

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: Prof M Altaf Hussain, Pro-Vice Chancellor of RU addressing the inaugural function of Kamela Haq College here near the campus recently. — Star photo

# Jessore town, adjoining areas turn into 'real crime zones'

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Nov 30: Worried about the apparent security breakdown and fear of economic collapse, businessmen and general people along with the Jessore Chamber of Commerce and Industries (JCCI) paraded main roads of the town and staged sit-in before Kotwali thana from 9 am to 1-30 pm recently calling for total stoppage of the prevailing situation. The programme was arranged to protest failure by police to arrest dacoits who stabbed to death a senior officer of Sonali Bank, Jessore Branch, Khairul Bashar in a local shop on Nov 18 this year.

Staff from DGM town were organising themselves to resist attacks during bank hours. Accordingly, they were now joining duty after gate-meeting everyday. It is first of its kind only to ensure their safety and security during Bank hours. According to another report, Arup Kumar was found dead in Bagherpara thana hospital. Two persons were killed at Bangherpara. Mohalab was beaten to death by miscreants of the same thana area in October last.

In Kotwali, two women were killed in a bomb blast at Malanchi, a college student was shot dead, another student of Jessore City College was killed after being kidnapped in the same month. In Keshabpur, husband was killed after being violated at Benapole of Sharsha. Police failed to track miscreants who looted three rifles from three police constables

one of whom was killed during their duty at Charavita Bazar by Bagherpara thana despite swift hunt. Policy formulated by some leaders of political parties here is equally responsible for deterioration of law and order in the town, say a number of people adding Jessore town and its adjoining areas have turned into 'real crime zones'. Police arrested many of party workers only to serve own interest.

Earlier, a driver of Agrani Bank, Jessore Branch, Abdul Wahed was killed by miscreants a few days later. The President of JCCI, Abdur Razzak Khan, told with the Daily Star that killing, looting, highway robberies, hijacking, toll collections have turn part of normal life miserably throughout the district recently.

He said violence is noticed everywhere. People, in fact, were hostage by the activities of miscreants and outlawed party activists in rural areas of the district.

He accused the concerned authority for failure to maintain law and order in and outside Jessore town.

The local CBA presidents of Sonali Bank, Shamsur Rahman, Agrani Bank Shamsul Alam and Sunil Kumar of Janata Bank told that murder of Abdul Wahed and Khairul Bashar really concern them especially the lawlessness situation. Bank-



SYLHET: Brian Donaldson, First Secretary of the British High Commission in Dhaka speaking at the seminar. — Star photo

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## "There is no discrimination in issuing visas," says British diplomat

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Nov 30: There is no discrimination in issuing the visas," said Brian Donaldson, First Secretary, British High Commission, Dhaka, while speaking at a seminar held in Sylhet on Sunday afternoon. The British High Commission in Dhaka has been issuing visas to the applicants in compliance with the immigration rules formulated by the British government.

Donaldson said, the consular officials follow the immigration policy of the British government while considering the visa applications. There should be no scope for any kind of misunderstanding in this regard, he said.

The seminar on 'British Immigration Legislation' organised by the Bangladesh Overseas Centre, the function was presided over by Kabir Mohammad Ashraf Alam, ADC (General) who is also the executive member-secretary of the centre. It was also addressed by Trevor Hall, Senior Community Relations Consultant, Home Office, London, and Nurul Islam, Trustee, Bangladesh Overseas Centre.

The First Secretary also informed about the changes done in the British immigration rules during the last few years. He called upon all to keep a contact with the officials in Dhaka for any dislocation. He said, the British government and some other universities in UK have been providing scholarship for the overseas students. A good number of Bangladeshi students were also getting benefit of the same. Donaldson added, He further informed that, 14,600 visa applications were received during the 1993 of which 11,300 visas were issued.

The seminar was arranged to explain the background of British immigration legislation, provide details of the British High Commissions procedures and give practical advice on how to go about obtaining visas and entry clearance United Kingdom.

He said, the Bangladeshi community living in the UK have been playing a very significant role in the socio-economic field in UK. Their achievement in different fields have been highly appreciated by the British government.

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জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তরের ১ম শ্রেণীর "ক" ও "খ" পর্বের ১৯৯৪-৯৫ ইং অর্থ বৎসরের জন্য তালিকাভুক্ত/নবায়নকৃত ও ভাট্টা নিবন্ধনকৃত টিকাদারদের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ স্বাস্থ্য নং ২৬১১ মারফত বার্ষিক উন্নয়ন কর্মসূচীর অধীন জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল, কুমিল্লা বিভাগের বিভিন্ন ধানার বিভিন্ন ইউনিয়নে পকেট এলাকায় (আনসার্তা) ০৮-মিঃ মিঃ ব্যাস ১৮ ফুট গভীর নলকূপ স্থাপন কাজের জন্য নীলমোহরকৃত বামে পুনঃ দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্র সিডিউল আপানী ১৪-১২-৯৪ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে যে কোন দিন নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল, রাসনাবাড়ীয়া জেলা এবং অত্র কার্যালয়ে হইতে সরকারী নির্দেশিত নমস মুস্যা (অফেনরতসোয়া) করা করা যাইবে। দরপত্র ১৫-১২-৯৪ইং তারিখে উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী, জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল, কুমিল্লা সদর দক্ষিণ উপ-বিভাগ, নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল, বি-বাড়ীয়া জেলা এবং অত্র কার্যালয়ের দরপত্র বাসে ১-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত গ্রহণ করা হইবে। প্রাপ্ত সদস্যর দরপত্র একত্রে অত্র কার্যালয়ে টিকাদার অথবা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিদের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। ১৭-১২-৯৪ইং তারিখ বেলা ১১-০০ ঘটিকায় খোলা হইবে। দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ কোন নলকূপ সিডিউল বিক্রি করা হইবে না। উল্লেখিত কাজের বিপরীতে বিস্তারিত বিবরণ ও অন্যান্য তথ্যাকলী নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল, বি-বাড়ীয়া জেলা এবং অত্র কার্যালয় হইতে যে কোন দিন অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে জানা যাইতে পারে।

কর্তৃপক্ষ সর্বদা দরপত্র গ্রহণ করিতে বাধ্য নহেন।

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SYLHET: Justice Abdul Wadud Chowdhury President of the Prabin Hitaishi Sangha speaking at the two-day workshop on the Health & Welfare organised by the Sylhet District Unit of the Organisation held recently. — Star photo

## Property worth Tk 20 lakh gutted in Noakhali

MAIJDEE COURT (Noakhali), Nov 30: Property worth Tk 20 lakh was gutted in a devastating fire at an urban-slum in Chatkhil thana of the district, says UNB.

Originated from an electric short-circuit, the fire engulfed six houses and five cattlehead of Bhuiyanbari on Thursday night.

The firemen from Chauhani rushed to the spot and with the help of local people the fire was brought under control.

Officials of the district administration visited the spot and distributed some relief goods among the affected people.

The affected people said, the firemen came late in the area due to bad communication system. They said if there was any fire service station at Chatkhil thana the loss could be minimised by timely efforts to extinguish the fire.

## Dacoits stab bus passengers, one killed, 15 injured

JHENIDAH, Nov 30: A passenger was killed and 15 others were injured when a gang of dacoits stabbed indiscriminately the bus passengers at Lebutoia here on Jhenidah-Chuadanga road Monday night, reports UNB.

Police said the dacoits numbering about 15 boarded the Chuadanga bound bus in the guise of passengers and when the bus reached at Lebutoia, five km from the town, they stabbed the driver Sekandar and took control of the bus.

When the passengers caught one of them, they became furious and started indiscriminate stabbing of the passengers and left the place without the booty. The bus was coming from Jhenidah.

Of the injured, eight were admitted to sadar hospital where Abdus Sattar succumbed to his injuries while others were released after first aid.

Conditions of Nazrul and Nannu are stated to be critical. A case has been filed with the police.

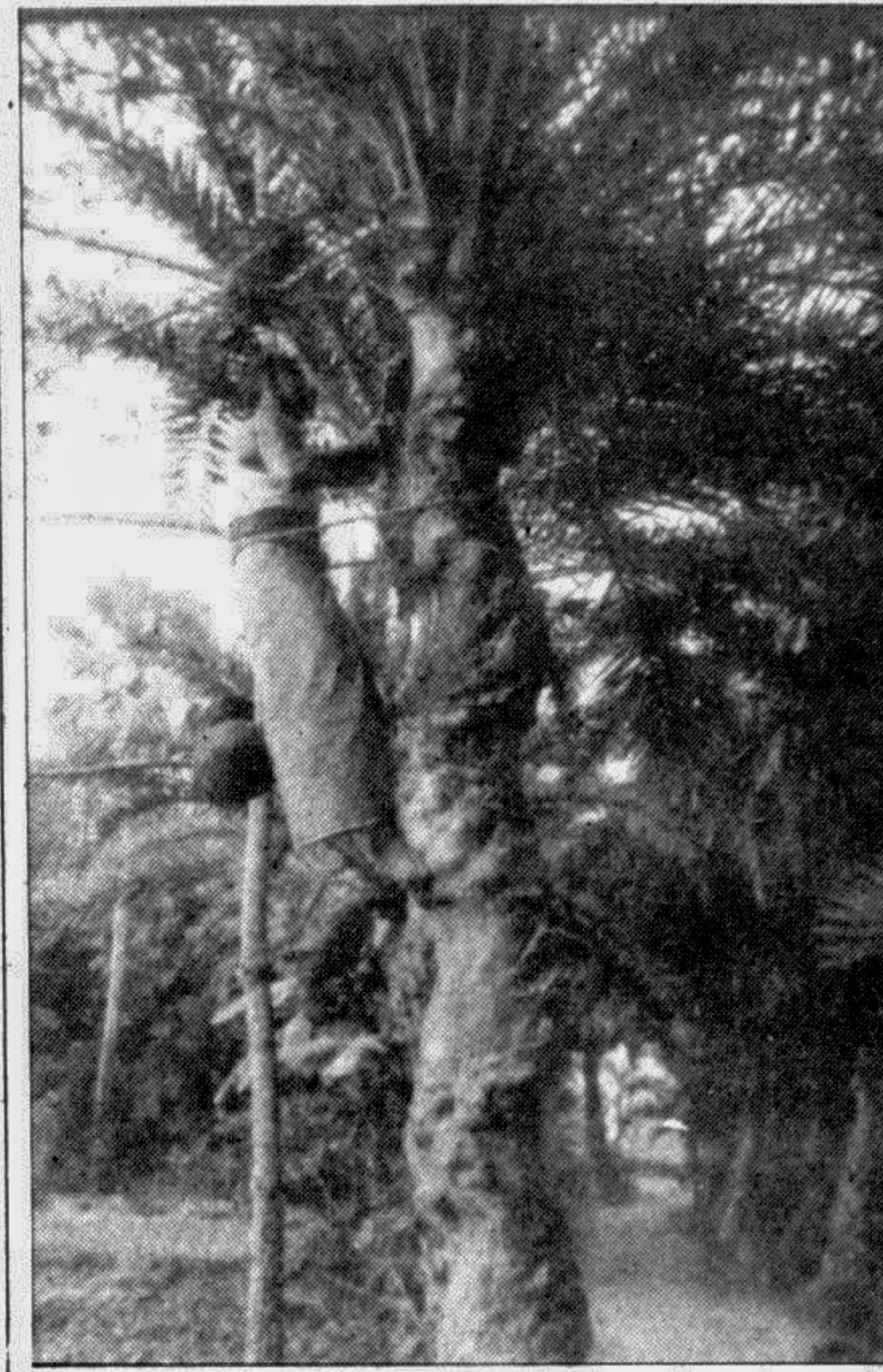
## Robbery on North Bengal highways rampant

PABNA, Nov 30: Road dacoity at night, over the North Bengal Highways, became rampant within the jurisdiction of Pabna district. The situation is particularly grave and alarming on eight points of the highways falling within Ishurdi, Pabna Sadar and Bera thana portions.

The night coach and truck drivers travel at night on the inter-district route from various districts of North Bengal to Dhaka, Chittagong and other districts of the eastern zone of Bangladesh. The passengers, drivers, helpers, etc. are falling victims in the hands of the armed dacoits who are allegedly not arrested by the police.

The above eight crime-zones over the said Highways in Pabna district are: Dasuria within Ishaurdi thana, Tebunia, Gachhpara, Tarash House (in Pabna town), Ananta cinema hall (Pabna town), Calico Cotton Mill (Pabna town), Gaveshpur, Pushpapara and Gangrampur. Except the first one, all other points are situated within Pabna town and of them, four within Pabna main town areas.

The points, as mentioned above, speak of themselves as to the daring nature of the criminals involved. They continue committing such dacoities even within the town



With the advent of winter the gachis, throughout the rural areas in the country, started preparing the trees for collection of date juice. The picture shows a gachi cutting part of a date tree in Chandpur. — Star photo

## Frequent power failure in Narail

NARAIL, Nov 30: People of the district town and adjoining areas are suffering much due to frequent power failure for the last few weeks, says UNB.

Electricity supply is being disrupted almost every night causing great losses to the businessmen. School and college students and patients in different hospitals are also suffering.

Production in mills and factories of three thanas in the district is being hampered due to loadshedding for hours.

While contacted, the local PDB officials could not give satisfactory answer to frequent power failure.

## In Savar thana Hens worth Tk 7 crore die in various farms

SAVAR, Nov 30: At least five lakh hens die of various diseases during the last one month in 2000 poultry farms of Savar thana. The loss has been estimated at Tk seven crore, says UNB.

According to poultry farm sources, the diseases broke out in an epidemic form in Savar Municipality area, Jahangir Nagar University area, Savar Dairy Farm area, Export Processing Zone area, Gono Shasthya Kendra area and in 12 nearby unions.

The sources said, ranikhet, dysentery, cholera and some other unknown diseases have broken out in the area in an alarming proportion.

Due to lack of diagnosis and proper treatment by the concerned doctors, the diseases have been spreading day by day causing concern among the farm owners. Some of them even went to Dhaka for proper diagnosis of the unknown diseases but failed to get the expected results.

Moreover, it is hard to collect pure poultry feed from the local market as some dishonest traders are doing brisk business by selling adulterated poultry feed.

Doctors said adulterated food was the main reason behind the outbreak of the diseases.

The farm owners have urged the concerned authorities to take action against the adulteration of poultry feed and ensure its proper supply without further delay.

## Farmers giving up growing jute in Narail

NARAIL, Nov 30: A large number of farmers of the district are gradually giving up jute cultivation due to rise in production cost, says UNB.

Jute cultivation has become very expensive as the prices of various inputs like seeds, fertilizers, insecticides are high. As a result, the farmers gradually lost their interest to cultivate jute.

According to the growers, the present production cost of jute is at least Tk 300 per maund while they have to sell the produce much below it.

Farmers are not getting the fair prices due to manipulation of traders and middlemen. Many farmers have already been utilising their land for rice and other crops instead of jute. They said prices of rice have increased manifold after the liberation of the country but output of jute is decreasing day by day.

## 'Every inch of it is a gold mine'

MANIKGONJ, Nov 30: The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) country programme Director for Bangladesh and Myanmar Yves Boulanger recently said Bangladesh has tremendous prospect and potentialities for sustainable development as every inch of it is a gold mine, says BSS.

"You have fertile land, hard-working people and huge untapped resources", he said and added that through proper harnessing and utilisation of its resources Bangladesh could change the fate of its people.

Boulanger, who arrived here Sunday morning as the head of a six-member CIDA delegation on a two-day schedule visit, some rural based uplift programmes being implemented by Proshika Manabik Unnyan Kendro, was exchanging views with the organisers of Proshika.

A Proshika Press release said, the CIDA team visited a non-formal primary school at Vastiali Kandarpur village, a village nursery, homestead gardening and ornament making projects for women at Nandeshshwari village and a furniture making project at Saturaia Bazar.

Proshika Executive Director Qazi Faruque Ahmed explained the members of the visiting team of various aspects of their programmes and projects. Principal Programme Coordinator Sirajul Islam and Central Coordinator Mohammad Hossain were also present.

Boulanger lauded the approaches of Proshika and said, efforts should start at grassroot level and not from macro-level. The members of the team

were particularly impressed to see the non-formal primary education programme of Proshika along with academic lessons the organisation is giving emphasis on the discovery of the talent and cultural knack of the children under this programme.

## Patiya should remain part of Chittagong district

CHITTAGONG, Nov 30: Chittagong South District BNP and its front organisations leaders expressed concern over the demand for creation of Patiya district saying vast majority of the people of south Chittagong do not approve of such a demand, reports BSS.

In a joint statement here they said, a section of people has created lawlessness in the area in the name of movement for realisation of the demand for the district which is most undesirable.

They said, those who are resorting to hartal and siege programmes in this connection have no support of greater number of people of the area. The vast majority of the people of south Chittagong like to remain associated with Chittagong district which is the commercial capital of the country, they added.

South District BNP President Advocate Abu Saleh Chowdhury, General Secretary Al-haj M A Rahim, Jubodal Convener Kazi M. Yakub, JCD President Morsheed Alam and JASS Convener Advocate Tarek Ahmad are among the signatories to the statement.