



Amirul Islam, Bar-at-Law, speaking at a seminar titled "Information Technology and Law: Bangladesh Context" organised by the Centre for Development Dialogue at a city hotel Thursday

Hanif opens biogas oven in city

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mohammad Hanif yesterday inaugurated a biogas oven and a satellite school in the tinshed slum of Ward No. 5 in the city, reports BSS.

The slum development division of the city corporation is implementing this programme with technical cooperation of locally government engineering department and financial help of Unicef for the poverty alleviation of slum dwellers as well as their self-employment, a DCC press release said.

Mayor Mohammad Hanif also gave Tk 2000 each to 30 women of the slum on a nominal interest under DCC's self-employment programme. He said the corporation had already done a lot of job in this field and also for the development of sanitation systems.

Installation ceremony held at USTC

CHITTAGONG, Aug 5: Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah Al Noman said University of Science and Technology (USTC) has made laudable progress despite obstacles during initial days, reports BSS.

The minister was addressing the installation ceremony of Pharmacy Students Association at the USTC auditorium here on Thursday last.

The minister paid tributes to the National Prof Nurul Islam who is the founder president of the university. He recalled the contribution of Prof Islam in giving the concrete shape of the modern private university in Chittagong.

The minister in his speech expressed the hope that the members of the teaching staff would work hard to give lessons to the students enabling them to become future worthy citizens of the country.

A scientific seminar was also held marking the occasion. Associate Prof of PG Hospital Meer Mesbaudhin presented the keynote paper while, among others, USTC Director Prof M A Wazed, Course Coordinator Abdul Karim and head of Pharmacy Department Associate Prof Dr Mahiuddin, participated in the discussion.

Workshop on health care begins in city

A three-day workshop on "Health Care Quality Assurance" organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in collaboration with World Health Organisation (WHO) began in the city yesterday with a call for better development of health care quality in the hospitals of the country, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the workshop Health and Family Welfare Secretary Syed

Budget in cultural sector up: Saifur

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman said, during the four-and-a-half year tenure the government has increased manifold budget allocation for the development of sports and cultural sector, reports BSS.

The finance minister was opening the newly-installed book selling centre of Bangla Academy at Sylhet yesterday.

He said the present government has laid particular importance to uphold the literature and cultural heritage of the nation.

Turning to the education sector the finance minister said, during the current financial year a record amount of Tk 4500 cr will be spent for the development of education which is the backbone of all national development. He said, due importance is also being given to female education.



Romain Vuillaume, First Secretary of the Embassy of France, distributing relief materials among the flood affected people of Rulipara village of Gabsara union of Tangail recently.

BCL calls strike in educational instts Aug 13

By DU Correspondent Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) has called a students' strike in all educational institutions in the country on August 13 to press the demand for trial of the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The Chhatra League, the students' wing of Awami League will also 'gherao' the office of the National Broadcasting Authority on August 9 as part of a fortnight-long programme to celebrate the 20th anniversary of death of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and to press trial of his killers.

The programme was adopted at a meeting of the national executive committee of the BCL held here recently.

The programme includes hoisting of black flags in the party offices across the country, wearing of black badge, poster exhibition and blood donation on 11 August, placing of floral wreaths at the 'mazar' of Bangabandhu on 12 August, a central mourning rally on 14 August, placing of floral wreaths before the portrait of Bangabandhu on 15 August and discussion meeting on 17 August.

The meeting was chaired by BCL president Enamul Hoq Shamim.

Photo exhibition at USIS

A 12-day photo-exhibition on Voice of America (VOA) Fan Clubs will begin here at United States Information Service (USIS) auditorium on August 8, reports UNB.

The exhibition includes historical photographs of the VOA Bangla Service, activities of VOA Fan Clubs in Bangladesh and visits of VOA staffs in Bangladesh.

It will remain open for all from August 8 to 19 from 9 am to 4 pm Sunday through Friday.

Deedar Bakht injured in road mishap

A former state minister and Jatiya Party leader Syed Deedar Bakht was injured in a road accident near Khulna University on Wednesday, his family sources said, reports BSS.

Bakht received injuries on his left wrist when his car hit a tree in front of the university.

He is now under treatment at the Trauma Clinic, Road No. 28, Dhanmondi.

NDF discussion on fair polls August 9

The National Democratic Foundation (NDF) will hold a follow up discussion on Ishaq Formula for an interim government at Jatiya Press Club on August 9, reports UNB.

Intellectuals, lawyers, judges, constitution experts and politicians are expected to take part in the discussion, said a press release yesterday.

Nat'l confce of women's body begins

By Staff Correspondent A three-day national conference of some 300 women organisations covering 56 districts begins today at Joydevpur Rice Research Centre.

Representatives will discuss the draft documents, prepared through eight separate workshops in April and June.

A photo exhibition on women in Bangladesh will be arranged at the conference premises.

Kishore Majlish team meets Biswas

A 17-member delegation of the executive council of Barisal Kishore Majlish, a socio-economic welfare organisation, called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

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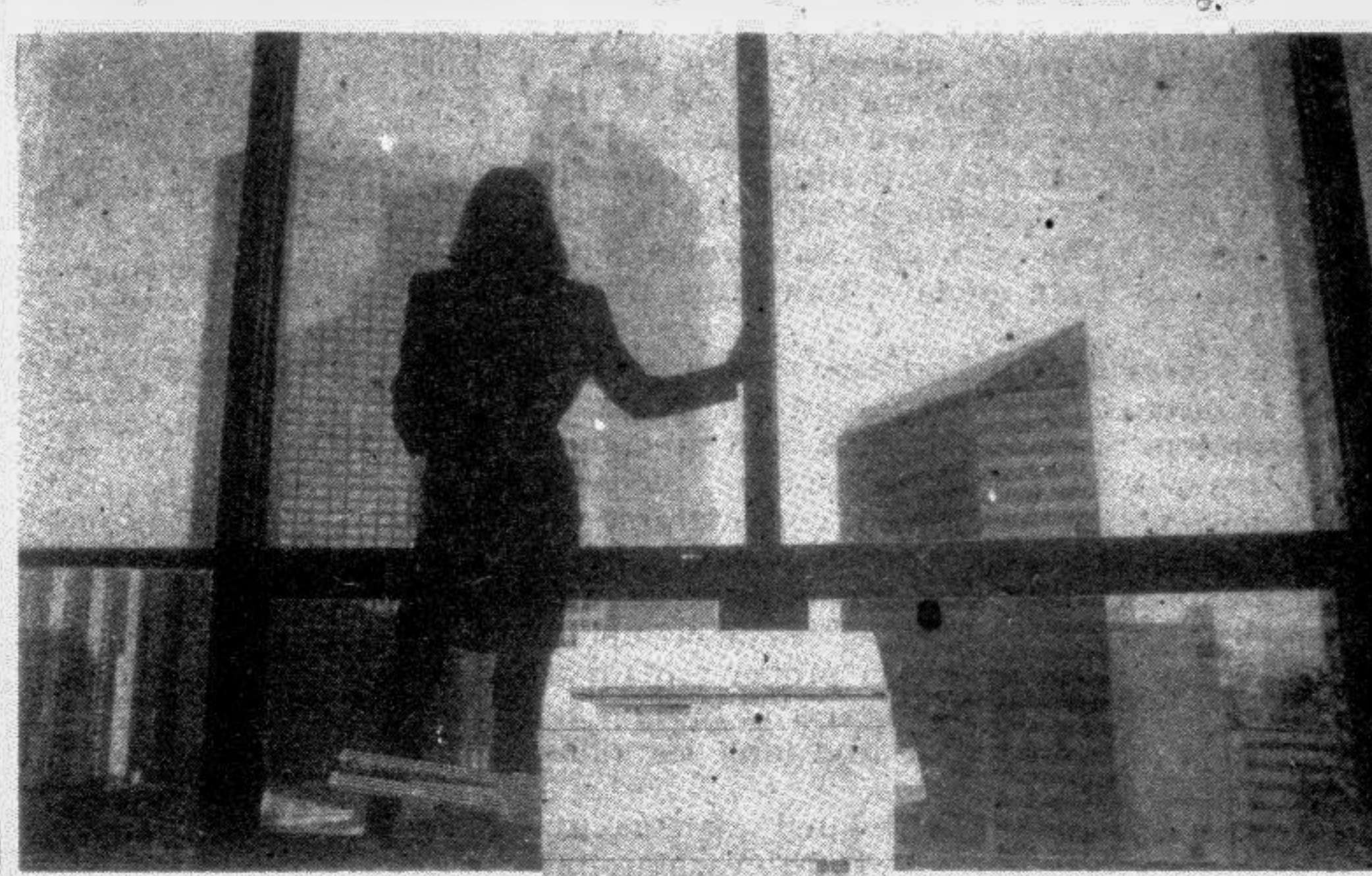
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