

# Kamal tells seminar on 'sunset rule'

## Meet demand keeping social values intact

By DU Correspondent

Speakers at a seminar yesterday expressed solidarity with the female students of the Dhaka University who are demanding amendments to some proctorial rules and regulations.

Dr. Kamal Hossain, vice president of the Bangladesh Bar Council, said that the demands of the female students though legitimate should be materialised in accordance with the needs of the society and its values.

The seminar on "Sunset Rule of the University: Human Rights, Security and Other Issues" was participated by lawyers, women activists, teachers and students.

The demands of the female students include keeping the gates of their hostels open in the evening in line with the timings of the Central Library and waiving of such restrictions as permission of the local guardian and mandatory applications for reporting late at the dormitories at night.

The speakers urged the students and people of the country to work for removing discrimination between men and women.

The function, held at the TSC auditorium of the Dhaka University, was participated by Advocate Sigma Huda, Sara Hossain, Bar-at-Law ADAB chairperson Khushi Kabir, general secretary of the Bangladesh Mahila Parishad Ayesha Khanam, former provost

of the Bangladesh-Kuwait Motree Hall, DU, Dr Zaheda Ahmed and Umme Habiba Shumi. Dr. Shahdin Malik, advisor of the Law Review — a law research centre manned by students — presided over the seminar while Begum Shahria presented the keynote paper.

The Law Review, University Law Research Centre and Department of Law of the DU jointly organised the seminar.

Dr. Kamal Hossain, in his speech, said that the amendments to the rules and regulations should be made through discussion with the guardians and in keeping with public opinion.

The society will be deprived if the women are deprived of their rights, Dr. Kamal added. Ayesha Khanam said that changes in society's attitude towards women is more important than the question of insecurity.

She, however, said that the female students should not only fight for changes in the proctorial rules but also must remain alert to realising the rights of women.

Sigma Huda observed that the female students were deprived of equal opportunities in the pursuit of higher education because the deadline for closing the gates of the ladies' hostels do not correspond to the timings of the central library.



Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury addressing a seminar organised by the Bangabir Osmani Memorial Society, in observance of the eleventh death anniversary of Gen MAG Osmani, in the city yesterday. — Star photo

## JB TSC branch ransacked

A group of students yesterday ransacked the Janata Bank TSC branch office after the bankers had refused to take fees after the office hour, reports UNB.

The students, reportedly residents of the Jagannath Hall, came to the bank at 1 pm and insisted on the bank management taking fees of their examinations.

But the bank officials refused to deposit their fees as the transaction hour was over at noon.

Then the agitated students went on rampage. They also beat an employee of the bank, campus sources said.

## Four Khulna JCD activists hurt in bomb attack

By Our Correspondent

KHULNA, Feb 16: Four students belonging to the Jatiyatadabi Chhatra Dal (JCD) were severely injured in bomb explosion and gunfire on the Khulna Polytechnic Institute (KPI) campus at 11 am today.

Two of the injured were admitted to Khulna General Hospital in a critical condition.

The clash began when a group of students belonging to the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) attacked a JCD procession. The procession was brought out to protest Chhatra Shibir activities on the RU campus.

The JCD in a statement said that the BCL activists supported by some outsiders used revolvers, pipeguns and handbombs during the 'unprovoked attack'.

The BCL in its statement blamed the JCD of armed terrorism on the KPI campus.

## Tension in Ctg polytech

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Feb 16: Tension prevailed in the Chittagong Polytechnic Institute today as the supporters of two rival student groups demonstrated amid blasts of cocktails, police said.

The trouble began following charges by the supporters of the Jatiyatadabi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the Chhatra Shibir on the campus.

When police intervened to disperse them, some demonstrators started brick-battling but later fled the campus, police added.

No injury was reported during the melee.

## Businessman found slaughtered in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Feb 16: A hide businessman was found slaughtered at Arabpur field near Jhenidah town this morning.

The victim was identified as Rakanuddin Dafader of the village Sajanna under sadar thana. He was returning from Kushtia yesterday evening having about Tk 25 thousand in his pocket, family sources said.

## One killed in Sirajganj clash

SIRAJGANJ, Feb 16: A man was killed and five others were injured in a clash between two rival groups over killing of a cow at Bahirgola of the town today, reports UNB.

Police said Fakhru Islam, 35, who received serious injuries in his face died at sadar hospital.

The clash erupted between the groups — one led by Nurul Islam and another by Anu — following the killing of the cow.

## Border trade

From Page 1 Col 8 industries. It will also help curb smuggling and illegal business in the border, he added.

He said though the two countries had signed the Memorandum of Understanding, the commencement of the border trade has been delayed because of some formalities yet to be completed.

## Osmany's anniversary of death observed

Various political and social organisations paid tributes to General MAG Osmani, the Liberation War hero who led the liberation forces in 1971 as the commander-in-chief, on the occasion of his 11th-death anniversary yesterday, reports BSS.

The Bangabir Osmani Memorial Society has organised a seminar on 'Role of leadership in protecting people's rights'. Paying tributes to the late Osmani, Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury said that he had worked all his life for establishing the rights of the people.

He said it was duty of the party in power and the opposition to work for establishing the political, social and economic rights of the people. He said the people had voted the opposition members to speak for their cause in the Jatiya Sangsad but they had failed to discharge their responsibilities.

The Jatiya Janata Party has organised a memorial meeting in the afternoon here.

Speaking on the occasion, LGRD Minister and BNP Secretary General Abdus Salam

## James P Grant's contributions recalled

By Staff Correspondent

Fazle Hasan Abed, Executive Director of the BRAC (Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee) recalled the contributions of James P Grant in popularising Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) in the developing countries.

"We owe to his leadership the popularity of ORT that saves one million lives every year and his role in raising the immunization level from mere 20 per cent to 80 in Third World countries," said Abed.

He was speaking at the memorial service for the former Executive Director of UNICEF in New York last Friday, according to a delayed message received here yesterday. Abed was the only speaker from the Third World countries apart from the UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali.

Abed said Jim Grant was a simple man with simple ideas and devoted much of his life and energy to ensure not only the survival but also healthy growth of the children of the Third World. The function was attended by prominent personalities from the United States and senior official of the United Nations.

## President assents to 9 Bills

President Abdur Rahman Biswas gave his assent Wednesday to nine Bills passed by the Jatiya Sangsad, according to a Sangsad secretariat press release here yesterday, reports BSS.

This Bills are: the Bangladesh Environment Protection Bill, 1995; the Protection and Conservation of Fish (Amendment) Bill, 1995; the Bangladesh Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 1995; the Ansar Bahini Bill, 1995; the Battalion Ansar Bill, 1995; the Village Defence Party Bill, 1995; the Rangamati Hill District Local Government Parishad (Amendment) Bill, 1995; the Khagrachhari Hill District Local Government Parishad (Amendment) Bill, 1995 and the Bandarban Hill District Local Government Parishad (Amendment) Bill, 1995.

## Judges' promotion

From Page 1 Col 5 secretary were outside the scope of the Constitution because a joint secretary is not a post under the judicial service. The hearing will resume Sunday.

The writ was filed by Aftabuddin Ahmed, Additional District Judge of Chittagong, challenging the promotions, which were in supersession of other senior judges, including himself, and made without due consultation with the Supreme Court which, the petitioner claimed, was required under the Constitution.

Amir-ul Islam submitted that the judicial service is not part of the service of the Republic and as such the administrative tribunal has no jurisdiction and that the writ is maintainable in case of a judicial officer.

Chowdhury Kamal lbne Yusuf stressed the need for creating mass awareness in alleviating the six antigens and sought cooperation of the media in this regard. Dr. Nasim Reza spoke of the NID programme and its targets and the urgent need to drive out the polio disease from the world.

The slogan for this year's World Health Day on April 7 is "A polio-free world." In this context, he mentioned that China, the Philippines and Vietnam have been observing the NID since 1993 while Iran, Thailand, India, Cambodia and Laos joined the programme last year.

Explaining the NID programme, he said, two crore children aged upto five years will be given four doses of oral vaccine — the first one on March 16 and the second one a month later, on April 16. Even those children already immunized will be brought under the special drive as there was no harm in taking the vaccine for a second time, he said.

# The Midnight File

## Tension prevails at Ullapara

SIRAJGANJ, Feb 16: Tension mounted at Ullapara thana headquarters as the Jamaat-e-Islami and the Ghatak Dal Nirmul Committee announced public meetings at the same time and same place on Saturday. Both sides declared their respective meetings at the Kawk High School premises at 9 am. Jamaat leader Delwar Hossain Saydee is scheduled to address their meeting, reports UNB.

## Israel to ease ban on Palestinian workers

EREZ JUNCTION, Gaza Strip, Feb 16: Israel agreed Thursday to ease a ban on Palestinian workers travelling to Israel and proposed the PLO assume administrative control of a West Bank town. In a two-hour meeting with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin agreed to gradually lift the closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and permit 15,000 Palestinian workers to return to their jobs in Israel next week, reports AP.

## Motor vehicles tax payment date

The owners of the motor vehicles who could not pay vehicles' tax within the stipulated time, will now be able to pay the same without fine up to March 31, reports BSS.

The decision was taken after special consideration of the matter and the authorities asked all concerned to take appropriate measures in this regard.

## Taslima's condition for return

OXFORD, Feb 16: Taslima Nasreen, the feminist author who fled Bangladesh after outraging Muslim fundamentalists, said Thursday that she would be willing to face trial for blasphemy and even go to prison if her government could guarantee her safety, reports AP.

## Sangram editor

From Page 1 Col 8 Sangram had published a news item that the Five-party had passed adverse comments against the Khatib of Baitul Mukarram Mosque, misbehaved with the Chief Imam and threatened to close down the mosque.

## Warrants of arrest against 2 Jamaat leaders in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Feb 16: The City Magistrate Court issued warrants of arrest against two Jamaat leaders in a defamation suit filed today by Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu, reports UNB.

## Speaker

From Page 1 Col 7 the normal functioning of another statutory organ of the state, the Election Commission, Advocate Islam submitted.

## Discussion on political crisis today

A round table discussion on "Current Political Crisis: Wherein Solution" will be held today at 3 pm at Jatiya Press Club, reports UNB.

## Immunization

From Page 1 Col 4 would be eradicated from the world.

## Ctg stock

From Page 1 Col 4 introduce both off-screen and on-screen trading system besides the central depository system (CDS).

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State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Major (Retd) Abdul Mannan addressing a press conference at the Biman head office yesterday. — PID photo.

## Biman to maintain aircraft

From Page 1 Col 7 Biman and other senior officials were present at the press conference.

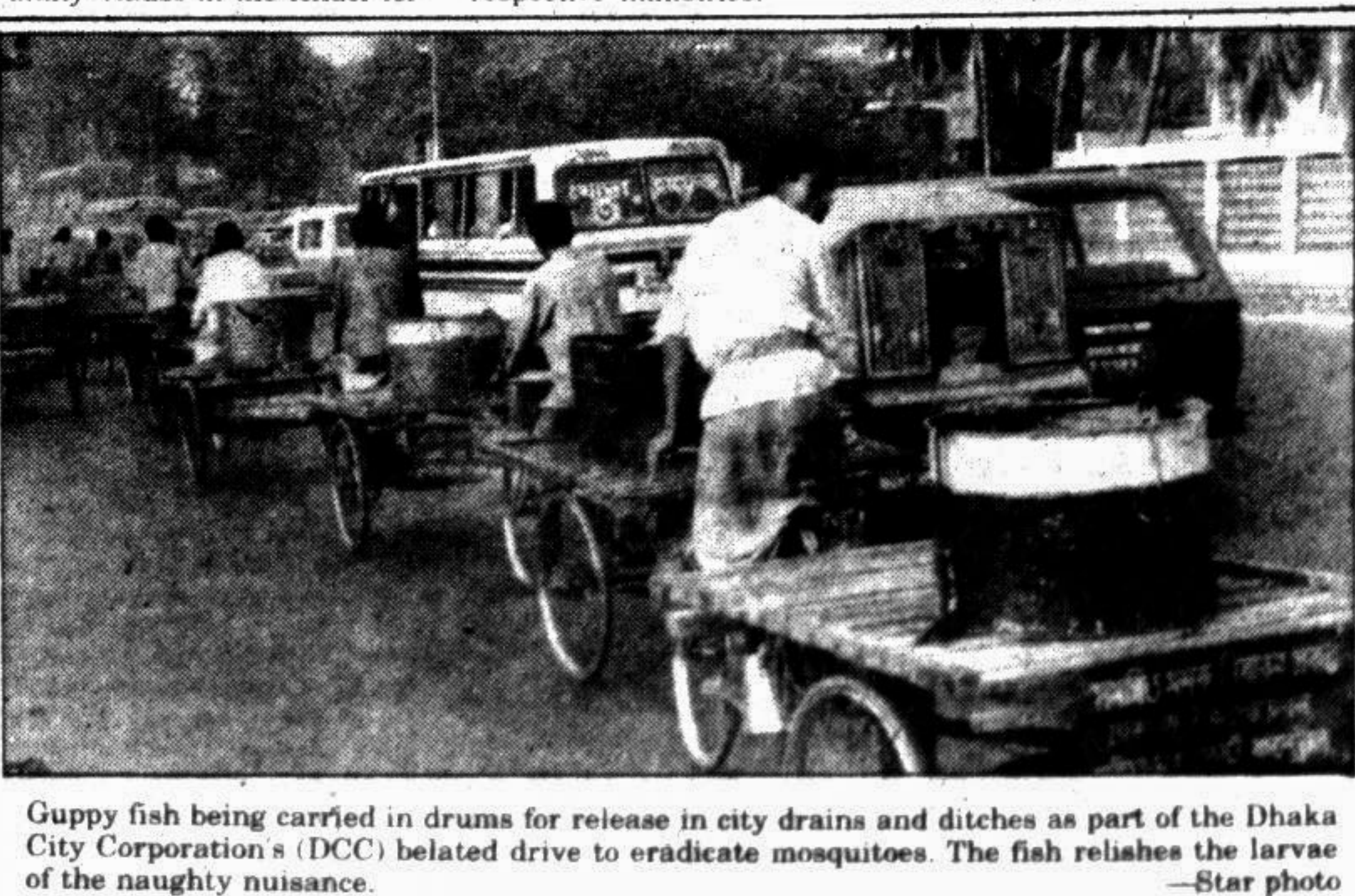
Biman has now five DC-10s, two turbo-prop ATPs and two E-28s to operate 26 international and seven domestic flights. One DC-10 was procured last year on a three-year lease.

Replying to a question regarding the two tenders floated recently to find a maintenance contractor, the minister said "We have changed our decision."

He replied in the negative when asked whether the Biman management had changed its decision only because it had failed to award the contract to a particular company.

"We have no special choice. We always accept the offer of the lowest bidder," the minister said.

The minister could not give any plausible explanation when his attention was drawn to the 'faulty' clause in the tender for



Guppy fish being carried in drums for release in city drains and ditches as part of the Dhaka City Corporation's (DCC) belated drive to eradicate mosquitoes. The fish relishes the larvae of the naughty nuisance. — Star photo