

Global network of Bangladeshi experts proposed

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at the concluding session of a two-day Global Deshi Conference here emphasised the need for establishment of a 'network' of Bangladeshi experts in different fields living at home and abroad to help overall economic development of the country.

They said Bangladeshis who go abroad for higher studies or receive scholarships from universities and educational institutions face a lot of problems when they return home to use their expertise in development activities in the country.

The speakers said the 'network' would help the Bangladeshis living abroad bridge the communication gap with their home country and contribute more in different technical fields.

Lily Rahman of USIS, Salehuddin Ahmed of BRAC, Monwar Moin of Rahim Afroz, Raihan Jamil, Gemini Wahhaj and Faisal Gazi took part in the discussion while Sonia Ahmed conducted the seminar, held at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

The seminar was organised in collaboration with Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), The Daily Star and some local and multinational companies including Delta Life Insurance, Apex Group, Bangladesh Tobacco Company (BTC), IPDC and Rahim Afroz. A committee of the Global Deshi Conferences

organised the meet. A large number of students and teachers of BUET and Dhaka University joined the seminar and many of them asked questions and made suggestions regarding establishment of communication between Bangladeshis living at home and abroad.

During the discussion, Salehuddin Ahmed said there is a lot of opportunities for expatriate Bangladeshis to work for the country. Ahmed, who has been involved in development activities for 18 years, said though a poor country, Bangladesh has made successes in different important areas. He mentioned the oral saline programme to combat diarrhoea, non-formal education programme of BRAC, micro-credit facilities for the poorest people by Grameen Bank and the government family planning programme.

He said many other countries now take lessons from Bangladesh in those fields.

Salehuddin Ahmed urged the Bangladeshis who have studied in foreign countries to think about the country. He suggested making the 'network' worldwide involving all Bangladeshis living abroad.

Urging the expatriate Bangladeshis to come back home with 'full confidence' Monwar Moin of Rahim Afroz said there are a lot of problems here but the scope is also unlimited.

Moin said a number of private entrepreneurs have come forward with huge investment and professionalism and they welcome efficient people. He said his company has employed at least 48 foreign-educated graduates.

Lily Rahman observed, most of the students who come back after completing graduation abroad faced various difficulties in getting job here and adjusting with the society.

They should be provided with proper guidance in finding ways and means for utilising their knowledge and expertise, she said. She also underscored the need for some orientation courses for them.

The seminar included a 'career fair', where local and multinational companies provided information to BUET and DU students about job opportunities in the country for expatriates and graduates.

JS body reviews Drug Control (Amendment) Bill

A meeting of the special parliamentary committee for scrutinising bills was held yesterday at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with its chairman M Rahman Ali in the chair, reports UNB.

The committee reviewed the Drug Control (Amendment) Bill 1997, which was earlier submitted to the committee, and prepared a report on the bill after detailed discussion, said a press release.

Committee members Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru, Dr Mizanul Huq and Kazi Shamsur Rahman were present. Health Minister Salahuddin Yusuf joined the meeting on special invitation.

DU to set up theatre stage, art gallery on campus

Dhaka University is planning to set up a theatre stage of national standard and an art gallery on the university campus during the current fiscal.

Talking to BSS the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, said yesterday that the university would establish both the theatre stage and the art gallery to promote art and culture and provide more recreational facilities for the students.

The theatre is likely to be located near the Central Library and the gallery will be housed in the proposed commercial-cum-residential tower at the Shahhaj building on the campus.

The proposed art gallery will put on display and sell paintings of veteran and young promising artists. The gallery will function under the supervision of the Institute of Fine Arts.

The Art Gallery will be named after Shahhaj, a martyred student of fine arts of the university, who died in the War of Independence.

The Vice-Chancellor said any theatre or performing art group will get opportunity to present their plays or other programmes at the theatre.

Nat'l Moon Sighting body meets today

A meeting of the National Moon Sighting Committee will be held today at 7:30 pm at the Islamic Foundation office on the occasion of the sighting of moon of Rabiul Awal month, reports BSS.

President of the committee and State Minister for Religious Affairs, Moulana Nurul Islam, will preside.

A press release of the Islamic Foundation, Bangladesh, urged all concerned to convey the news of the moon sighting from any part of the country to the following telephone numbers: 9556407, 9556337, 9550280, 9556493, 9559643, 9555947 and 9555951.

Ward 73 AL meet in support of budget held

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad yesterday said that the present government had introduced superannuation allowance for the elderly poor people in the new budget considering their sufferings, reports BSS.

Addressing a meeting of Dhaka City Awami League of Ward No 73 at Sadarghat terminal in support of the budget for the current fiscal, he said that the government was working sincerely to free the country from poverty, corruption and terrorism.

The foreign minister pointed out various aspects of the 30-year Ganges Water Sharing Treaty between Bangladesh and India.

The meeting was addressed, among others, by Awami League president member and acting president Abdul Mannan MP, Mayor of Dhaka Mohammad Hanif, city Awami League general secretary Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya MP, central leader Mozaffar Hossain Paitu and ward commissioner Moinul Haq Marju.

Abdul Mannan said the people would decide the duration of the present government as Awami League came to power through a democratic election.



President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed on his arrival at the 22nd Raising Day function of the President's Guard Regiment at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. — PID photo

President calls upon PGR members to develop professional efficiency

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed has asked the members of President's Guard Regiment (PGR) to develop their professional efficiency through hard training and utmost discipline, and by displaying unflinching loyalty to their leaders, reports UNB.

He was addressing the members of the PGR on the occasion of its 22nd Raising Day at the PGR Headquarters in Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

President Shahabuddin, who is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, said earnestness, discipline and sense of responsibility and professional skill displayed by the PGR members in discharging their duties deserve appreciation.

He observed that the laudable performance of the PGR members in observing various state ceremonies is a pride of the whole army.

Shahabuddin Ahmed pointed out that the dedication, self-sacrifice and courage exhibited by them in performing their duties would remain as guideline for the future generation.

Edn institutions must be free from politics: Nasim

Educational institutions should be spared from political influence to free the path of pursuit of knowledge from vices and ensure congenial academic atmosphere, said Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday in the city, reports UNB.

He recalled that the student community had played a glorious role in all movements during the pre-independence period and in the struggle for freedom.

"But student politics, especially on the campus, in the post-liberation time could not fulfill the aspiration of countrymen, barring the democracy movement," the minister said.

Addressing the 8th founding anniversary function of Dhaka Commerce College at Mirpur, the ruling Awami League stalwart said the nation witnessed campuses as arena of "terrorism" in the post-independence period.

The educational institutions have repeatedly been tainted in various ways in the name of politics, he told the function.

"Terrorists cannot take anyone to power. So there cannot be any compromise with the terrorists. Those who are involved in campus terrorism must bear the consequence," Mohammad Nasim said.

In this context, the President recalled the heroic performance of the members of the Guard Regiment who sacrificed their lives while on duty with former President Ziaur Rahman in 1981.

Referring to the high sense of responsibility, patriotism and nationalism of the Army, President Shahabuddin said they have to carry forward the tempo of peace, independence and progress.

"They must create history of service to the people and the country."

He referred to the role played by the members of the Armed Forces in times of natural calamities and said they also brightened the image of the country abroad while serving in foreign lands.

President Shahabuddin noted with satisfaction that the PGR members had displayed their superior performances in different army competitions and in National Day parade.

Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman also spoke on the occasion. Commanding officer of

the PGR Col Syed Shafaitul Alam was present.

Earlier, on arrival at the PGR headquarters, the President was received by the Chief of Army Staff. He was then introduced to the unit officials.

Shahabuddin was then taken to the saluting dais where a smartly turned out contingent of the PGR gave the president guard of honour. He took the salute. Later, he signed the visitor's book.

The function was attended, among others, by Secretary to the President Muhammad Enamul Haq, Military Secretary to the President Major Gen A M Siraj and officials and members of the Guard Regiment.

JP presidium meet today

A meeting of Jatiya Party presidium will be held today at 7:30 pm at the Asiatic Printers office, 226 Tejgaon industrial area, a press release said in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

JP Chairman Hussain Mohammad Ershad will preside over the meeting.

JP Secretary General Anwar Hossain has requested the presidium members to attend the meeting in time.

Film show to raise fund for disabled

A week-long film show began at Indian High Commission in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Social Assistance and Rehabilitation for the Physically Vulnerable (SARPV), a welfare organisation for the people with disabilities, has organised the programme to collect fund for disabled people.

They will screen seven films during the seven-day show which begins at 3:30 pm every day.

Summons/Notice

In the Court of Sub-ordinate Judge and Artha Rin Adalat No. 3, Dhaka.

Money Suit No. 180 of 1995

National Bank Limited, Dilkusha Branch, 48, Dilkusha C.A., P. S. Motijheel, Dhaka.

.....Plaintiff.

— Versus —

Abul Basher, son of late Mokbul Ahmed, 47, Dilkusha Commercial Area (4th floor), P.S. Motijheel, Dhaka.

.....Defendant.

It is hereby notified that the plaintiff filed the above suit on 23-11-95 against the defendant for realisation of an amount of Tk. 59,15,058.50 (Taka fifty nine lacs fifteen thousand fifty eight and paisa fifty) only with interest up-to 31-09-1995. The defendant is hereby notified to appear in the above suit pending before the Court on 30-7-97 at 10.00 a.m. either in person or through an authorised Advocate otherwise the case will be disposed of ex-parte.

By order of the Court
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Sub-Judge, Artha Rin Adalat No.-3, Dhaka.

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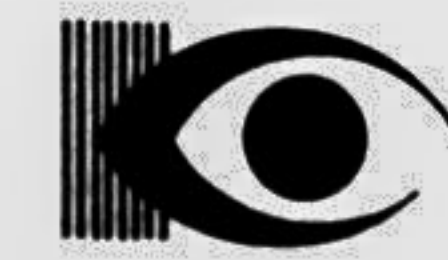
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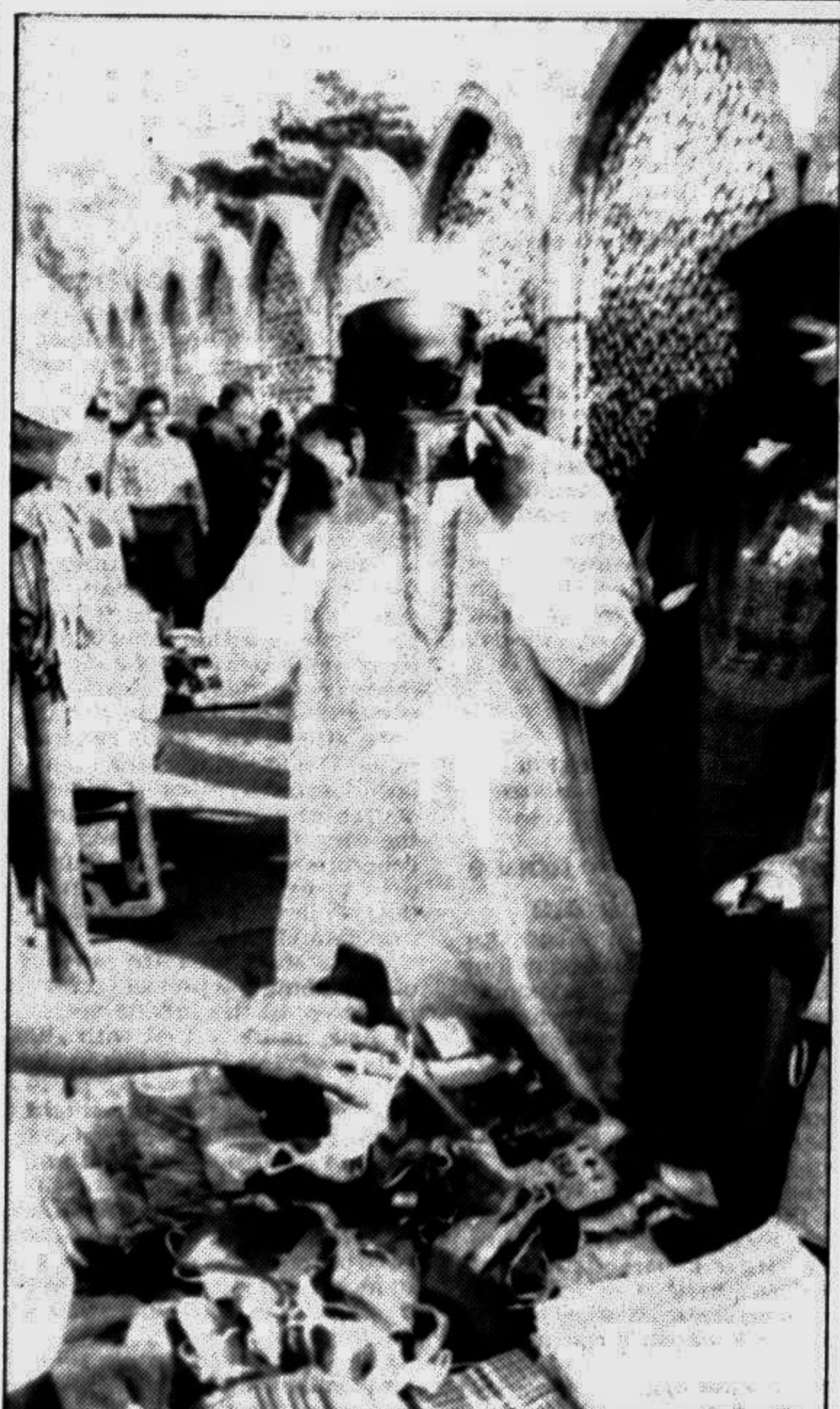
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A street vendor doing brisk business in gauze masks at Baitul Mokarram Mosque area recently. — Star photo

Notice to Defendants Vide

Clause 5A of Money Debt Court, Act 1990

Narayanganj Money Debt Court

Money Debt Mortgage-4/97

Janata Bank, Nitaiganj Branch, Narayanganj, PS and Dist Narayanganj

..... Plaintiff

— Versus —

1. For Messrs Habib Trading Co, 25, Chhoto Bhagwanganj, Narayanganj, PS and Dist Narayanganj — owner Abul Hossain.

2. Abul Hossain, S/o Md Habibur Rahman, C/o Abul Brothers, Dayamoyee Road, Jamalpur, PS and Dist Jamalpur.

..... Defendants

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By Order

Sheikh Mosharrif Hossain

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Money Debt Court

Narayanganj

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