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Special Guest of Honour: MR. A.F.M. Yajia
Former Director General,
Islamic Foundation Bangladesh.
Persons concerned with this institution are cordially invited.
Muhammad Ashraf Hogue
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The Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB) is a non-governmental organisation working for the people of Bangladesh since the liberation war, being involved in all kinds of development work. At present, the organisation is also one of the pioneers in HIV/AIDS prevention activities in the country. To further strengthen its activities, it is participating in a regional research program "HIV/AIDS and Mobility in South-East Asia" in which it is the coordinating organisation for Bangladesh. For this program the CCDB announces the position of:

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Razzak tells JS

Tk 50 lakh allocated
for Madaripur
Town Protection
Embankment

Water Resources Minister Abdul Razzak said yesterday that Tk 50 lakh was allocated in the current financial year for the repair of Madaripur Town Protection Embankment, reports BSS.

The minister was replying to a call attention notice from Shahjahan Khan (AL-Madaripur).

In his call attention notice, Shahjahan Khan urged the minister to provide necessary fund for the repair of the damaged embankment to protect Madaripur town and to construct another groin to protect Madaripur-Shariatpur road.

The minister said he would try to provide more funds for the protection of the town.

Razzak also informed the House that Tk 59.62 crore had been allocated for 93 projects for the protection of towns throughout the country.

DUJ meeting
held

An emergency meeting of the executive committee of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday called upon the concerned management of newspapers and news agencies to pay all arrears dues, salaries and bonuses of the journalists and other employees before the forthcoming Eid-ul-Fitr, a DUJ press release said, reports BSS.

Held at the Jatiya Press Club with DUJ President Abul Kalam Azad in the chair, the meeting also demanded implementation of 30 per cent dearness allowance (DA) in those organisations where it was not implemented.

The meeting approved the newly formed 'Dainik Bangla' Unit of DUJ headed by Shawkat Anwar and expressed total support in favour of its programme.

Earlier, the meeting expressed deep shock at the death of Abdul Rob, senior sub-editor of The Daily Ittefaq.

The meeting recalled the contributions of late Rob who was an active member of DUJ.

The DUJ members conveyed its sympathy to the bereaved family members and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

British Council
seminar

The British Council will hold a seminar at the Centre for Development Management in Rajendrapur Jan 29-30 to discuss issues related to the introduction of compulsory English language courses at tertiary level, says a press release.

Following the government order of August 1994 updated and revised in May 1995, that a compulsory English course should be introduced at degree pass and honours level, the University Grants Commission requested the British Council to produce a report on the implications of the decision and make recommendations. This report was presented in June 1995.

The seminar will review and debate those recommendations and the progress made so far.

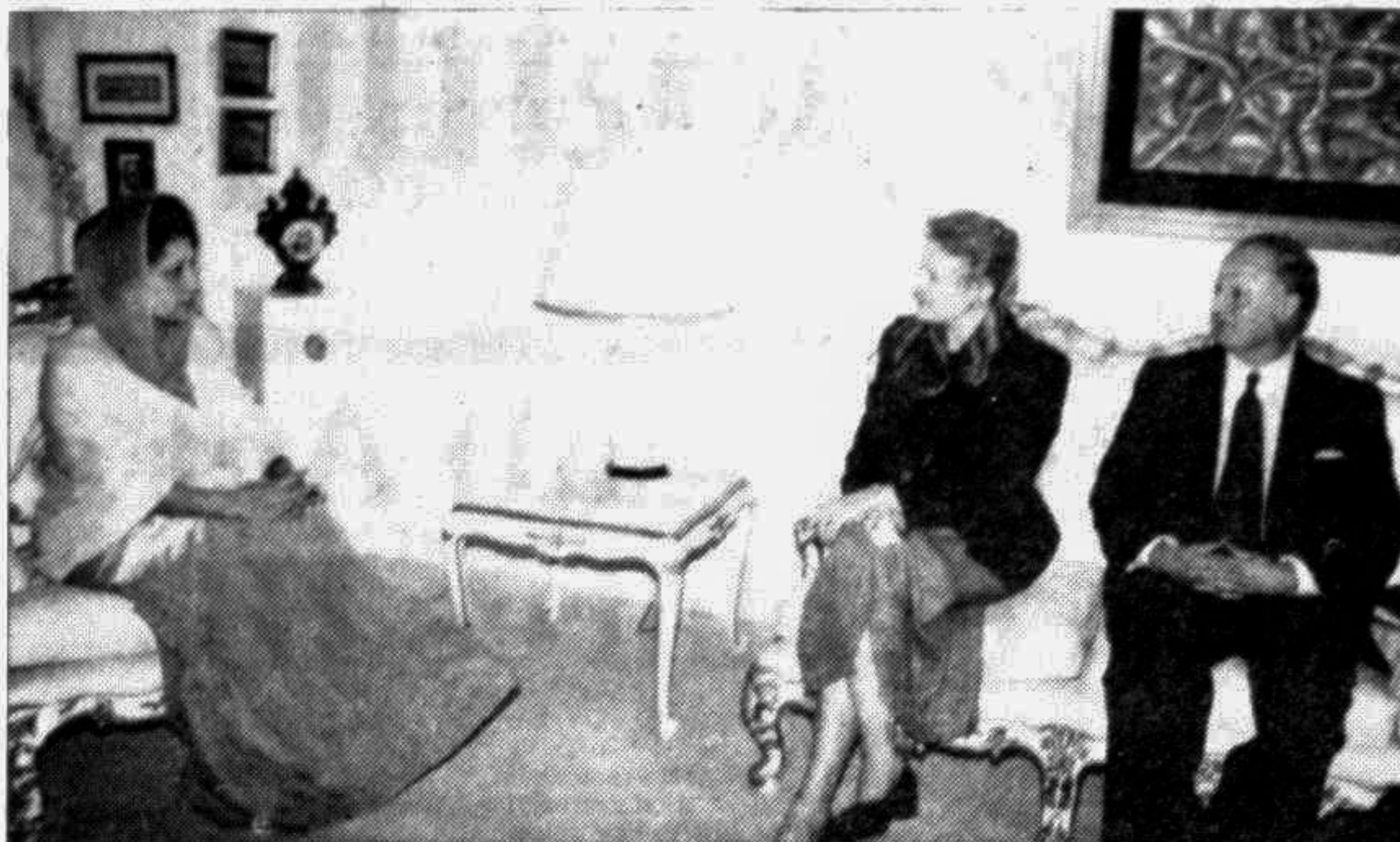
BSRS profits
Tk 6.53 crore

Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (BSRS) has earned a net profit of Tk 6.53 crore during the last fiscal year, reports BSS.

This was disclosed yesterday at a meeting of the board of directors of BSRS, at its head office with Hasnatul Hossain, Chairman, Board of Directors and Secretary, Local Government Division, in the chair.

Lost

I lost my 'O' level certificate near DIT II market, Gulshan on 26.1.97, any one finding it is requested to contact Sabarina Haq Tel: 882298. S-87



US Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia Affairs Robin Raphael called on the Leader of the Opposition and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia at her Cantonment residence yesterday.

CDC signs accord with govt
to open office in city

By Staff Correspondent

The Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC) yesterday signed an agreement with the Bangladesh government to formalise CDC's operations and establishment of an office in the city, according to a press release issued by the British High Commission.

The British High Commissioner David C Walker and the Secretary of the Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance, Dr. Mashiur Rahman, signed the agreement on behalf of the respective governments.

Visiting British Overseas Trade Board Chairman, Sir Martin Laing witnessed the ceremony.

After signing the agreement, David Walker hoped that CDC investments in the private sector would complement and enhance the activities of the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) in the public and NGO sectors.

"I am glad that this protocol will enable CDC to further ex-

pand its operations in Bangladesh," Walker said.

Dr Mashiur Rahman welcomed CDC's continuing and growing involvement in the economic development of Bangladesh.

The CDC office will be headed by Marc Rachman, Country Manager, Bangladesh, the release added.

The CDC is Britain's overseas development finance institution and a significant element in the British bilateral aid programme administered by the ODA. Based in London, the CDC currently operates in 58 countries with 24 offices worldwide.

In Bangladesh, the CDC has invested a total of 60 million dollars, equivalent to Tk 253 crore, in the textile, fertiliser and shipping industries. CDC is currently examining proposals for further investment in the energy, telecommunications, textiles, cement, fertiliser and financial services sectors, the press release said.

World Bank
vice-president
calls on Kibria

Visiting World Bank Vice-President Meiko Nishimizu called on Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to bilateral and mutual interests, particularly the World Bank assisted projects and privatisation programme in Bangladesh.

The Finance Minister congratulated Meiko Nishimizu for her assumption of the office as Vice-President of the World Bank.

Kibria said the present government is very much interested in expediting the privatisation programme on the basis of national consensus. The World Bank Vice-President assured of all-out cooperation from World Bank in development and privatisation programme of Bangladesh.

Krishak Dal
protests case
against Tara

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Krishak Dal yesterday protested the filing of a 'False' corruption case against its acting president Mahbubul Alam Tara, reports UNB.

In a statement, Krishak Dal vice-president Alamgir Kabir, MP, and general secretary Shamsuzzaman Dudu, MP, demanded immediate withdrawal of the case.

Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal president Mirza Abbas and general secretary, Gayeswar Roy, in a separate statement also condemned the filing of a case against Krishak Dal leader Tara.

A Tk 25 lakh misappropriation case has been filed against Tara by the Feni district Anti-Corruption Bureau.

Microbus of UNB
recovered

Police recovered a microbus of the United News of Bangladesh (UNB) half an hour after the hijacking of the vehicle, reports UNB.

A young man took away the microbus parking in front of UNB office at Mouchak to lift the journalists of the late-night shift at about 1:50 am.

Receiving the news, a team of Ramna police rushed to the spot and took position in and around the Mouchak area.

They tried to halt the young man while passing Mouchak again after about half an hour.

Police chased him as he refused to stop the microbus at police signal. But he was caught by police after a while. He identified himself as Jahangir.

Jahangir was later taken to Ramna thana and produced before court yesterday.

First class first

Dewan Ali Ahsan (Dipu), son of Dewan Ziauddin and Anowara Dewan, has stood first class first in BSc (Hons) examination, 1994 (held in 1996) of Zoology Department of the Dhaka University, says a press release.

The office-bearers elected for the two years are: Saif D Shahid (S21A) — president, Iqbal Ahmed (S21 C), Abdur Rashid (S21AR) — vice presidents.



A long traffic jam from Shahbagh Avenue to Farmgate area led to a total collapse in the city's traffic system yesterday. This photograph was taken in front of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

DCC begins drive to
remove hoardings

By Staff Correspondent

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) yesterday began a drive to remove the very hoardings in the city which it rented out earlier, DCC sources said.

The operation to remove about 3,000 hoardings was taken following a decision from the higher authorities, a DCC official said without elaborating.

"We usually rent out the hoarding spaces in the city for a flat rate of Tk 22 per square foot for a year. We have not renewed rent of any such hoarding this fiscal year," said an official of the DCC requesting anonymity.

In most cases the tenants of these hoarding spaces failed to meet the specification of the DCC in respect of terms and conditions which include keeping clarity, sober language, right size, right placement and so on, he added.

"In addition to the authorised hoardings in the city, there are also many illegal ones. When asked whether all those would be removed the official cited examples of such moves in the past and said, "What happens is as we start removing the hoardings, at one

point the campaign turns into a go slow stage with the intervention of vested quarters. Then at one stage the whole thing cools down and another campaign comes up.

The official hoped that the present drive would continue until all the unauthorised and illegal hoardings were removed.

Slovak envoy
meets FM

The newly appointed Ambassador of the Slovak Republic Marian Tomasik called on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at his office yesterday, reports BSS.

Welcoming the ambassador the foreign minister said, Bangladesh attaches importance to its relations with the Slovak republic.

The foreign minister recalled the support of the people of Slovak Republic, which was a part of Czechoslovakia, during the Liberation War and said the relations between the two countries would be strengthened in the coming days.

Weather

Dry weather likely

Dry weather is likely to prevail over the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said no appreciable change in the night temperature is expected across the country during the period.

In its outlook for subsequent two days, weathermen predicted gradual rise in night temperature.

Country's lowest temperature 7.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Sirimangal and the highest 27.5 degrees at Teknaf.

The sun sets today at 5:43 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:41 am.

Minimum and maximum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Min	Max	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	10.7	26.0	63	62
Chittagong	11.0	25.6	77	67
Rajshahi	8.4	24.6	83	65
Khulna	7.5	25.6	84	65
Barisal	9.2	26.4	81	80
Sylhet	10.0	25.7	78	57



Mawlana Matiar Rahman Nizami, secretary general of the Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh, speaking at an iftar party hosted by Jamaat for journalists at the auditorium of the Photo — Journalists Association in the city yesterday.

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