

## Bangladesh, Romania sign trade agreement

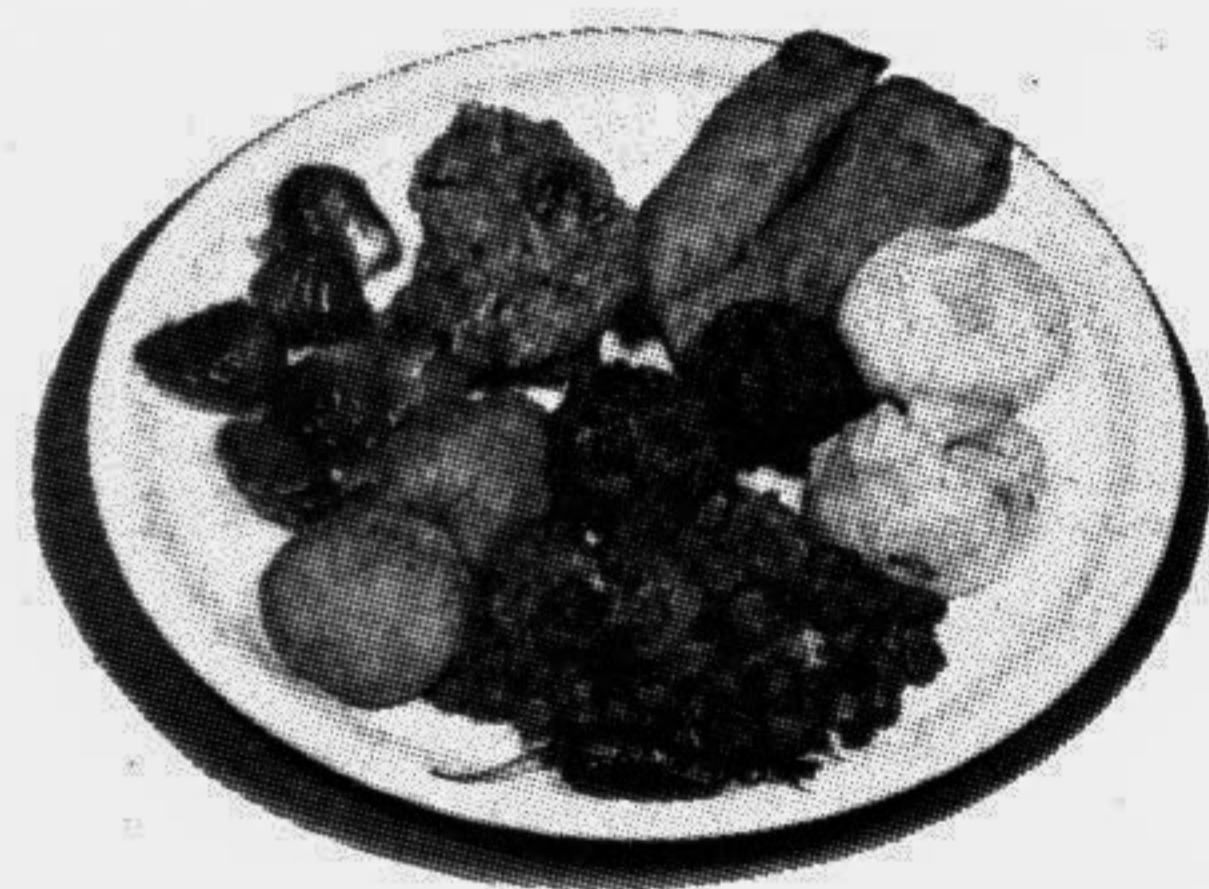
Bangladesh and Romania yesterday signed a draft bilateral trade agreement for bolstering and extending trade relations between the two countries, reports UNB.

Joint Secretary of the Commerce Ministry Shafiqul Islam and Asian Division Director of the Romanian Commerce Ministry Ion Cernivcean, who is now leading a three-member delegation initiated the draft agreement for their respective governments.

The final agreement is expected to be signed next March at the ministerial level, official sources said.



Bangladesh and Romania signed a draft bilateral trade agreement in the city yesterday. Shafiqul Islam, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, and Ion Cernivcean, Director of the Asia Division, Commerce Ministry of Romania, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective governments. — PID photo



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## Festival for underprivileged children begins at DU today

An annual festival for deprived children begins today on the Dhaka University campus under the auspices of a local charity, reports UNB.

Nearly 100 students of non-formal primary school 'Arka' (The Sun), initiated by some students of Dhaka University for the poor children, will take part in the two-day festival.

The festival programme includes a colourful rally, seminar and drama on the first day and games, sight seeing and wearing of new dresses on the second day tomorrow.

About two years ago some enthusiastic students of the university took an initiative to educate the underprivileged children on campus and established an open school, 'Arka'.

Classes of the school are held early in the morning on the corridors of Teacher-Student Centre (TSC). There are three classes in the school — 'Ankur', 'Kishloy' and 'Disharee'.

Illiterate boys and girls are

lettered in the Ankur class while children with some literacy study in Kishloy. In the Disharee class, boys and girls are given schooling with books and also with a syllabus.

"We do not give them only literacy and some books... they are also taught about life," said Sumon Zahid, one of the initiators of 'Arka'.

'Arka' organised its first festival on Jan 20, 1996 which included a picnic, a friendly cricket match and a visit to the Dhaka Zoo.

This year, they will stage a drama, 'Bamon Brikha', after a seminar to be held at TSC auditorium, on the first day today.

Earlier in the morning, Deputy Minister for Primary and Mass Education Prof Zinnatunnesa Talukder will inaugurate the two-day festival.

Tomorrow, the students of Arka will take part in various games and visit Muktijuddho Jadugar and Bangabandhu Jadugar. Later, they will be given new clothes.

## Australian HC meets Speaker

The Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Charles Stuart, called on Speaker Humayun Rasheed Choudhury at Sangsad Bhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

They discussed issues relating to cooperation between Parliaments of the two countries.

## Yusuf visits Pangu Hospital

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf yesterday paid a surprise visit to the Pangu Hospital at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, reports BSS.

The minister went round different wards and rooms of the hospital and expressed his satisfaction at the overall activities of the hospital.

## Seminar on World Wetlands Day '97

To mark the second World Wetlands Day, a seminar was held yesterday, jointly organised by Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), Population Services and Training Centre (PSTC) and Nature Conservation Movement (NACOM), at the BSCA conference room in the city, says a press release.

The key-note paper, 'Population, Environment and Development: Bangladesh Perspective', with emphasis on Wetlands, was presented by Abdur Rouf, Executive Director Family Planning Services and Training Centre (FPSTC).

A number of recommendations were taken at the seminar, including formation of a national wetlands committee and formulation of a national wetlands management and conservation policy.

## What's on today . . . .

**Bangla Academy discussion:** Shamsur Rahman will speak at a discussion programme, organised by the Academy on the occasion of 'Ekushey February'. Venue: Academy premises. Time: 11 am.

**Punjabi exhibition:** A five-day *panjabi* exhibition organised by Shilpa Ritu, will begin. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Mirpur Road. Time: 3 pm to 8 pm daily.

**BCCEMCC meet:** A meeting of the executive committee of Bangladesh-China Cultural, Economic and Mass Communication Centre will be held. Venue: Ga-183/1, 2nd floor, School Road, Mohakhali (Chinese Language Centre). Time: 4 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dilkusha:** The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: 76 Segun Bagicha. Time: 3:30 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka North:** The weekly meeting will be held. Guest speaker: Dr Mohammad Moniruzzaman will speak on the Language Movement. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Rotary Club of Gulshan:** The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: House 15, Road 81, Gulshan. Time: 5 pm.

## Postponement

Bangladesh Sammilito Sangbadpatra Parishad has postponed its meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, due to unavoidable reasons, reports UNB.

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## BNP contradicts press report

Opposition BNP yesterday contradicted the press reports on joining of more than 100 party workers, led by a BNP central committee member, to the Jatiya Party, reports UNB.

According to a party press release, the news on joining of BNP workers, led by party central committee member Mazharul Huq Shah Chowdhury, was 'false and baseless'.

It said Mazharul Huq Shah Chowdhury was not a central committee member of the BNP.

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