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Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia hosted an iftar party for professionals at her official Minto Road residence in the city yesterday. — Star photo

'Sub-regional grouping will threaten sovereignty'

Speakers at a seminar in the city yesterday said the proposed sub-regional cooperation would not only destroy the SAARC but also threaten the sovereignty of Bangladesh, reports UNB.

The seminar on "Transit: Sub-regional Cooperation Versus SAARC" was organised by the SAARC Society at the Jatiya Press Club in the afternoon.

Among others, Dr Maniruzzaman Talukder, Prof Razia Akhter Banu, Dr Aftabuddin Ahmed, Prof Ferdous Hossain and Dr Muhammad Abdur Rouf of Dhaka University, Editor of the Daily Sangram Abul Asad, president of the Jatiya Press Club Reazuddin Ahmed, Barrister Abur Razzaque, Prof Abdur Rob and Dr Tozammel Hossain addressed the seminar.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad formally moved the proposal for a sub-regional cooperation, comprising

Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and the Indian states having geographical contiguity with Bangladesh at the meeting of the SAARC Council of Ministers in New Delhi last month.

Addressing the seminar, Dr Maniruzzaman said that the unequal water-sharing treaty, the planned Asian highway, the question of transit facility and the sub-regional cooperation are all parts of a deliberate mechanism to turn India into a super power.

Describing the water-sharing treaty as a "political accord," Prof Razia said that it would only serve the interest of India.

She remarked that if the move to allow India a transit through the territory of Bangladesh is not resisted, the country will lose its existence.

Ferdous Hossain was also critical of the water-sharing treaty saying: "This is an eye-wash arrangement ... it will never be accepted by the people of Bangladesh."

Prof Abdur Rouf warned that any step to give India the transit facility through the country would turn Bangladesh into another Vietnam.

"India wants a corridor through Bangladesh to make its military forces more powerful," Abul Asad said.

SAARC Society president Nazim Habibuzzaman chaired the function while its secretary general Azizul Haque Banna presented the keynote paper.

In his presidential speech, Habibuzzaman alleged that the government had dishonoured the Liberation War of 1971 by joining hands with India to crush the "war of independence in the seven Bengali-speaking eastern states of India."

President hosts iftar party

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed hosted an iftar party for the orphans at Bangabhaban yesterday evening, reports BSS.

Earlier, President Shahabuddin enquired about the welfare of the orphans.

Munajat was offered for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the nation.

Envoy of Nepal calls on Shahabuddin

Lok Bahadur Shrestha, Ambassador of Nepal to Bangladesh, paid a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

Shrestha said Nepal values her friendship with Bangladesh.

Welcoming the ambassador, President Shahabuddin Ahmed hoped that the excellent bilateral relations between the two countries will be further strengthened in future.

Chinese team meets Speaker

The visiting high powered Chinese delegation led by the governor of Hainan Province Ruan Chongwa, had a meeting with the Speaker, Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury, at Sangsad Bhaban yesterday morning, reports BSS.

During the meeting the Speaker said that the relations between Bangladesh and the People's Republic of China was based on firm foundation and added that this relations would continue to grow further.

Chowdhury said that Bangladesh parliament was keen to establish closer cooperation with the parliament of China.

Khaleda hosts iftar party

BNP chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia hosted an iftar party for the professionals at her Minto Road official residence, reports UNB.

University teachers, lawyers, engineers, doctors, agriculturists and other professionals joined her in iftar. They also exchanged pleasantries with her.

Begum Zia thanked the professionals for attending the function.

DU VC hosts iftar party

Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof A K Azad Chowdhury yesterday hosted an iftar party at his official residence in honour of the representatives of the registered graduates in the senate, reports BSS.

Painting show by Bangladesh artists opens in Calcutta

A week-long paintings exhibition by Bangladeshi and Indian artists was inaugurated in Calcutta by noted litterateur Annada Shankar Ray, according to a message received here yesterday, reports BSS.

The paintings of four artists — Saeeda Kamal of Bangladesh and Reena Jain, Iyotsna Habib, A B D Kalyan Bose of India — will be on display in the exhibition till January 27.

A large number of artists, art fans, intellectuals, journalists, critics and elite of the city attended the inaugural function. Joint Bangla Art Form organised the exhibition.

Zillur visits fire-ravaged area at Siddique Bazar

Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Zillur Rahman yesterday visited the fire-ravaged area at Siddique Bazar in the city and conveyed to the affected people the sincere sympathy of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for them, reports BSS.

He assured the owners, workers and employees of the business houses gutted by Tuesday night devastating fire that the government would provide all possible help for their rehabilitation.

The blaze caused by an electric short circuit reduced 25 small factories and business houses into ashes. Loss due to fire is estimated at Taka 10 crore.

AL leader Jahangir indisposed

By Staff Correspondent

The health condition of Awami League leader K M Jahangir, MP, is improving gradually. The lawmaker, is now being treated for chest pain under a medical board at National Heart Institute in the city, says a press release.

Minister of State for Health, Dr Amanullah Khan yesterday visited the ailing MP and enquired about his health condition.

Besides, Deputy Minister for Shipping Dharendra Devnath Shambhu, AL leader Dr Mosjafa Jalal Mohiuddin and a number of party leaders, MPs and leaders of its front organisations visited Jahangir and prayed for his early recovery.

Asiatic Society of Bangladesh Halima-Sharafuddin Award 1997

Entries are invited from Bangladeshi research scholars for the Asiatic Society Halima-Sharafuddin Award 1997. This is an award worth Tk 40,000.00 (Taka forty thousand) only and a certificate of commendation. The entries for the award must be original contribution published either in English or Bangla in any field of Science and Technology and broadly within the scope of Man and Nature of Asia. The publication should have been done within the period of January 1995 — December 1996. Entries in the form of book or monograph (3 copies) are to be submitted to: The Secretary, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, 5, Old Secretariat Road, Nimtali, Ramna, Dhaka-1000. The deadline for receipt of entries is: 28 February 1997. Entry forms may be obtained from the Society's Office. D-89

HERE and THERE

Dhaka University

A condolence meeting was held yesterday at TSC auditorium of the Dhaka University at the death of M Abdul Aziz, lecturer of Pharmacy Department and Dr Sufia Hasna Jahan Ali, Professor of the Department of Economics of the university with Vice-Chancellor Prof A K Azad Chowdhury in the chair.

The Vice-Chancellor paid glowing tributes to the memories of Aziz and Dr Sufia Jahan Ali and recalled their contributions to their respective Departments. He also prayed for the salvation of the departed souls of the deceased and expressed his profound sympathy to the members of the bereaved families. The Vice-Chancellor also assured of providing financial assistance and cooperation to Aziz's family.

One-minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to the deceased and munajat was offered seeking peace for the departed souls.

Nasirnagar Thana Students Assoc

A 31-member executive committee of Nasirnagar Thana Students Welfare Association in Dhaka was elected at the annual general meeting of the association in the city Sunday. Md Abbasuddin and Md Wahiduzzaman were elected president and general secretary of the association. Earlier, vice-president of the association Md. Abdullah chaired the annual general meeting where advisory committee members Advocate Mahfiz Mia, Salahuddin Mukul and Younus Bhuiyan, among others, spoke.

Weather

Night temp may fall

Severe cold wave is likely to sweep over Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Kushtia and Mymensingh in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today reports UNB.

Met Office forecast mild or moderate cold wave elsewhere over the country.

Weather may remain mainly dry across the country, weathermen added.

Night temperature is likely to fall by 2 to 3 degrees Celsius throughout the country.

The country's lowest temperature 10 degree Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and the highest 26.0 degrees at Kutubdia.

The sun sets today at 05:39 pm and rises tomorrow at 06:42 am.

Bangladesh Railway
Paksey Engineering Division-11
Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. 14/PXC/Flood/95 Dated: 18/01/1997

Sealed tenders are invited from the registered 'C' class contractors of Engineering Department of Bangladesh Railway, West Zone and 'C' class contractors enlisted prior to re-organisation of the Railway into two zones having proper registration for Group 'A': On ISD-SJYG section:-Bank protection works as per approved plan damaged by Flood/95 at KM 246/12 to 248/11 from chainage 48.00 to 54.20, 64.50 to 74.00 in between SNG-LMR station, Group 'B': On ISD-SJYG section:-Bank protection works as per approved plan damaged by Flood/95 at KM 246/12 to 248/11 from chainage 74.00 to 88.00 in between SNG-LMR station, Group 'C':-On ISD-SJYG section: Bank protection works as per approved plan damaged by Flood/95 at KM 249/4 to 250/11 from chainage 130.00 to 144.00 in between DIS-LMR station, Group 'D':-On ISD-SJYG section:-Bank protection works as per approved plan damaged by Flood/95 at KM 249/4 to 250/11 from chainage 144.00 to 158.00 in between DIS-LMR station and Group 'E':- On ISD-SJYG section:-Bank protection works as per approved plan damaged by Flood/95 at KM 249/4 to 250/11 from chainage 158.00 to 174.00 in between DIS-LMR station. Approximate cost of works are Group 'A'-Tk. 8.00 lacs, Group 'B' Tk 7.00 lacs, Group 'C'-Tk 7.00 lacs, Group 'D'-Tk. 7.00 lacs & Group 'E' -Tk. 7.00 lacs. Earnest money will be 2% (Two per cent) of the quoted rate. Per set of tender documents is Tk. 400/00 (Taka four hundred) of each group (non-refundable). Tender documents for group 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' & 'E' will be available for purchase in the offices of the Divisional Engineer/II, Bangladesh Railway, Paksey, Chief Engineer/West, Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi, Divisional Engineer, Bangladesh Railway, Lalmonirhat and Assistant Engineer/In-charge, Bangladesh Railway, Saidpur office up to 17-02-97 during office hours. Tender documents to be dropped in the tender box set apart in the aforesaid offices by 12.00 hours of 18-02-97 which will be opened publicly at 12.30 hours on the same date in presence of contractor or his authorised representative. Railway Administration reserves the right to accept or reject the tender as a whole or in part thereof. All other terms and conditions will be available in the tender documents.

Md Kamrul Islam
Divisional Railway Manager
Bangladesh Railway, Paksey

RPRED No-550 dt 20/1/97
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Department of Environment, Paribesh Bhaban
E-16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Banglanagar, Dhaka-1207

CORRIGENDUM

In the APPOINTMENT NOTICE of this Department published on Page 2 of this paper on January 13, the name of the Department was inadvertently printed as "Directorate of Environment". It should be read as "Department of Environment" throughout the advertisement.

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Legal Notice
In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh
High Court Division
(Original Civil Jurisdiction)
Matter No 1 of 1997

In the matter of:
An application under Section 81(2) and 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994
AND
In the matter of:
K M Zairul Islam
Managing Director
Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Ltd
Rangadia, PS Anwara
Chittagong ... **Petitioner**

Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 81(2) and 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding the 15th annual general meeting for the year 1995 of Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Ltd was filed and moved before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. On hearing the said application the Hon'ble Court was pleased to admit the same on 7-1-97 and fixed it for hearing on 4-2-97.

Any person interested to oppose the said application may appear before the Court by himself or through his duly authorised advocate on the date fixed. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary costs.

M A Samad
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Ispahani Building (1st Floor)
BCIC 78-22/1/97 14-15, Motijheel Commercial Area
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RALLY FACTS #

THE RALLY SPECTATOR

Across the world, rallying has millions of followers. And in some countries, for example the United Kingdom, the National Rally draws crowds that are the largest to be found at any single sporting event.

The mix of people going to rallies covers virtually every age group, sex, profession, culture, and class. Yet all of them are united in their opinion about the lure of the sport.

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The hurried search for the best possible point from which to watch the cars pass; the peaceful calm as they wait for the first of the powerful machines to arrive; the sense of anticipation as they hear their roar in the distance - increasing all the while as the sound grows louder; the exhilaration as the first car appears - thundering over the rim of a hill - and the thrill as it flashes past at unbelievable speed; the excitement as they wait for the rest of the field to follow, is the thrill of the Rally Spectator.

555 SUBARU WORLD RALLY TEAM ABOVE ALL ELSE

What's on today

DU Debate competition '97: The Inter-Hall Debate Competition '97 of Dhaka University will be inaugurated. Chief guest: DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Abul Kalam Azad Chowdhury. Venue: TSC auditorium. DU. Time: 10 am.

Fashion display: A two-day display of clothes designed by K-Graft will begin. Chief guest: State Minister for Health Prof Amanullah. Venue: VWA auditorium, Rd 27, Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm.

Film show: "Staubige Quellen" directed by Siegmund Thies, will be screened. Organiser: Filmkunst - Goethe Film Society. Venue: Goethe Institute, House: 10, Rd: 9, Dhanmondi. Time: 6 pm.

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