

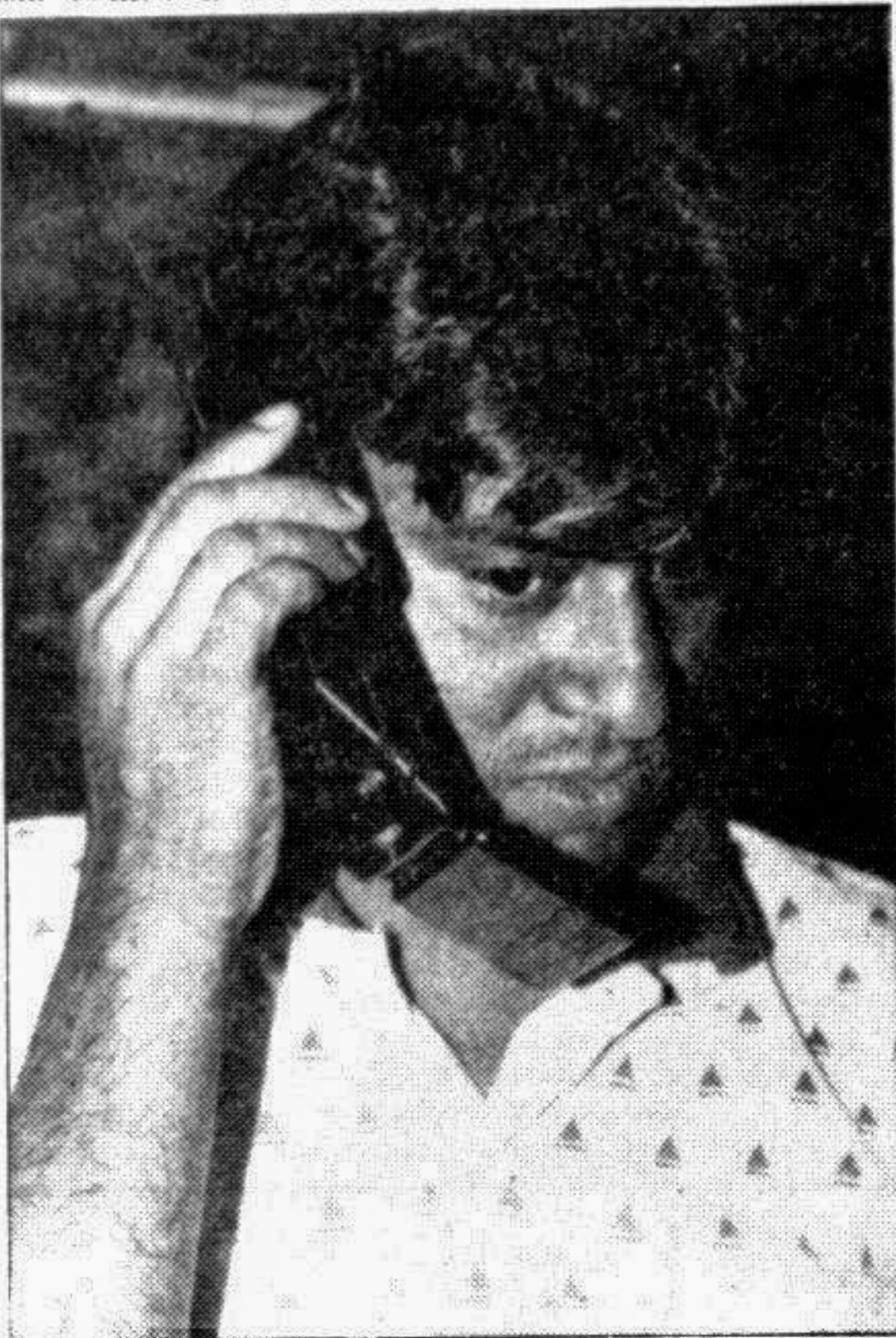
Dhaka Day by Day

The Mobile Menace

by Schrezad Joya Monami Latif

It seems that everytime I am in a restaurant, whether it is Chinese or Thai or Italian or Indian, the whole place is crowded with mobile phone owners. OK the mobile phone was probably invented for a reason, one that vagabond like journalists cannot relate to, but why would one come to a restaurant to make their mobile phone calls?

In Thailand, mobile phones started in the late 80s as a status symbol to the newly emerging rich. Then, as the price of the phones steadily declined and the traffic grew just as steadily to monstrous proportions, they became to many, somewhat of a necessity. The traffic in Dhaka is unruly and can be annoying but under no circumstances is it anywhere near Bangkok's. One cannot honestly say that mobiles are essential in Dhaka for that reason. Many a businessman might find a mobile very useful and that sounds reasonable enough. But why would you go to eat at a restaurant with a bunch of people and spend your whole time calling up those who aren't at lunch with you? Or go to watch a play and receive calls on your ever present handset?

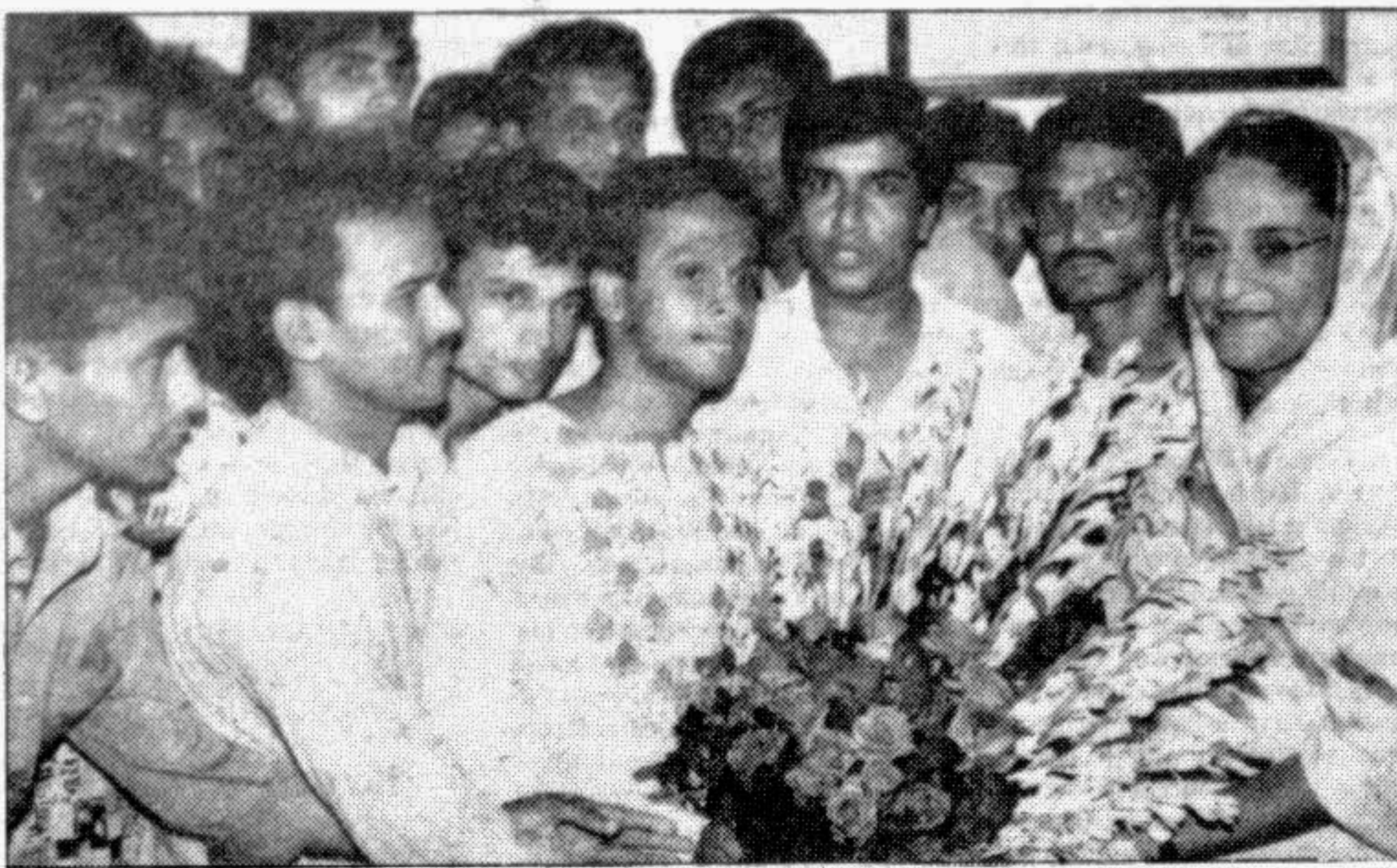


Necessity or status symbol?

when two foreign businessmen entered, each with his mobile and sat next to our table. From my first course to dessert, all the two of them did was speak on their mobiles. First to their secretaries then to their wives/girlfriends (yes, I was cavew-dropping shamelessly), then finally as I was tucking into my crepe suzette, one called Kuwait and went off in his own tongue for at least twenty minutes (I counted). Now where he calls and to whom he speaks is of no concern to me, but what I found obnoxious was that he'd chosen to come to a restaurant to make his calls, business and personal. If I hadn't been highly amused by each of his conversations, I would've been quite put out. He was very loud, and when he called Kuwait, the whole restaurant was party to his babbling, which was luckily in God's language.

Mobile phones in Dhaka have become a status symbol as well as a menace. The whole idea of driving/walking around Dhaka city in a flashy car and a mobile phone is "nouveau", tacky and may even seem obscene. To the problem of the ever increasing mobile menace, I have one clear suggestion: stay home.

I was at an Italian restaurant for lunch the other day



Newly elected office bearers of the Chittagong Law College presenting a bouquet to Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina at her Dhanmondi residence in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Changes in Eastern Zone train timetable

The Bangladesh Railways Eastern Zone has changed its time schedule of eleven trains which will shorten travelling period from 20 to 30 minutes, reports BSS.

The new schedule will be effective from July 16, a press release said yesterday.

Under the new schedule, Mahanagar Pravati from Dhaka will leave at 1:55 pm with stopover at Brahmanbaria, Comilla and Feni. Mahanagar Urmee after leaving Chittagong at 7:15 am will reach Dhaka at 1:25 pm. While Mahanagar Godhuli leaving Dhaka at 3 pm, will reach Chittagong at 9:35 pm. These two trains will touch Bhoirab Bazar, Brahmanbaria, Comilla and Feni. Mahanagar Purabi will leave Chittagong at 3:10 pm and reach Dhaka at 8:45 pm with a stopover at Feni. Chittagong Mail

from Dhaka and Dhaka Mail from Chittagong will leave respective stations at 10:30 pm and reach the other end at 7:45 am on the following morning.

On the Dhaka-Sylhet route, Parabat Intercity will leave Dhaka at 8:20 am and reach Sylhet at 3:20 pm. This train (Parabat) will leave Sylhet at 1:30 pm and reach Dhaka at 8:20 pm. Both the trains will have stopovers at Kulara, Sreemangal, Shaistaganj and Akhaura. The Dhaka-bound Surma Mail will leave Sylhet at 8:15 pm instead of 8:25 pm and reach the capital at 7:55 am on the following morning.

Paharika train on the Chittagong-Sylhet route will leave the port-city at 10:30 am and reach Sylhet at 7:10 in the evening. The Paharika will leave Sylhet at 7 in the morning and reach Chittagong at 3:35 pm.

Bangabandhu Memorial Trust meets

The Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust at a meeting Tuesday made a preliminary selection of some historic songs on the country's independence and the liberation war for inclusion in an audio cassette to be dedicated to the Bangabandhu.

The Awami League chief and president of the trust, Sheikh Hasina, attended the meeting held at the Bangabandhu Bhaban at Dhanmondi, said a press release.

With the member-secretary of the trust and curator of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Museum, Syed Siddiqur Rahman in the chair. The meeting decided that the members of the trust would meet again on July 15 at 4 pm to work out the details of the cassette production.

Advocate Gaziul Haq, Sheikh Hafizur Rahman, poet Aslam Sani and the artists of the Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra Ajit Roy, Sujeya Shym, Ali Ahmad, Nayem Noman and Mohiuddin Ashif attended the meeting.

Meanwhile, a meeting of the Awami Foundation will be held on July 14 at 3.30 pm at the foundation office (House No. 69, Road No. 6/A, Dhanmondi) to form a national committee to celebrate the silver jubilee of the country's liberation war.

JCD threatens agitation for DUCSU polls

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of the ruling BNP, yesterday said it would wage a greater movement if the date for the DUCSU polls was not announced soon, reports UNB.

"We have been demanding a date for the polls, but the authorities are silent over the issue. We will take to the street if the authorities fail to announce the date soon," JCD president Fazul Haque Milan told the rally at the "Aparajeyo Bangla" in the morning.

The DUCSU election was last held on July 6, 1990. The university authorities have several times announced the dates but had to postpone those due to campus violence.

Addressing the rally JCD leaders blamed the Pro-Awami League Chhatra League (BCL) for frequent postponement of the DUCSU election by unleashing reign of terror on the campus.

Recruiting firm denies death of worker in KSA

Silver Line Associate, a manpower recruiting agency, said that it is not aware of any of the workers sent by the firm of having died in Saudi Arabia recently.

In a letter to the joint secretary, Ministry of Labour and Manpower, on Tuesday last, the proprietor of the agency M A H Selim denied that a worker sent by his firm had died in Saudi Arabia.

He added that neither the agency nor its representative in Riyadh were contacted by the Bangladesh Embassy on this matter. "As, according to our information, no worker sent by us died, we have nothing to do regarding this matter," he said. A copy of the letter was sent to The Daily Star.

Earlier last week, The Daily Star published a report, quoting a faxed message from the Labour Consul in the Bangladesh Consulate in Jeddah, saying that the Labour Consul had requested the Ministry of Labour and Manpower to bring "pressure on Silver Line Associate to send their representative in Riyadh to Jizan and arrange the burial of a worker there."

Selim, however, acknowledged that some of the workers sent by the agency to work for the Saudi company, Fam Establishment are facing problems and that it has been "quite successful" in resolving those problems. "We are sure that the remaining problems can be adequately solved if we get the cooperation of the (Bangladesh Embassy)," he said in the letter.

The Saudi company employed some 6000 Bangladeshi workers through six local recruiting agencies, of which 260 were through Silver Line, he noted.

In the message, the Consul also said that a number of workers recruited by the agency and also working for Fam Establishment were abandoned in Saudi Arabia while 200 others were not getting their wages for over 15 months.



Teachers of the government primary schools held a rally in the city yesterday to press home their 9-point charter of demands. — Star photo

Envoys call on Speaker, minister

The High Commissioner of Pakistan to Bangladesh, Karim Elahi, called on Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali at his office in Sangsad Bhaban in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

During the meeting they exchanged views on various issues of bilateral interest with special emphasis on matters relating to parliament of the two countries.

Recalling the traditional relationship between the two countries they stressed the need for further increasing cooperation and understanding in different fields.

Another report says: The British High Commissioner Peter J Fowler called on Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury at his office yesterday.

The High Commissioner spent some time with the Minister and discussed matters of mutual interest.

JU admission test results early Aug

The results of the written test for admission to the first year honours classes of the Jahangirnagar University (JU) are likely to be published sometime in the first half of August.

The scripts are being examined and are expected to be completed within this month, sources said.

However, the probe body, formed to investigate the reported question leakage of the Physics Department under 'Ka' unit, will submit reports shortly and it will not cause delay in publishing the results in due time, sources added.

The written tests were held under three faculties and one institute from June 14 to 25.

SAARC MPs' confce in Delhi July 22

The first Conference of the Association of SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians will begin in New Delhi on July 22, reports UNB.

The three-day conference will be preceded by a meeting of the Secretaries General of the SAARC Parliaments on July 21, said an Indian High Commission press release Sunday.

The agenda of the conference will include discussions on Parliament: Relations with the Executive and Judiciary and the Committee System in SAARC Parliaments.

The conference is expected to expand the scope of dialogue amongst the SAARC countries by including the political spectrum of the member states as represented by their parliaments.

Attack on exam centre slated

Leaders of the Bangladesh College Teachers' Association (BCTA) yesterday expressed great concern at the alleged assault by miscreants on college teachers, employees, police and magistrates who were on duty at the Gazipur Kalyan-2 High School examination centre on July 10, reports BSS.

President of BCTA Principal A K M Zahurul Islam, general secretary Principal Quazi Faruque Ahmed and office secretary Professor Abdur Rob Mia in a joint statement condemned this heinous action by the miscreants and demand punishment to the culprits and safety and security of the persons involved in examination duty.

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Abul Hashem will be held after Asr prayers today at House 36, Road 3, Dhanmondi in the city, says a press release.

Hashem, retired accountant general and deputy comptroller and auditor general died of cardiac failure in the city on Monday. He was 59.

He left behind his wife and two daughters.

He was buried at the Banani graveyard.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the qul.

BARD-BKB MOU signed

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) for credit distribution was signed between the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Comilla and the Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) yesterday in Comilla, says a press release.

Project Director of BARD Md Rezaul Karim and General Manager of BKB Dr Jabob Chandra Shaha were present during the signing ceremony.

Under the agreement BKB will provide collateral-free credit to the small farmers and landless labourers project (SFLP) being implemented by BARD in 21 thanas of the country.

Moudud off to UK

Jatiya Party leader Moudud Ahmed leaves for London today, reports UNB.

While in UK, he will address a seminar on "Democracy and Development in the Third World" to be held at Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford, on July 17.



Project Director of BARD Dr Rezaul Karim and General Manager of BKB Jabob Chandra Shaha exchanging an MOU at a ceremony yesterday. Director General of BARD Dr Salehuddin Ahmed (extreme left) looks on.

Chinese team meets Mannan

A Chinese delegation headed by Qilian Jun, Executive Vice-President of China heavy duty truck Corporation made a courtesy call on State Minister for Textiles Abdul Mannan at his office in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

They discussed matters of mutual interest and bilateral relations. They also exchanged views on supply of Chinese machinery for the textile industries.

Unesco clubs to plant 12000 saplings

The National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh will plant some 12,000 saplings as part of its participation in the National Tree Plantation Programme this year, says a press release.

Sreenagar, Lohojong Tongbari, Keraniganj, Fatikchhari, Ruggani, Bhairab will come under the plantation drive.

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Dhaka Electric Supply Authority intends to procure Jointing Material for 33KV and 11KV Under Ground Cable for its Rehabilitation Project for Sub-transmission and Distribution System. Reputed manufacturers/their representatives are eligible to participate in this tender. The currency of bid is Bangladeshi Taka only and payment for supply shall be made in the same currency only.

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- Project Director, Greater Dhaka Power Distribution Project, House No 47, Road No 135, Gulshan, Dhaka-1212.
- Director, Procurement & Store Management Dte, Dhaka Electric Supply Authority, 1, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka-1000.

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Tenders shall be received in the office of the Director, Procurement & Stores Management Dte, DESA, on the specified dates upto 11.30 hrs (BST). The tenderer shall ensure timely submission of his bid and late tenders, if any, shall be summarily rejected. Tenders received will be opened publicly on the same day at 12.00 Noon (BST).

DESA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

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