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**'Scouting should be turned into social movement'**

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed Thursday said that scouting should be turned into a social movement for the overall development of the country, reports UNB.

The President, who is also the Chief Scout, was speaking as chief guest at the inaugural function of the 24th triennial general meeting of Bangladesh Scouts at the Scout Bhaban.

He said efforts should be made to integrate dedicated people in the scouting movement to make scouting acceptable to common man. And so the scouting programmes should be expanded at the field level, he added.

**Obituary**  
By Staff Correspondent.

Prof Dr Sofia Hasna Jahan Ali (Dolly), the first female Professor of the Department of Economics of the Dhaka University, died of liver complications on December 25 midnight.

Prof Sofia, wife of former Secretary and member of Planning Commission Dr Sheikh Maksud Ali, left behind her husband, daughter, three sons and a host of relatives and well wishers, said press release.

A brilliant student in her academic career, Prof Sofia did her MA (thesis) and PhD under Commonwealth scholarship at Manchester University in UK.

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**Ahmed Humayun denies report, pleads innocence**

Ahmed Humayun, former editor of the Dainik Bangla under Times-Bangla Trust on Wednesday issued a rejoinder on the news item over his involvement in corruption during his time as editor of the daily, reports BSS.

BSS could not use the rejoinder as it reached late night. Ahmed Humayun pleaded his innocence for all the charges with regard to lifting regard to lifting and use of newsprint, appointment of staff members in the paper and international edition (London edition) of the Dainik Bangla. The former editor referred to the appointment of handling agent of newsprint but not to lifting and use of the item for the paper. He said that the charges were as much ridiculous as they were motivated.

BSS reporter quoted an official investigation and said that only during the sixth month ending August last, the paper is said to have received 236.60 tons of newsprints as against an allocation of 761.40 tons during the period. The investigation expressed its suspicion about the balance of the allotted quota amounting to 524.80 tons of newsprint. The price of the newsprint allotted for newspaper and its price in the open market differed substantially over and above there was a serious crisis of newsprint in the open market during the period. The investigation report said that newsprints are lifted under the signature of the authority of the paper and as such the responsibility rests on him.

The price of newsprint for newspaper is roughly Tk 22,000 per ton while its open market price during the crisis is over Tk 50,000 per ton leaving a margin of Tk 30,000 a ton. Thus 524.80 tons bring an amount of Taka over one and a half crore.

The reports said a total of 49 persons were given appointment during the period between May 1993 and January 1996. The basic salary of an individual among these persons ranges between Tk 1800 and Tk 5000.

From October 1993 to September 1995 an amount of Tk 4,54,250 was paid to 22 different employees in Dhaka on account of international edition (London edition) of the paper. This amount was in addition to remuneration for 2 retainers in London.

**Apex body**  
K E Haque and S A H Kazi were elected president and secretary general respectively of Bangladesh Biman Officers' Association, reports BSS.

A 14-member executive committee of the association were elected in the election held on Thursday

**Censor certificate of 2 films suspended**

Bangladesh Film Censor Board has suspended censor certificates of two English feature films for illegal screening of those with uncensored obscene scenes at two cinema halls of Chittagong, reports UNB.

'Rock on Fire' of Sagar Films International and 'Only Response' of Ranks Films International were screened at Sagarica and Dinar cinema halls in the port city respectively.

The screening of these films will remain suspended in the country until further orders.

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**Nachiketa will perform musical programme from Jan 5**

Noted Indian singer Nachiketa Chakrobarty will perform a three-day musical programme in the city from January 5, reports UNB.

Circle, an organisation working for rootless and rightless people, has organised the programme to be held at Engineers' Institution on January 5-6 and at the National Indoor Stadium on January 7.

The sale proceeds of the programme would be utilised for the welfare of the rootless people in the country.

**Jagannath students' appeal**  
By Staff Correspondent

Forty-three students of Psychology Department of the Jagannath University College yesterday appealed to the authorities to lift a two-year ban on appearing at the Masters final examination on humanitarian grounds.

Students at a press conference in the city said that they had appeared before M. Sc (Final Part) examinations under Dhaka University in 1992, but their results were withheld and they were expelled for two years.

They pleaded that as they are getting older enough to be proved unfit for seeking government jobs, their cases could be considered on humanitarian grounds so that two-year penalty period is exempted.

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