(What's on today

Minister for Finance S A M S Kibria, Minister for Industries

and Commerce Tofael Ahmed and Minister for Agriculture,

Food, and Disaster Management and Relief Matia Chowdhury

are scheduled to attend as guests. Venue: Academy for Planning

USIS Worldnet dialogue: The United States

Information Service has arranged a Worldnet Dialogue on

"Competitive Strategy and Competition in an Open Economy'

with Richard Crawford, author of the 'Era of Human Capital',

president. New Vision Financial, Principal, Madison Financial

Discussion on Abdul Alim, Kanailal: Bangla-

vance of the death anniversaries of Abdul Alim and Kanailal

Shil. A musical function will follow. Chief guest: A K Fayzul

Haq. State Minister for Jute & Textile. Venue: Academy

Rotary Club of Jahangirnagar Dhaka: The re-

gular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Officers

Lions Club of Dhaka Pallabi: The Board of Direc-

tors' and regular meeting of the club will be held. Venue:

AUB inaugural ceremony: The inaugural ceremony

of Asian University of Bangladesh will be held. Chief guest:

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak. Venue: BCIC

Moderate rain likely,

Light to moderate rain may occur at many places over Chit-tagong. Barisal and Khuina divisions and at a few places over

Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions during the next 12 hours

Met Office said day temperature may remain nearly un-

The sun sets today at 6:13 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:42 am.

The country's highest temperature 34.2 degree Celsius was

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity

24.5

27.5

26.4

23.2

24.7

recorded at Mymensingh and the lowest 23.1 degrees at Barisal.

recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

in Celsius

Temperature

Kayinshi Chinese Restaurant, Mirpur, Time: 7 pm.

Weather

changed over the country during the period.

33.2

32.6

31.6

315

31.5

33.5

desh Shilpakala Academy has organised a discussion in obser-

and Development, Nilkhet. Time: 9:30 am.

Group. Venue: USIS auditorium. Time: 5:30 pm.

auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

auditorium. Time: 3 pm.

till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

City/Town

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Raishahi

Dhaka

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

Dhaka Day by Day

Dhaka's Ubiquitous Vagabonds

by Neil Ray

the footpath in front of the arboriculture garden

AH THERE IS

THE DUST BIN

modern Diogenes

on the west side of the Janya Sangsad. Either he is lying on a polythene sheet or sitting on the concrete foot path - his legs bestride. A middle aged man of a frail frame with black and white hairs, he seems to be an integral part of the place. Whether it rains or shines, he is there.

The interesting thing is that the man never wears a lungi or keeps his body bare. He always wears a pant and a half shirt, which in his position look quite tidy. He does not carry a bundle or a bag still he maintains a level of passable cleanliness. Seldom does he beg or if he does, nobody is likely to give him a single taka. For example, he is very tactless. He would not move out of the footpath and makes a few gestures by extending his hands to the passing rickshaws. He is not very insisting and no rickshaw passenger has the time and will to stop for him.

The question is. what does the man eat, how and where does he respond to nature's calls? Does he have more than one shirt or pant and clothes to change, bathe and serve various other purposes of a man? Where does he take shelter or sleep when it rains? Apparently he leads a life that is avowedly committed to the minimum requirements for a human. He appears to me as a symbol of protest to the contaminating

Appointment

made Information and Re-

search Secretary of the central

executive committee of BNP, re-

of thes opposition Begum

Khaleda Zia has made the ap-

pointment, said a press release.

of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal

(JCD), Kabir held different

posts in the office of BNP for a

long time. He also worked as

coordinator of press to the BNP

cial assistant to Begum Khaleda

Zia during her anti-autocracy

administrator in King Abdul

Aziz Military Academy in

Riyadh in Saudi Arabia for sev-

eral years. Kabir was also the

Managing Editor of daily New

Nation and weekly Robbar. He

did his MA in English from the

US missile attack

on Iraq condemned

(BPC) yesterday strongly con-

demned the US missile attack

on Iraq causing indiscriminate

death and destruction of civil-

secretary General of Bangla-

desh Peace Council and World

Peace Council Regional Coor-dinator in Asia said all peace-

loving people are shocked and concerned at the murderous

cruise missile attack by the US

sile attack, defying public opin-

ion and international law is a

blatant violation of sovereignty

and territorial integrity of the

tantrik From has also condemned the US attack, terming

it as a naked American aggres-

president Dr MA Karim and general secretary Pratapuddin Ahmed said that America had

launched the heinous attack as

part of its imperialistic atti-

USIA launches new

Internet page on

women's issues

The United States Informa

tion Agency (USIA) has launched a new Internet page

"Resources for Women" on its

international home page, re-

sources for Women" commemo-

rates the first anniversary of

the UN Fourth World Confer-

ence on Women, held in Beijing

veloped a platform for action

outlining 12 issues which are

considered important to women

around the world. Some of these

issues are women and poverty,

lence against women.

women and education, and vio-

addresses each issue mentioned

in the platform and provides

links to organisations involved

in a particular subjects, said a

has annotated links concerning

the first six topics raised by the

Platform for Action. Gradually,

the remaining six issues related

to the Platform for Action

be found under "What's New"

and "Global Issues and Com-

munications" on the USIA in-

ternational home page at www.

"Resources for Women" can

would be added to the page.

USIA gov/USIS. html

"Resources for Women" now

USIS press release yesterday.

The new USIA Internet page

The Beijing conference de-

The availability of "Re-

Meanwhile, the Jatiya Gano-

In a joint statement, Front

He said the unilateral mis-

armed forces against Iraq.

independent state of Iraq.

sion against Iraq

tude and aggression.

ports UNB.

a year ago.

In a statement, Ali Aksad,

Bangladesh Peace Council

University of Dhaka

ians, reports UNB.

Ehsanul Kabir was the spe-

He also served as a junior

One of the founding leaders

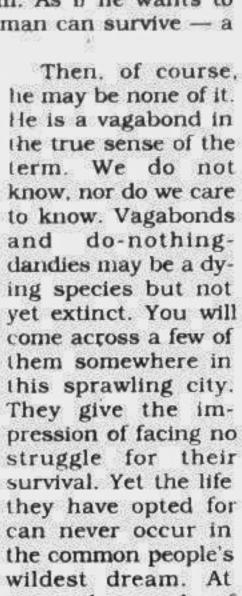
ports UNB.

movement

Ehsanul Kabir has been

BNP Chairperson and Leader

Everyday on my way to the office I see him on influences of consumerism. As if he wants to show us with how little a man can survive - a



survival. Yet the life they have opted for can never occur in the common people's wildest dream. At times their style of care-free and worriless life appears to be quite fascinating; at other even a bit enviable. But not many can think of a life so uncertain and unloved. Either you have to downgrade yourself to the peripheral role of so-

cial parasites or rise

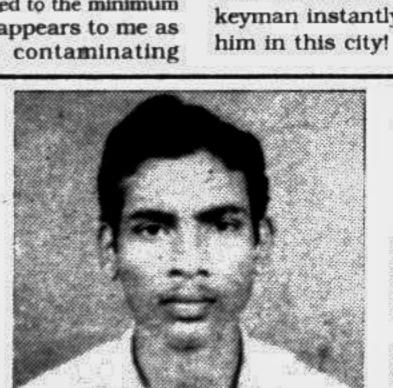
beyond pettiness and

material concerns.

No pretension of a

saint and yet com-

mitted to a secret cult of saintliness per-We however know little of it. What we really know is that many among us are vagabonds without really being one like the man on the footpath near the arboriculture garden. Otherwise, how come that a mountebank or a monkeyman instantly pull a large avid crowd around



Death anniversary of Nizamuddin BU

The 25th anniversary of death of Khawja Nizamuddin Bhuiyan Bir Uttam will be observed today, says a press re-

Nizamuddin, sub-sector commander of Sector 4 during the War of Liberation, was killed in a battle at Kanaighat of Sythet district on this day.

Nizamuddin was the son of late Abdul Latif Bhuiyan of Comilla.

Nizamuddin Memorial Committee has taken up elaborate programmes in Dhaka and Comilla to commemorate the

Besides, a day-long programme will be held at House 153, Road 03, Mohammadia Housing Society, Mohammadpur in the city in observance of

Friends, relations and admirers have been requested to attend.

the day.



Dr Ibrahim's death anniversary tomorrow

The eighth death anniversary of former National Professor Dr Mohammad Ibrahim will be observed tomorrow in a befitting manner, reports UNB.

Different organisations, including Diabetic Association of Bangladesh, BIRDEM Officers Club and Employees Welfare Association, have chalked out various programmes to observe the day.

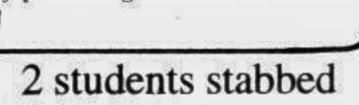
The Diabetic Association will place wreath at the mazar of Dr Ibrahim at Banani graveyard at 8 am, and hold seminar memorial meeting and milad mahfil on the day.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will attend as chief guest the memorial meeting at 5 pm at the outdoor of the Diabetic Hospital.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf, State Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs Dr Mozammel Haq and Mrs Sakina Ibrahim will also be pre-

At 10 in the morning, a seminar titled 'Diabetes Millitus and Eye Diseases' will be held at the BIRDEM auditorium. On the occasion, BIRDEM Officers' club has arranged a lecture on 'The Future of Science and Technology in Bangladesh"

on September 13.



in city

By Staff Correspondent Two college students were stabbed reportedly by a group of extortionists in North Goran area under Shabujbagh thana in the city yesterday evening. Monir Hossain, 20, a BA sec-

ond year student of Siddheswari College, and his friend Romel, 19, a first year B Com student of Suhrawardy College, were stabbed when they were in their video games shop in the area at about 7:30 pm. They were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), hospital sources

Locals who took the injured to the DMCH said that the gang of extortionists in the area stabbed the young men as they refused to give them toll.

However, Shabujbagh police said that they did not receive any complaint in this regard till last night

Classes resume Sept 7 Islamic varsity teachers call off strike

The Islamic University Teachers Association withdrew their indefinite strike Tuesday and the university will resume its classes on September 7 after Janmastami holidays from Sept 4 to 6, according to a press refease of the university, reports BSS.

The association, in another press release, said a delegation of the association met the Education Minister Sept 1 and after detailed discussions, the minister assured them of implementation of rotation system to the post of departmental chairman. Pollowing this assurance, the association decided to withdraw the strike.

YSDO awards 13

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman yesterday called for national consensus for eradication of poverty and unemployment from the country, reports BSS.

The minister said this while distributing awards among noted personalities for significant contributions in their respective fields.

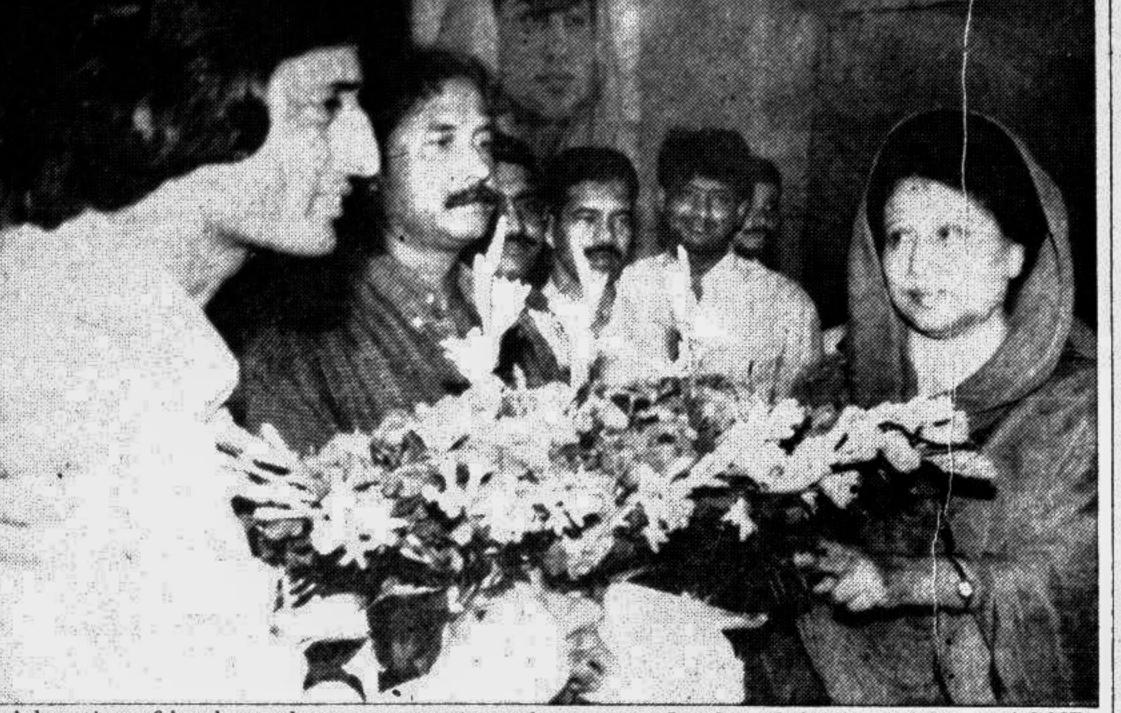
Youth and Social Development Organisation (YSDO), a socio-cultural organisaion, arranged the function at Public Library auditorium in the city yesterday.

The minister said, after the killing of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the anti-independence forces tried to lead the country towards a "reverse journey"

over the last 21 years. He called upon the country's intelligentia to put in their efforts to fulfil the dream of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by foiling the conspiracy of the evil forces.

He said, unless economic freedom is ensured, political freedom would be meaningless. Those who were awarded are:

Rabeva Khatun (Education) Lutfar Rahman Sarkar (Banking). Mohammad Emdadul Haq (Litterature). Delwar Hossain (Film), Salman Shah (acting). Maushumi (acting) LRB (Band Music). Zahid Hassan (TV acting). Bibi Russel (Fashion designing and modeling), Afsana Mimi (TV acting), K M Akhtaruzzaman (social service), Mozammel Hossain Bhulu (social organiser) and S M Masum (dance direction)



A delegation of bank employees presenting a bouquet to Leader of the Opposition and BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia during a meet to exchange views at her official Minto Road residence yesterday. - Star photo

166 arrested Police arrested 166 people on

various charges from different parts of the city in 24 hours till 8 am yesterday, reports UNB, Of them, 29 were arrested Seminar on Bangladesh economy: A day-long seminar on "Bangladesh Economy: Current State and Future under warrant of arrest. Options," jointly organised by the Bangladesh Economic-Association and the Centre for Policy Dialogue, will be held.

Memo No. 486

4 lakh people have invested in stock market so far

Over four lakh pe ople have so far invested in the country's stock market and the number is increasing by 25 per cent annually, Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) Chairman Initiyaz Husain said in the city yesterday.

He told BSS that the government should fix its priority in allowing more bigger economic sectors to enter into the country's capital market to enable the growing investors to take part in the mainstream economic development.

He said "at present the companies which are listed with the stock exchanges are smaller. We want big companies to enter into the stock market which will represent the bigger sectors like energy or fertiliser. He said when an investor

will buy a share of such big companies he would buy his share of the national economy in real term, he said. The DSE chairman said such

steps would help the govern-

ment create job opportunities

and improve the quality of life. The DSE chairman said priority for privatisation of different sectors was the answer to the problems of alleviating poverty and establishing social justice.

comed the governments decision to set up private export processing zone.

Husain said with the growing number of investors the demand for shares had already

surpassed the supply of shares. This has mainly created a buoyancy in the market. Moreover, the political stability and favourable budgetary measures by the new government had encouraged the people to make investments in the capital mar-

ket, he said.

The DSE chairman said the size of investors was growing also because of the wider media coverage and inherent challenging image of stock trading.
"It is indeed very challenging for a person become a businessman without going through difficult process of conventional business," he said.

Husain, however, said that there were some deliberate speculation in the market which is pushing up prices of some shares and they would come down through price correction.

Other leading brokers of the stock exchange said the depth of the market had to be increased to maintain the healthy growth of the country's capital market.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

In this connection, he wel-

Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works E/M Division-4, Dhaka

Dated: 28-8-96/13-5-1403 BS

Short Tender Notice No. 12(1996-97)

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited on item rate basis; for the undermentioned work from Public Works Directorate enlisted special first class & first class (E/M) contractor firms/tender stated items manufacturing firms or their local agents or manufacturer approved local representatives who must possess valid ABC/Electrical contractor's licence with past experience of satisfactory completion of supplying, installing or repairing HT switch gear of minimum one 500 KVA Indoor Electric Sub-Station under a single work order and VAT registration certificate of National Board of Revenue.

Group No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed
1.	Replacing out of order HT switch gear of electric sub-station for Building No. 4 of Bangladesh Secretariat (1996-97 financial year)		2% (two per cent) of total quoted value	60 (sixty) days
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Tenders can be dropped in the tender box kept at the office of Executive Engineer, Public Works Eden Building Division/Mechanical Workshop Division/Wooden Workshop 'Division as well as E/M Division No. 1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8 Dhaka up to 12-00 Noon of 15-9-96 and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 12-00 Noon before the participating contractors/their nominated representatives willing to be present. Interested firms with required experience shall have to obtain written permission to purchase tender by application in prescribed form (available free of cost from this office) with experience certificate from the authority concerned (officer of minimum Executive Engineer's status), VAT registration certificate, agency certificate/ enlistment register etc. (where applicable) to the Superintending Engineer, Public Works E/M Circle-2. Dhaka through this Division minimum 5 (five) days prior to the last date of selling tender. Firms obtaining permission can purchase the tender form on payment of T'k 775/= (seven hundred seventy-five) only (non-refundable) latest up to 14-9-96 during office hours from Executive Engineer, Public Works Eden Building Division/Mechanical Workshop Division/Wooden Workshop Division as well as Public Works E/M. Division No. 1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, Dhaka.

Earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) of the total quoted amount in the form of BD/CD/PD/SDR from any scheduled bank approved by Bangladesh Bank in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-4, Dhaka should be deposited with the tender.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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