club of Ramna and Rotaract Club of Ramna in the city's BIRDEM auditorium yesterday morning.

Presided over by Azhar ul-

Islam, president of the club, the seminar was also participated by Barrister Mainul Hossain — Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Daily Ittefaq and the New Nation — as chief guest and Rotary District Governor M. Mosharraf Hossain as special guest.

The AIG of Police said only 249 drug recovery cases were registered in 1991 while during the last eight months this year, the number of such cases were over one thousand four hundred.

### Weather Dry weather likely

The Met Office forecasts weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky during the next 12 hours commencing from 6 am today across the country, reports UNB.

Meanwhile, temporary light to moderate rain is likely at one two places over Chittagong, Barisal divisions and the regions of Dhaka, Faridpur during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today (Saturday).

Meantime, Bhola experienced the highest 17 mm rain. Country's highest temperature 35.0 degrees Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest 22.5 degrees at Ishurdi.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns today are:

City/Town	Temperatures		Humidity in percentage	
	in degrees Celsius	Max	Min	6 am - 6 pm
Dhaka	33.6	33.6	23.8	72 66
Chittagong	32.0	32.0	25.0	77 73
Rajshahi	33.8	33.8	23.3	68 75
Khulna	34.4	34.4	25.2	72 76
Barisal	33.4	33.4	24.5	80 78

### UNAB symposium on Cairo Confce

The United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) held a symposium in support of the recently held "International Conference on Population and Development" at the auditorium of Bangladesh Scouts yesterday reports UNB.

Chairman of University Grants Commission Prof Shamsul Haq presided over the symposium.

Prof Shamsul Haq lauded the role of the United Nations in holding such a historic international conference on Population and Development.



Dr MA Majed, President of the Bangladesh Medical Association, addressing a press conference at the BMA Bhavan in the city yesterday. — Star photo

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**'Utilise services of ex-army personnel'**  
Agriculture and Water Resources Minister M Majidul Haq yesterday stressed the need for utilising the services of huge number of trained and disciplined retired army personnel in nation building activities, reports BSS.

**Uttara Bank Limited Branch Shifting**

Uttara Bank Limited Lalkhan Bazar Branch has been shifted to Madina Mansion (1st floor), (597/676, Motijharna Road), Lalkhan Bazar Chittagong from Highway Plaza, 555/A, CDA Avenue, Lalkhan Bazar, Chittagong today (1-10-94).

Our valued clients and well-wishers are requested to contact and transact at the new premises.

**ট্রেডমার্ক সতর্কীকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

আমরা সকল আমদানীকারক, প্রস্তুতকারক, পাটিকারী ও খুচরা ব্যবসায়ীসহ সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানাইতেছি যে, আমাদের মক্কেল "রাংগস ইলেক্ট্রনিকস লিমিটেড" তাহাদের কারখানায় নিজস্ব প্রকৌশলী দ্বারা RANGS এবং RANGS ব্র্যান্ড নামে টিভি, রেডিও ক্যাসেট রেকর্ডার ইত্যাদি যাবতীয় ইলেক্ট্রনিকস সামগ্রী প্রস্তুত করিয়া বাংলাদেশের সর্বত্র বাজারজাত ও বিক্রয় করিতেছেন এবং তাহারা গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের ট্রেডমার্কস রেজিস্ট্রিতে নিম্নলিখিতভাবে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত মনোগ্রামসহ অন্যান্য যাবতীয় সকল কিছু একমাত্র ট্রেডমার্ক ব্যবহারের স্বত্বাধিকারী, প্রস্তুতকারী এবং বাজারজাতকারী।

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সুতরাং সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলকে এতদ্বারা সতর্ক করা হইতেছে যে যদি কেহ উপরোক্ত ট্রেডমার্কসমূহ সফলিত নকল দ্বারা বা ইহার যজ্ঞাংশ সংযোজন, উৎপাদন কিংবা বিক্রয় করার অপচেষ্টা করে তবে তাহাদের বিরুদ্ধে আমাদের মক্কেল উক্ত ট্রেডমার্কের স্বত্বাধিকার রক্ষার্থে ফৌজদারী দণ্ডবিধির ৪৮২/৪৮৩নং ধারা মতে আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করিতে বাধ্য হইবেন।

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