It all started when they approached

Habeebullah to do their paper work. like filling

up lax bills, housing benefit forms, medical

forms, etc. etc. They, the first generation Asian migrants to London, could definitely speak

Figlish but when it came to writing, specially

in legal papers, they were stuck, It was then that they needed help and Mohammad

Habeebullah, then a Chartered Accountant student in London, quite fitted in the situation. In

his spare time he would voluntarily help his

After completing his higher secondary level

community people

1974. he went

education here in

London following his

brother's footstep. a

practising CA there

But things were no

exactly the wa

Habeeb wanted it

Lending these help-

less people a hand

he thought he ought

to do something to

cater to their needs.

switched his courses

to social policy and

community devel

opment and earned

diploma there in

81. With this sud-

den change of

course he joined Ro-

chdale Metropolitan

Borough Council in

the planning depar-

tment as a social and

policy development

place where I work

there is approxima-

tely 200,000 Asian

population, which

only makes five per

Whites usually avoided.

technical govt, training.

cent of total Ro-

"In Rochtlale, the

worker in '82.

post-graduate

Dhaka Day by Day

A Man's Success Story Abroad

by Raffat Binte Rashid

Habeebullah serves his community with a

kids to be doctors, engineers or big officials

whether or not they were capable of fulfilling the expectation. They couldn't fit their chil-

dren into the picture of doing menial jobs and as a consequence the kids roamed around

"In these hopeless circumstances we, my two unemployed Pakistani friends and myself

decided to set up a project to help these teenagers. We submitted our project profile to

Manpower Service Commission and after re-

viewing it thoroughly the authority decided to fund 'Kashmir Youth Project' — and the biggest

black youth organi-

zation in Europe

came into being.

Habeebullah explains procedures. (Black

here are the Asian

motivate these kids,

give them training

and help them choose a career. Our

fund was renewed

the second year and

on the third year the

central government

gave us aids for next

four years and finally

for the following

lour years EEC is

funding us as well.

This project is now

founded by the EEC.

UK government al-

ong with self-finance

as well," he reports,

they have about 40

per cent Asian and

60 per cent white

teenagers under their guidance. "In 1993 Prince Charles

hand picked our

project and visited

the site, it has definitely grown into one of the

biggest NGO's there, says Habeebullah, who

was in Dhaka recently for a vacation. For a Bangalee and that too a first generation Asian

migrant to Europe, he came a long way and all

the time helping his community members. His

project is just one example of his work there, he is actively involved in many such

Chancellor as a Justice of Peace (JP) in the

Magistrate Court. (The first step in their legal ladder). "This JP thing of theirs is a 1000 years

old tradition. Only a good, reputed citizen, involved in voluntary social jobs can apply for the post, but selection is strictly maintained by the upper level of administration.

"He has the power to sentence anyone up to six months in jail. "There are 120 JP in

Rochdale, among them three are Asians and

only one is a Bangalee," he says, happy about his appointment. Currently he is the Chairman

Apart from all these, he also has four na-

tional publication to his credit. (This he shares

with other writers also). Extremely active.

hard working and at the same time creative.

this man has not only helped himself but also

of the Magistrates.

others of his community.

Moreover in 1987 he was appointed by Lord

organizations that cater to Asians there.

At the moment

proud of his work.

"Our, job was to

migrants).

without work, or any aim.

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Born 16th April 1995, to

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GENERAL SECRETARY

NGOs to launch campaign on water issues

Jatiy Party Secretary-General Anwar Hossain Manju addressing a public meeting at the

The Bangladesh Environ-

mental Lawyers Association

(BELA) will work as a focal

point for water issues, the

meeting on Thursday (April

20) of all Coalition Environ-

mental NGOs (CEN) members.

concerned groups and individ-

uals to work out a pro-active

plan for the cross boundary

launch the campaign appar-

ently came in the backdrop of

increasing water shortage in

the country, repeated crop

failure and other impacts

caused by drying up of the ma-

The move by the NGOs to

The BELA has convened a

sources said.

water issues.

jor rivers.

By Staff Correspondent

Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday.

Environmental activists and NGOs of the country are planning to launch a campaign on the cross boundary water issues, including the Farakka

According to sources in the NGOs, the campaign aims at highlighting the recent ground water shortage, drying up of rivers, including the impact of the Farakka barrage and other issues relating to water resources in South Asia.

The NGOs also plan to form a network with the NGOs in the neighbouring countries so that the water-related disputes could be resolved amicably.

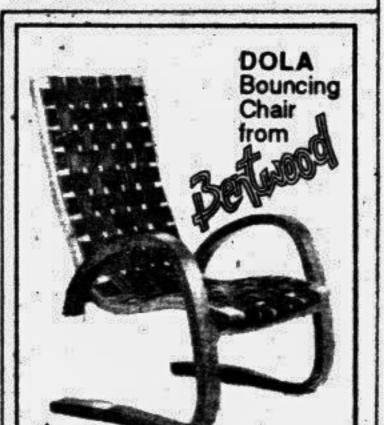
Besides, they plan to chart an outline for plan of action and develop an information.

Shamsul condoles deaths of mediamen

Information and Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam condoled the deaths of mediamen belonging to Bangladesh Television and Information Department in a tragic road accident vesterday in Chittagong, reports BSS.

In a message the information minister conveyed his heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved families and prayed for the peace of the departed souls.

Information Secretary Dr Ekram Hossain also condoled the deaths.



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commitment.

chdale's population. Among these Asian mi-

grants only 1200 to 2000 are Bangladeshis and

90 per cent of them are Pakistanis," Habeeb says. These settlers are of two types. Economic

migrants who in the early fifties or sixties were

taken as manual labourers, mostly from

Noakhali and Sylhet and the others are the

ship deserters. These first generation Asian

migrants worked mostly in textile mills. They

were all enrolled for the night shift which the

These migrants slowly brought their family members or started their own family in

London, which was very natural as it saved a lot

of thoney. But in the early 80's when there was

working in the night shift were first to find

themselves jobless.

These elderly people found no other options

open to them. Their children, who were, by

then. 15 to 16 years of age, were plunged into

uncertainty. The rate of school drop-outs or 'O' ievel failure cases among these children were

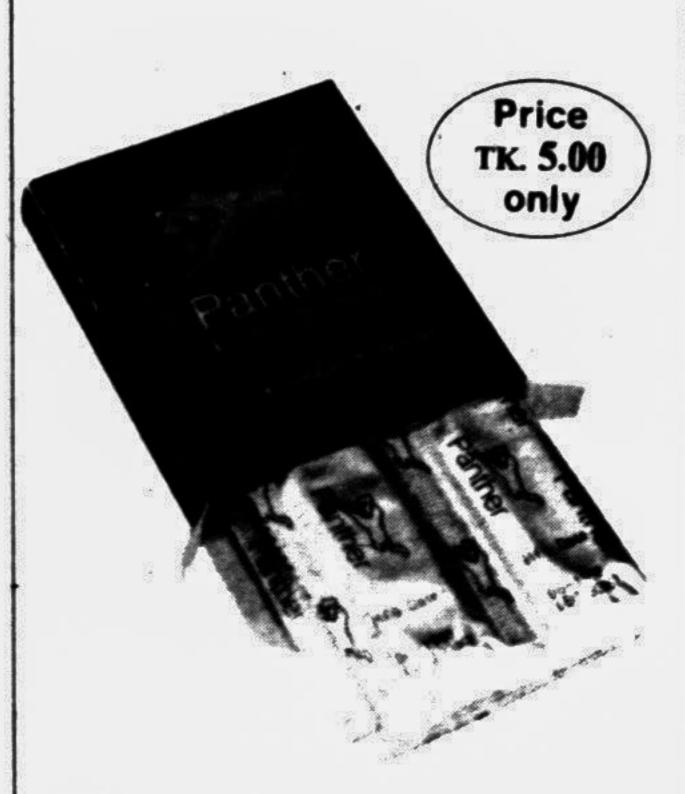
as high as 70 to 80 per cent. As a result they

were not continuing their education further

This was more so because of their parental

pressure, like all parents they wanted their

and were also not taking any non-vocational



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Col Shawkat

Chairman of the Muktijoddha Sanghati Parishad Col (retd) Shawkat Ali has been

Shawkat Ali, who resigned as an Awami League MP recently. was suffering from fever for the last few days and was admitted to the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) yesterday.



