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President, PM greet Chinese leaders

President Abdur Rahman
Biswas and Prime Minister
Sheikh Hasina have felicitated
Jiang Zemin, President and Li
Peng, Premier of the People's
Republic of China on the occasion
of the country's 46th
anniversary of founding. In
separate messages of
felicitation they expressed
confidence that the existing
relations between the two peoples
would be strengthened further.
They wished them good health
and happiness and expected
continued peace, progress and
prosperity of the people of
China, reports BSS.

Dhaka-Jamalpur bus service resumes

JAMALPUR, Sept 30: Bus
communication between Ja-
malpur and Dhaka via My-
mensingh resumed today after
25 days of suspension. The bus
communication on the routes
remained suspended since
September 5 following conflict
between the bus owners of Ja-
malpur and Dhaka, reports
UNB.

Arms recovered

CHITTAGONG, Sept 30: Chit-
tagong Metropolitan Police
(CMP) recovered two light guns,
one pipegun, seven rounds of
cartridges and arrested 24 mis-
creants from different areas of
the city today, reports BSS.

Plane, chopper service in pvt sector okayed Nat'l body on CHT formed, on arsenic problem soon

The government has formed a national committee, seeking a negotiated settlement of the longstanding Chittagong Hill Tracts problem, reports UNB.

Headed by Chief Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Abul Hasnat Abdullah, the committee will start its work soon to find out a solution of the CHT problem through discussion and understanding, according to an official announcement.

The committee also includes the Chittagong City Corporation mayor and other elite, including MPs.

It was constituted as per decision of the Cabinet meeting held yesterday with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

Earlier, the Cabinet yesterday adopted some important

decisions, including formation of a national committee on the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

The national committee would be formed to find out a way for political solution of the CHT problem.

The Cabinet also accepted a proposal from Parbatya Chittagong Janasanghati Samity, the political front of the Shantibahini, for extending the current truce up to October 31.

The Cabinet meeting endorsed a proposal for introducing airplane, including STAL, as well as helicopter service in the private sector in the domestic routes.

It hoped that the decision would open the country's sky gradually for private aircraft

and helicopter service in domestic routes, which is consistent with the free-market economic policy.

The Cabinet meeting was informed that an expert committee would be constituted to find out the source and extent of arsenic poisoning and means of prevention.

It also approved, in principle, the amendments to the Standard of Weights and Measures Ordinance 1982.

The meeting appreciated the contribution of outgoing Cabinet Secretary Ayubur Rahman in his professional life, including in the War of Liberation of Bangladesh, and his role during the free and fair elections held under caretaker government in 1991 and 1996.

Power tariff goes up by 10 pc today

By Staff Correspondent

A ten per cent rise in power tariff in the first phase will become effective today.

According to a government circular, the power rate will increase by another five per cent from December 1.

The power tariff for agriculture and irrigation users will remain unchanged.

According to the new tariff rate, the first 300 units of electricity will cost Tk 1.75 from today and Tk 1.85 from December 1 for domestic users instead of the previous rate of Tk 1.65 for the first 200 units.

The next 200 units will be charged at the rate of Tk 2.95 from today instead of the previous rate of Tk 2.75 for units beginning from 201 to 700. There will be no change of tariff for this category from December 1. From 700 units to 100 units.

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BAC may file cases against 5 more former BNP ministers

The Bureau of Anti-Corruption is poised to bring charges of corruption against five more senior ministers and two influential leaders of the previous BNP government.

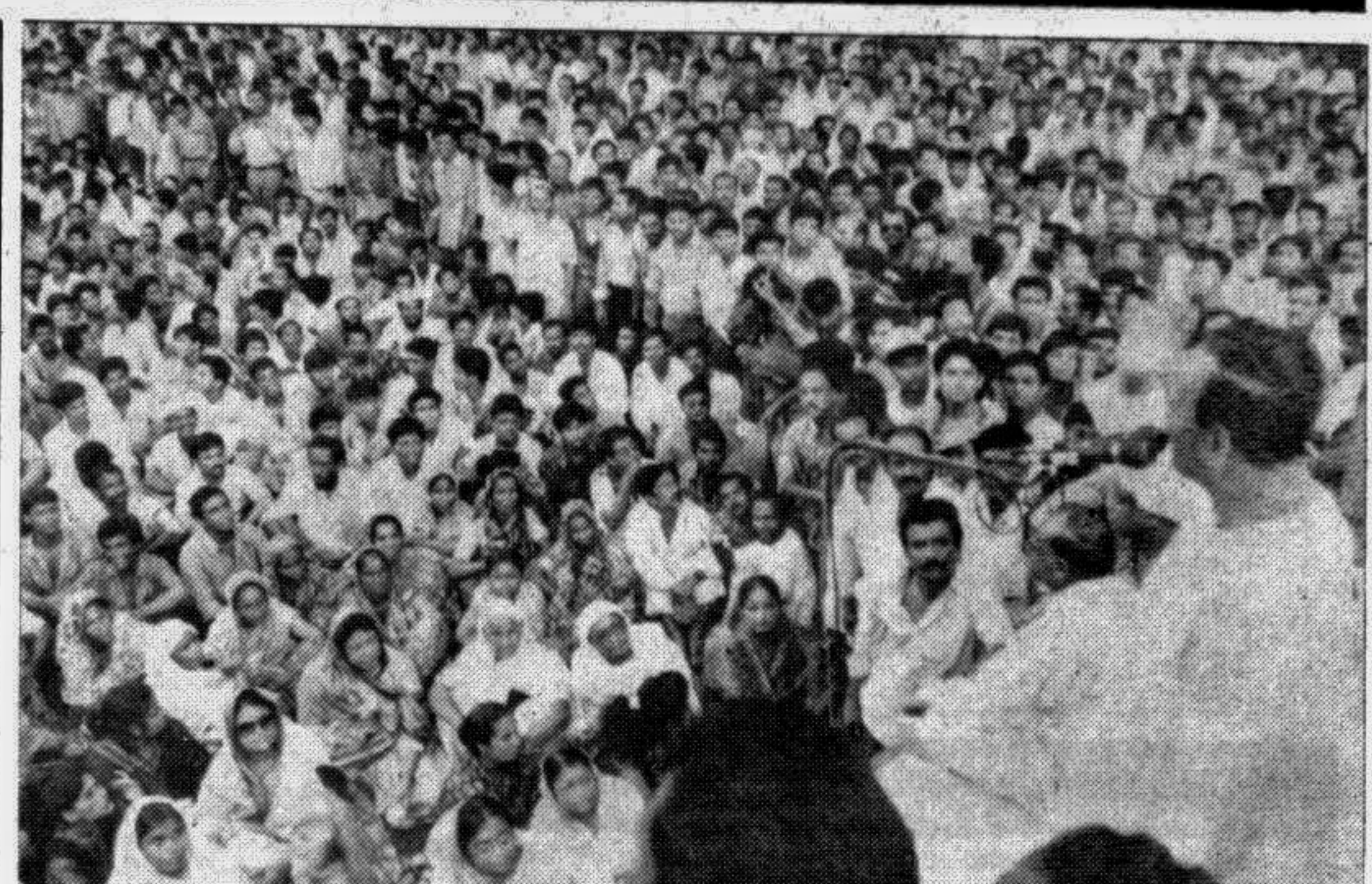
Competent sources told UNB that the Bureau had almost completed its investigations against former Law Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz, former LGED Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar, former Communications Minister Col (ret'd) Oli Ahmed, former Telecom-
munications Minister Tariqul Islam and former State Minister for Establishment Barrister Anisul Huq.

Charges are also being framed against DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman MP and AGS Nazimuddin Alam MP.

Mirza Golam Hafiz, according to the sources, is being sued for abuse of power in acquiring land for the Mirza Golam Hafiz estate at Savar. The local sub-registrar was allegedly bribed for acquiring the land.

The Bureau is also investigating a series of charges against former Communications Minister Col (ret'd) Oli Ahmed. These included buying a house in Boston, USA, and the

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BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan addressing a big rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Fresh BNP programme 'Meet demands by Oct 15 or face tougher action'

The BNP yesterday announced a fortnight-long action programme for six divisional headquarters to press its demand for end to government's 'repressive' measures against its leaders and workers, reports UNB.

The programme includes massive demonstration, procession and rally, also designed to press for resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Abu Hena for his 'partisan' role in conducting polls.

Announcing the programme from a big rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club, BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan MP gave the government time until October 15 to meet the demands with a note of warning, that they would be forced to go for tougher action if the demands were not met.

The BNP secretary general and former minister strongly criticised the Awami League government's decision to suspend issuance of voter identity cards, saying the motive of the ruling party behind it is to rig

future polls.

He made it clear that there would be no election in future without identity card and urged the government to rescind its decision and revive the ID card project to ensure free and fair elections.

In an assault on the CEC, Bhuiyan said Abu Hena was playing totally a partisan role like the Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad. 'The CEC is not less than an activist of a political party. His activity shows that he is an active worker of a certain party.'

Addressing the huge gathering, the BNP leader alleged that over 100 leaders and workers of the BNP and its front organisations had been killed within 100 days of the Awami League government.

During the period, he said, thousands of BNP men were arrested and several thousand others charged in various 'false' cases. This government is a litigious government. This government only knows how to file false cases against its opposi-

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Tk 40cr allocated for expansion of Dhaka EPZ

The board of governors of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) at a meeting last night with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair took five important decisions on its development programmes, reports BSS.

The decisions included allocation of Taka 40 crore for the expansion of Dhaka EPZ project. The expansion over 214.34 acres of land would be completed by next year.

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ME summit in Washington today

JERUSALEM, Sept 30: PLO leader Yasser Arafat is planning to fly to Washington for the summit on rescuing Israel-Palestinian peace talks and there is no indication the Washington meeting will be delayed, a Palestinian official said today, reports AP.

President Clinton's Mideast summit had been thrown into

WASHINGTON, Sept 30: Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak will not attend the Middle East crisis summit in Washington being organised by US President Bill Clinton, the White House said today, reports Reuters.

question today when a PLO official said Arafat asked that it be postponed until its success could be assured.

Arafat was expected to fly to Luxembourg this afternoon for discussions with European Community officials and then

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BSSP won't join 5th Wage Board till demands met

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Sammilita Sangbadpatra Parishad (BSSP) has expressed its resentment at what it called the government's indifference to its demands.

The BSSP at an emergency meeting yesterday observed with deep concern that no step has yet been taken regarding fulfilment of its demands even after the Prime Minister's as-

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23 DCs appointed

The government has appointed 23 new Deputy Commissioners, an official announcement said last night, reports UNB.

Personal Secretary to Home Minister Mohammad Abdul Mobarak has been appointed Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka. Personal Secretary-1 to Prime Minister A.K.M. Fazlul Ahad DC of Narayanganj. Deputy Secretary of Home Ministry Golam Kibria M Nurul Amin DC of Moulavi Bazar and Director of National Savings Director Achchuta Pada Gostami DC of Jamalpur.

Deputy Secretary of Education Ministry Khandaker Abu Mohammad Abdullah has been appointed DC of Bagerhat. Personal Secretary to Health and Family Welfare Minister Halem Ali Khan DC of Barisal. Director of Special Affairs Division KM Abul Kalam DC of Noakhali

and CMM of Chittagong AKM Wahidul Islam DC of Brahmanbaria.

BPATC Director Mohammad Nazrul Islam has been appointed DC of Nawabganj. Deputy Secretary of the Shipping Ministry Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman DC of Pabna. Deputy Director of Civil Aviation Authority Abu Naser Ahmed DC of Bogra. Deputy Secretary of the Land Ministry Moazzem Hossain DC of Rangpur and Deputy Director of Anti-Corruption Bureau Azizur Rahman DC of Dinajpur.

Deputy Secretary of the Establishment Ministry Nasir Uddin has been appointed DC of Gabandha. Director of Khulna Investment Board Farit Kanti Roy Chowdhury DC of Lalmonirhat. Personal Secretary to Foreign Minister Mohammad Abdul Malek Mia DC of

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The Daily Star-BUP round-table in city Water policy should meet long, short term needs

Star Report

Participants at a round-table on 'National Water Policy of Bangladesh' in the city yesterday stressed the need for all-out efforts to formulate a water policy to accelerate the pace of development.

They observed that the policy should meet both long and short term needs of the country, taking into account the availability of water in 54 common rivers and the ground water resources.

The policy should be formulated without depending on foreign consultants, the participants said.

The round-table was jointly organised by The Daily Star and Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP), at Sonargaon Hotel.

Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam moderated the round-table while BUP Chairman Dr Gazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmed chaired it.

Gazi Kholiquzzaman initiated the discussion by presenting

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The Daily Star and Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad jointly organised a round-table on National Water Policy of Bangladesh at a city hotel yesterday.

— Star photo

250000 people flee Kabul? Taliban seal border with Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (Pakistan). Sept 30: The Taliban army that now controls most of Afghanistan closed the main border crossing with Pakistan today, after the Pakistanis refused to yield to a demand to allow free movement across the frontier, reports AP.

The dispute emerged on the same day Pakistan's foreign minister was quoted as saying his country recognised the Taliban as Afghanistan's legitimate government.

Thousands of people were stranded on both sides of the Torkham frontier post when the Afghan side of the crossing was closed without notice at about midday.

Taliban fighters refused entry to a convoy of 25 trucks laden with humanitarian supplies from the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Pakistani border guards fired over the heads of some 400 Afghans who tried to storm across the border on foot. No one was hurt by the bullets, but two people were injured in the ensuing scramble.

Pakistani officials at the border said Taliban officials

had demanded that anyone be able to drive or walk through without documents. Pakistan refused, saying only Afghans with papers showing they were refugees living in Pakistan can enter Pakistan.

AFP adds: Almost a quarter of Kabul's population have fled the shattered capital as the Taliban imposed strict Islamic law in the city.

About 250,000 people have fled the city, which had a population of more than one million before the Taliban takeover on Friday, according to aid workers, residents and observers.

Many more were preparing to leave, they said.

Another reports says, the Taliban has ordered civil servants and military officials to grow beards or face severe punishment. Radio Kabul announced early today.

'We seriously ask all civil servants and military cadres to grow a beard within the next one and a half months and to refrain from trimming it,' the Taliban controlled radio said.

It warned: 'Violators of this rule will be seriously dealt with.'



ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশন, ঢাকা

আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখুন

আপনার শিশুর টিকা দিন

করপোরেশনের হোল্ডিং কর সংক্রান্ত জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সম্মানিত করদাতাগণের অনুরোধক্রমে চলতি আর্থিক বৎসরের (১৯৯৬-৯৭ সনের) ৪ (চার) কিস্তির পৌর কর রিটেটসহ পরিশোধ-এর তারিখ আগামী ১৫/১০/৯৬ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করা হইল।

২। সুতরাং, আগামী ১৫/১০/৯৬ইং তারিখের মধ্যে বকেয়াসহ সমুদয় কর এককালীন পরিশোধ করিয়া হাল (১৯৯৬-৯৭ সনের) ৪ (চার) কিস্তির করের উপর শতকরা ১০ (দশ) টাকা হারে রিটেটের সুযোগ গ্রহণ করিয়া মহানগরীর উন্নয়নমূলক কাজে সহায়তা দান করার জন্য সম্মানিত করদাতাগণকে অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।

৩। রিটেটের এই সুযোগ সকল সরকারী, আধা-সরকারী, স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠান, ব্যক্তিগতকানাধীনসহ সকল হোল্ডিং-এর ক্ষেত্রে প্রযোজ্য।

৪। ১৫/১০/৯৬ ইং তারিখের পর খেলাপী করদাতাদের বিরুদ্ধে আদালতে মামলা দায়ের করা হইবে।

মোঃ সোলায়মান মল্লিক

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Appeal to Country men on the International Day of the Elderly '96

It is needless to mention that there is a considerable number of helpless old people in the country who have neither ability nor means of earning their livelihood other than depending on a pittance from strangers because their children have forsaken them in their hour of need. It is often observed that old people are being mistreated by their own flesh and blood just because they did not have the strength to fend themselves. These old people are none but someone's parents. In the young age they sacrificed their life for bringing up their children. They left no stone unturned for the betterment of their children. They endeavoured for the comforts of their children at the cost of their own happiness. Although they had spent a lifetime trying to provide for their children, the kids find them to be a burden in the twilight of their lives. We must realise that the days will come when we will also become old and then our position might be the same. We might also face the similar situation by way of driven out by our children refusing support to us. From this viewpoint we should think of our duties to the old people. Conscious and enlighten people of the society should also come forward to do something for the helpless old people on humanitarian ground.

With an aim of discharging duties to the old people 10 years ago I established Old Home Rehabilitation Centre at my own initiative and with own finance, providing therein facilities of Shelter, Clothings, Medicine, Food etc. towards overall rehabilitation of the helpless old people of 60 years and above.

The centre is being successfully run till now. The centre is now situated on a plot of land of 60 bighas near Monipur Bazar, Rajendrapur, Gazipur. An extension project for rehabilitation of around 5000 old people has been undertaken by me. Noble Prize winner Ms. Mother Teresa laid the foundation stone of this project on the 21st April, 1995. I would request the country men to extend co-operation in providing me with the information of help-less old people through out the country.

In this auspicious international day I extend my heartiest feelings and best wishes to the old people of home and abroad. I also appeal to the countrymen specially young generation to come forward to render services and perform duties to the distressed people by way of making arrangement for their rehabilitation.

In fine, I once again make appeal to all concerned not to neglect and mistreat the old people who once took immense trouble for our establishment in the society and arrange to send them to me towards giving me the opportunity to accommodate them in my aforesaid centre with all basic amenities of life which every human being has a right to enjoy.

KHATIB ABDUL ZAHID MUKUL
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