

## Metropolitan

## Shahabuddin best choice for presidency, says Pak daily

"The Muslim", a leading English-language daily of Pakistan, in its September 3 issue, published a post editorial under the caption "An Example to Emulate" where the newspaper appreciated the President-elect of Bangladesh, Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, reports BSS.

The post-editorial said that he is a true example of simple living and high thinking man and a person with strong views. A complete consensus exists on Shahabuddin that he is the best person to be the President of Bangladesh.

The daily highly appreciated the decision of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wajed for choosing the best candidate for the presidency. It said that Bangladesh has a president who enjoys everybody's respect and in case of conflict and crisis, he is singularly and outstandingly suited to steer the ship of the state out of the troubled waters.

The Muslim said that it gives the people of Pakistan very great pleasure to see their brotherly country Bangladesh being led by people like Shahabuddin to a bright future. Never in the history of Indo-Pakistan, an humble, modest, upright and meritorious man has had such a meteoric rise and rarely such lavish compliments have been paid to a man like Shahabuddin who has avoided corridors of power all his life.

The News, another daily published from Islamabad in an exclusive item in its September 2 issue headlined, "Bangladesh Government Vying for All-Party Consensus" said that the new government of Bangladesh led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attached priority to the literacy programme and also structured the budget to subsidise farming inputs.

Quoting the High Commissioner of Bangladesh, Q A M Rahim, the leading daily said that in order to help the farmers further, the import tariff on certain agricultural equipment has been reduced. In some cases, the tariffs have been cut from 30-45 per cent to 2.5 per cent.

Among the more significant domestic policies of the present government is the liberalisation of the economy and the policy of privatisation will not be stopped.

The News said that with so many issues to address, perhaps it is too early to speculate, but the experts said that the new Bangladesh government, after two years of unrest, would be able to bring a positive change by addressing all the issues confronted by the nation, the report added.



Jatiyatabadi Mahila Dal brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting alleged harassment of BNP activists and price-hike of essentials. — Star photo

## US financial consultant says

## 'Develop own brands of readymade garments to raise profit margins'

By Staff Correspondent

A US financial consultant has said Bangladesh should develop its own brands of readymade garments which are popular in the American market, to raise the exporters' profit margins.

"You should go to the consumer directly," said Richard Crawford, president, New Vision Financial, and principal, Madison Financial Group USA adding garments manufacturers should develop their advertising and marketing strategies. Crawford was responding to panelists in Dhaka and Calcutta in a Worldnet dialogue on "Competitive Strategy and Competition in an Open Economy," broadcast live through satellite from Washington DC, USA yesterday. Dhaka panelists included Imtiaz Hossain, chairman, Dhaka Stock Exchange and Shahed Latif, managing director, Grameen Telecom Limited.

Held at the USIS auditorium

in the city, the Worldnet discussion was also attended by Donald Bishop, director, USIS, Timothy L Forsyth, economic and commercial officer, US embassy, Dhaka.

Talking about the prospect of South Asia's emerging economies Crawford said, India and Bangladesh could do well in some sectors where they have comparative advantages, like software technology, readymade garments and telecommunications.

"You speak English, which helps you to communicate with 400 million people in USA, Britain and Australia," the financial expert said, adding language is one of the major factors in flourishing business worldwide.

Crawford, who has also written a book titled, "Era of Human Capital," said it is not capital alone that would help us build our economy, rather, it is trained and skilled manpower,

which we already have in our country.

He also suggested that local companies should merge with multinational companies to do good business.

Citing examples from the US economy, where some companies were bound to go out of business due to lack of competitiveness, the New Vision leader said, "It is not correct that developing nations lose business in free market," and added that quality products and price competitiveness would expand the Subcontinent's markets throughout the world.

Citing another example of the then emerging Japan's economy, the financial expert said, at the beginning, Japan was also not making high profit but later, it successfully penetrated into the global market through its quality products and price competitiveness.

## JAGPA against giving transit facilities to India

Jatiya Ganatantrik Party (JAGPA) yesterday brought out a procession and held a rally in the city protesting what it said the conspiracy to give transit facilities to India, reports UNB.

Addressing the rally, JAGPA Chief Shafiqul Alam Pradhan warned that the people at the cost of their lives would resist any move to give India transit facilities.

The rally was addressed, among others, by JAGPA vice president AKA Aziz and general secretary Anisur Rahman, said a party press release.

Meanwhile, Maulana Sadeque Ahmad Siddiqui, chairman, Tahfij-e-Haramine Parishad Bangladesh, in a press statement has protested the advocacy of a certain quarter to allow transit facility to India through Bangladesh and said that it would be suicidal for Bangladesh to do so.

Transit, if given, will be injurious and a threat to the security and independence of Bangladesh. The result of allowing one-sided transit facility to India will be dangerous for Bangladesh. India will get the advantage of bringing its manufactured, products and military hardware directly to Chittagong port if transit is allowed, the statement said.

## OFA reunion

Old Faujians Association (OFA), Dhaka chapter will organise a get-together followed by a cultural programme on the September 19 at 7 pm in Hwang Ho Chinese Restaurant, says a press release.

Interested Old Faujians and families are requested to contact OFN A Z M Saifuddin (Saif) of 30th batch (secretary, Sports & Cultural Affairs) by 15th September for cultural show at OFA secretariat (Eastern Plaza, Floor 8, suite 15 & 16) during 6:30 to 8 pm.

## Noor Uddin al-Masud's chehlum today

The chehlum of Noor Uddin al-Masud, former Secretary to the President, will be held today after Asar prayers at Tenament House, 2 Eskaton Garden Road, says a PID press release.

Noor Uddin al-Masud died on August 2 at 4:30 am in city's Suhrawardi Hospital following a cardiac arrest. He left behind his wife, two sons and one daughter.

Friends, relatives and admirers of Noor Uddin have been requested to attend the chehlum.

## Obituary

Abdul Mannan Sharif, a senior official of Agrani Bank, principal branch and a former student leader, died of a heart attack at his Juran residence yesterday morning, family sources said. He was 57, reports BSS.

Sharif, who actively took part in the War of Liberation in 1971, was a former president of greater Barisal district Chhatra League and vice-president of Barisal Brojomohun College Students Union. He has also taken part in the anti-Ayub movement in 1962.

He has left behind his wife, three sons, a daughter and a host of relations and friends to mourn his death.

Kamrunnessa Chowdhury, wife of poet Belal Chowdhury, died yesterday morning at her Kakrail residence in the city. She was 48, reports BSS.

Family sources said Kamrunnessa Chowdhury died of brain haemorrhage. She was also suffering from various ailments for the last several years.

Chowdhury leaves behind her husband, one daughter and two sons.

The namaj-e-janaza of Chowdhury was held at the Purnan, Palan, Jam, Masjid. Later, her body was sent to Nimtali under Sharshadi of Feni district for burial.

The qulhwani of the deceased will be held today at her village home.

## Flood situation in Rajshahi div likely to aggravate

Flood situation of Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj and Natore districts may aggravate further, although the rivers of four basins of the country are likely to fall, reports UNB.

Moreover, the flood situation of Manikganj, Munshiganj and Dhaka districts will deteriorate during the period, said a Bulletin of Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre.

Local officials have been advised to remain alert in the wake of flood which may cause damage to roads, embankments and culverts in Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj districts.

The bulletin said the Brahmaputra may fall at all points and continue to flow below its danger mark except at Aricha where it may flow over 20 cm above the danger level. The Ganges may also fall at all points, but continued to flow above danger mark by 30 cm at Rajshahi 22 cm at Hardinge Bridge, 15 cm at Goulundo and 50 at Bhaigyakul.

All the rivers in the Meghna and the South Eastern Hill basins may further fall and flow below their danger levels.

Meantime, very light to moderate rainfall was recorded at many places over the Brahmaputra, the Ganges and the South Eastern Hill basins with light to heavy fall at most

places over the Meghna basin.

The Ganges, in the Ganges Basin, recorded further fall at Pankha, Goulundo and Bhaigyakul and recorded slight rise at Rajshahi and Hardinge Bridge in last 12 hours till 6 am yesterday.

The river was flowing above danger level by 1.82 m at Pankha, 36 cm at Rajshahi, 25 cm at Hardinge Bridge, 18 cm at Goulundo and 52 cm at Bhaigyakul.

Also in the basin, the Mahananda at Chapainawabganj registered slight rise and it was flowing 1.11 m above its danger level.

In the Brahmaputra Basin, the Brahmaputra recorded further fall at Chilmari, Bahadurabad, Sirajganj and Aricha. The river was flowing 22 cm above its danger mark at Aricha.

Whereas, the Gumti, in the Meghna Basin, recorded rise by 33 cm at Comilla while the Meghna of the same basin remained steady at Bhairab Bazar.

Besides, in the South Eastern Hill Basin, the Muhuri registered rise by 14 cm at Prashuram and the Haldi recorded further rise by 45 cm at Narayanhat and by 54 cm at Panchpukuria.

## Seminar on shrimp disease held in Khulna

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salauddin Yusuf has called upon officials of the Fisheries Department to maintain congenial environment for cultivation of shrimp with effective plans and programmes aimed at bringing about greater welfare of the rural masses, reports BSS.

The minister was speaking at a seminar on "Shrimp Disease: Its Prevention and Cure" arranged under the auspices of Fisheries and Livestock Department in connection with the Fish Fortnight-96, held at the Zia Hall auditorium in Khulna on Wednesday.

Presided over by Director General of Fisheries Directorate, Liaquat Ali, the seminar was also addressed, among others, by Mayor of Khulna City Corporation Shaikh Tayebur Rahman, Vice-Chancellor of Khulna University Dr Golam Ali Fakir and Director of Fisheries Research Institute Dr M A Majid.

Referring to cultivation of shrimp and its hazards, the minister advised the relevant authority to take effective measures to prevent recurrence of viral diseases in shrimp, keeping in mind environment-pollution problems. He said that the shrimp cultivators had suffered huge losses during the past years due to a virus that destroyed huge shrimp wealth in the southern belt of Khulna. He also stressed the need for setting up of more hatchery, both in public and private sectors, besides importing shrimp fry to

meet the increasing demand of the shrimp cultivators. He said that present government would provide all possible help in this sector.

Referring to the importance of shrimp wealth in our national economy, the minister advised that more developed technology instead of the age-old method should be introduced in increasing the production of shrimp in the country, to earn more foreign currency through export. He also advised cultivation of white fish side by side with shrimp to augment fish production.

Later, the health minister addressed the closing ceremony of the four-day orientation course of the newly admitted students of Khulna University at the university campus. Presided over by the Vice-Chancellor of the university, Professor Dr Golam Ali Fakir, the function was also addressed by former central minister of the then Pakistan and an octogenarian lawyer Advocate Deldar Ahmed.

Speaking on the occasion, the health minister asserted that the present government was determined to wipe out terrorism from the educational institutions. He called upon the people to extend their all-out co-operations to free the educational institutions from terrorism and maintain a congenial atmosphere on campus.

The minister expressed his happiness over terror-free environment prevailing in the campus.

## New Yemeni envoy calls on PM

Newly-appointed Yemeni Ambassador resident in New Delhi and concurrently accredited to Bangladesh Abdul Malik Ismail Mohamed called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Syed Ahmed and Foreign Secretary Farook Sobhan were also present on the occasion.

## Korean envoy meets Yusuf

Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bangladesh Jong Kyoo-Byun called on Health and Family Welfare Minister Salauddin Yusuf on the latter's office yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of mutual interest to the two countries, said a PID handout.

Health Secretary Muhammad Ali was also present.

## CAMPE's Literacy Day programme

Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE), an NGO, has organised a three-day programme on the occasion of International Literacy Day, to be observed in the city and across the country September 8, reports UNB.

On Sunday, CAMPE will hold a rally at National Museum at 8 am, stage a drama "Totakahini" by Tagore at Central Shaheed Minar in the morning, and discussion meetings at district level.

The drama will also be staged at three other venues — Sangsad Bhaban premises at 5 pm Friday, and in front of Jatiya Press Club and TSC of Dhaka University on Saturday and Sunday at the same time, said a press release yesterday.

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## CHEHLUM



Begum Dilruba Huda and Capt (Retd) M. Nurul Huda (Hiru) a Freedom fighter of sector 9 of the war of Liberation express their deep gratitude to the Friends, Well-wishers and relatives for their sympathy at the sad demise of their only son Late Rafi Ahmed (Shujon) who met his tragic end at the Sandy Hook Bay, New Jersey, USA, on 28 July, 1996. They also request all the relations, friends and well-wishers to

attend the Chehlum and offer prayers for the salvation of the departed soul to be held at the Banani DOHS Community Centre Street No. 2, Dhaka on Saturday 7th September 1996 after Asar prayers (at 5 PM).

## Interact Club donates stationery

The Interact Club of Motiheel yesterday distributed note books and pencils among the girl students of Motiheel P and T Primary School in observance of Literacy Week, reports UNB.

Presided over by Saleha Khatoun, headmistress of the school, the function was addressed by Farid Hossain, vice-president of Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka, district Interact representative Mahmud Hasan Rajiv and Interactors Ziaur Rahman, Rafiq Islam Sohel, Mujibur Rahman and Dewan Shibli Sadeq.

The Interact Club has decided to supply educational materials to the students of the school free of cost every month, says a press release.

## Attack on Dipankar Talukder MP slated

The Chittagong Hill Tracts National Coordination and Peace Council has condemned the attack on Dipankar Talukder MP and his colleagues, reports UNB.

In a statement, president of the council, Saiful Islam Dildar and secretary general Subinoy Chakma termed the attack as unprecedented. The leaders said the role of police was very suspicious as they did not act promptly, although, the incident took place near the Chandrahata station.

They demanded immediate arrest of the attackers and exemplary punishment of the responsible persons.

## JJP observes 20th anniversary

By Staff Correspondent

Jatiya Janata Party (JJP) chief Sheikh Asad said politics of the country should be free from influence of "black money", terrorism and political touts for the sake of development of the nation.

He was addressing a meeting of the party on the occasion of its 20th founding anniversary in the city yesterday. He also said the ideology of Bangabir General Osmani should be highlighted to strengthen democracy and establish peoples' rights.

The morning session of the meeting was also addressed by Advocate A K Siddiqui, Kabir Ahmed, Syed Azgar Ali, Gazi Najrul Islam, M D Rahman, Abul Kalam Nurul Islam.



A procession, denouncing the US missile attack on Iraq, was brought out in the city yesterday. — Star photo



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