

Banks to finance irrigation

By Staff Correspondent

Farmers, who are generally poor, need to be backed by banks to be able to procure irrigation equipment.

These were the remarks by leaders in the line for both agriculture/irrigation and banking sector at a seminar held at a local hotel on

Wednesday Organised by the National Minor Irrigation Development Project, NIMDP, the seminar was chaired by ATM Shamsul Huda, Secretary Banking Division, Ministry of Finance and attended by Ahsan Ali Sarkar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Anwar Hossain, Project Director, NIMDP, Malcolm Wallace, consultant/expert, A Goodwin, Counsellor, CEC, Wahida Hoque of World Bank, Jasim Ahmed of Halcrow, Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank and other leaders from public sector banking.



A T M Shamsul Huda, Secretary, Banking Division, Ministry of Finance, speaking at a seminar in the city yesterday. Ahsan Ali Sarkar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture (left) and Anwar Hossain, Project Director, NIMDP are also seen.

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BELA calls for solving city problems

By Staff Correspondent

Discussions at a meeting identified the pollution of Dhanmondi Lake and the dumping of clinical wastes along with emission of radiation from X-ray machines as the key problems requiring immediate action.

Organised by the Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) on Tuesday, the speakers also felt the urgent necessity of addressing the problems of traffic jam, the conspiracy behind filling up the Dhanmondi Lake and the law and order situation prevailing in the area.

The meeting entrusted BELA with the duty of taking legal action for the improvement of the environment and prevention of further degradation of the environment in the area.

Representatives from the Dhanmondi Rate Payers Association, Dhanmondi Residents Club, Dhanmondi Welfare, BELA and the Dhaka Metropolitan Police were present at the meeting.

Awami Ain Chhatra Parishad rally

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Awami Ain Chhatra Parishad held a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday demanding trial of the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and to press its 10-point charter of demands.

Awami League general secretary Zillur Rahman and other central leaders — K S Nabi, Sahera Khatun, addressed the rally, chaired by Md Nadim Mia, president of the Parishad.

The speakers also protested the killing of Jubo League leader Badiuzzaman Badu, police excesses in Dinajpur and called the people to make the September 23 hartal a success.

Obituary

Gazi Mobassar Uddin, former senior analyst of Bangladesh Biman and former manager of Barisal Dockyard died in the city's Holy Family hospital Tuesday. He was 62, reports BSS.

Mobassar leaves behind his wife, two sons and four daughters. He was buried yesterday at the martyred intellectual graveyard at Mirpur. His quikhwani will be held tomorrow at his Chamelibagh residence.

PATC course opens

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday stressed the need for extensive training for government officers and said there was no alternative to foundation training to increase professional efficiency, reports BSS.

He was inaugurating the 16th foundation course of BCS cadre services officers at the Public Administration Training Centre (PATC) in Savar yesterday morning.

Eating Out

Advertisement for various restaurants including Yangtze Chinese Cuisine, Li'l Mermaid, Kushum, White House, and Leung Hung.

Advertisement for Fayalobi Restaurant, offering Thai, Continental, Chinese, and Bengali food.

Advertisement for Coastal Seafoods Centre, offering various seafoods.

Advertisement for Sajna An Exclusive Restaurant, serving Indian dishes.

Advertisement for Rainbow Italian Ice-Cream, a pioneer in Bangladesh.

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১২তম সভার কার্যবিবরণী (১২তম সভা) সেকেন্ড বাণিজ্য, ঢাকা-১০০০



Death anniversary of Ustad Momtaz Ali

The fifth anniversary of death of Ustad Momtaz Ali, a maestro of the sub-continent, will be observed today.

Weather

Light rain forecast

Light to moderate rain or thundershower is likely at many places over Chittagong, Barisal divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Khulna divisions in the 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

'Computer can make judicial system dynamic'

A seminar on 'Computer and Legal Education: Some New Dimensions' was held yesterday at the Faculty of Law, Dhaka University.

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

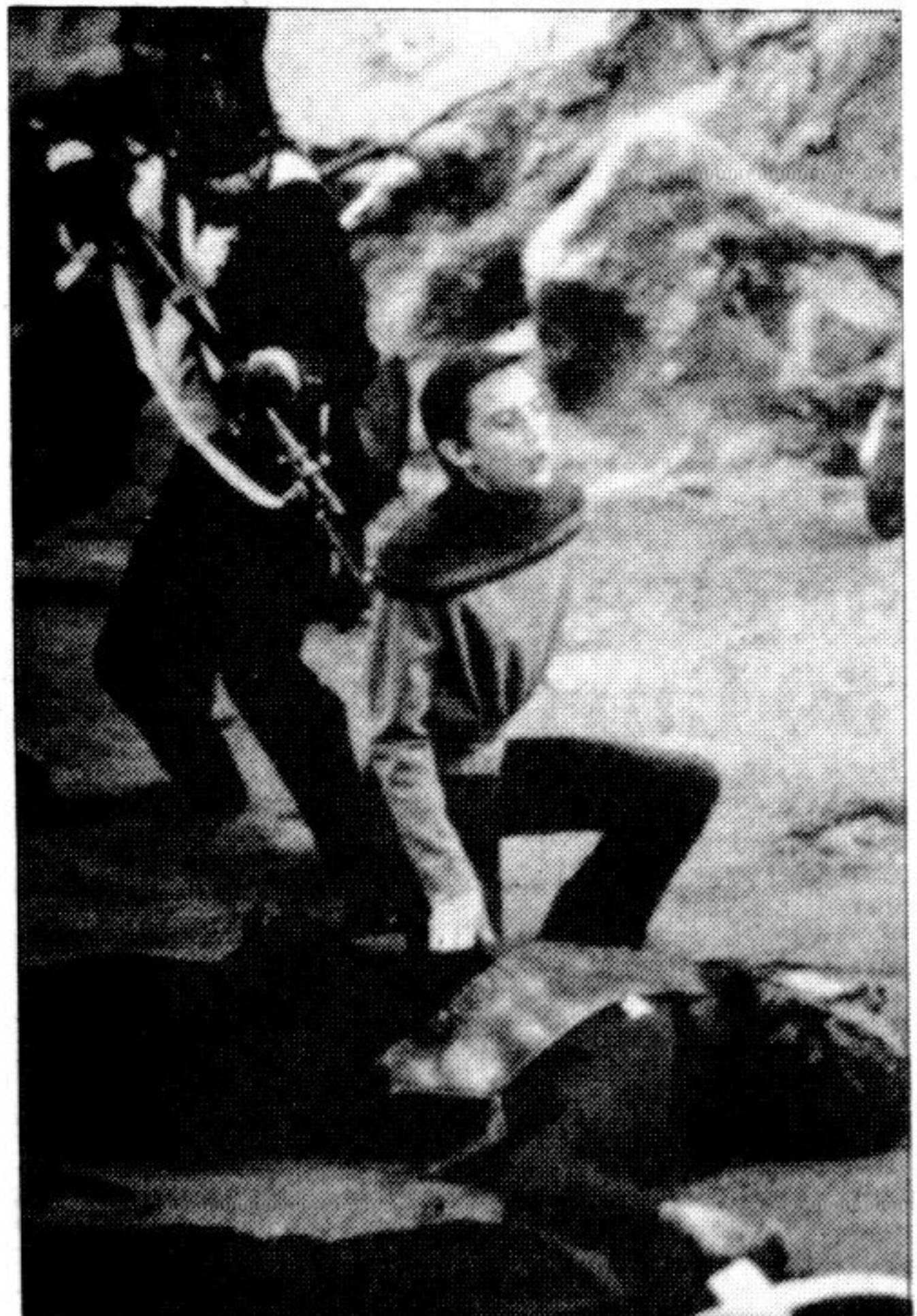
Thursday 31st August (All programmes in local time. We recommend programmes printed in CAPITAL bold.)

World News 2:25 The Late Show 3:00 BBC World News 3:25 TIME OUT: JEREMY CLARKSON'S MOTO...

NONIE 1:00 Frame By Frame 3:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 4:00 Sigaw Manila 5:00 BY DEMAND VJ...

THEATRE Today 7 pm at Mahila Samity Chitta Binimoi: A production of the Dristikon theatre group...

WOMAN NAMED JACKIE PT II (HINDI SUBTITLES) 11:45 DIRTY DANCING (ARABIC SUBTITLES) 1:30 Comedy: Cadillac Man...



Doordarshan 7 Highlights for Thursday 10:00am Cinema: Amrapali (Rpt) 10:00pm Cinema: Pipasha (B&W)...

PRIME 5:30 am LIVE US CHAMPIONSHIPS FROM FLUSHING MEADOW NEW YORK, USA DAY 3 NIGHT TIME SESSION MEN'S & WOMEN'S OPENING ROUNDS...

Legacy-Origins of Civilisation on BBC World The emergence of urban civilisation — towns and cities — has been one of the most significant events in human history...



Star Trek: The Next Generation on Star Plus on Saturday 9:00 am BBC World News 9:25 TIME OUT: HOW TO SAVE THE EARTH...

6:30pm Gane Bhuvan Bhariye Debo Serial: Samparka/Nasika Sambad

STAR 7:30 Bob Hoskins Double Bill: The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne (Arabic Subtitles) 9:30 Adventure: Eight Men Out...

9:00 pm Thursday 31st August

Dirty Dancing on Star Movies, Tomorrow at 11:45 pm