

Metropolitan

British minister of state to visit Dhaka

Derek Fatchett, British Minister of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, will visit Bangladesh sometime early next year, reports BSS. Fatchett disclosed this on Sunday while he was addressing a reception in Leeds organised by the Bangladesh community. The reception was accorded to Bangladesh High Commissioner to UK AH Mahmood, according to a message received in the city.



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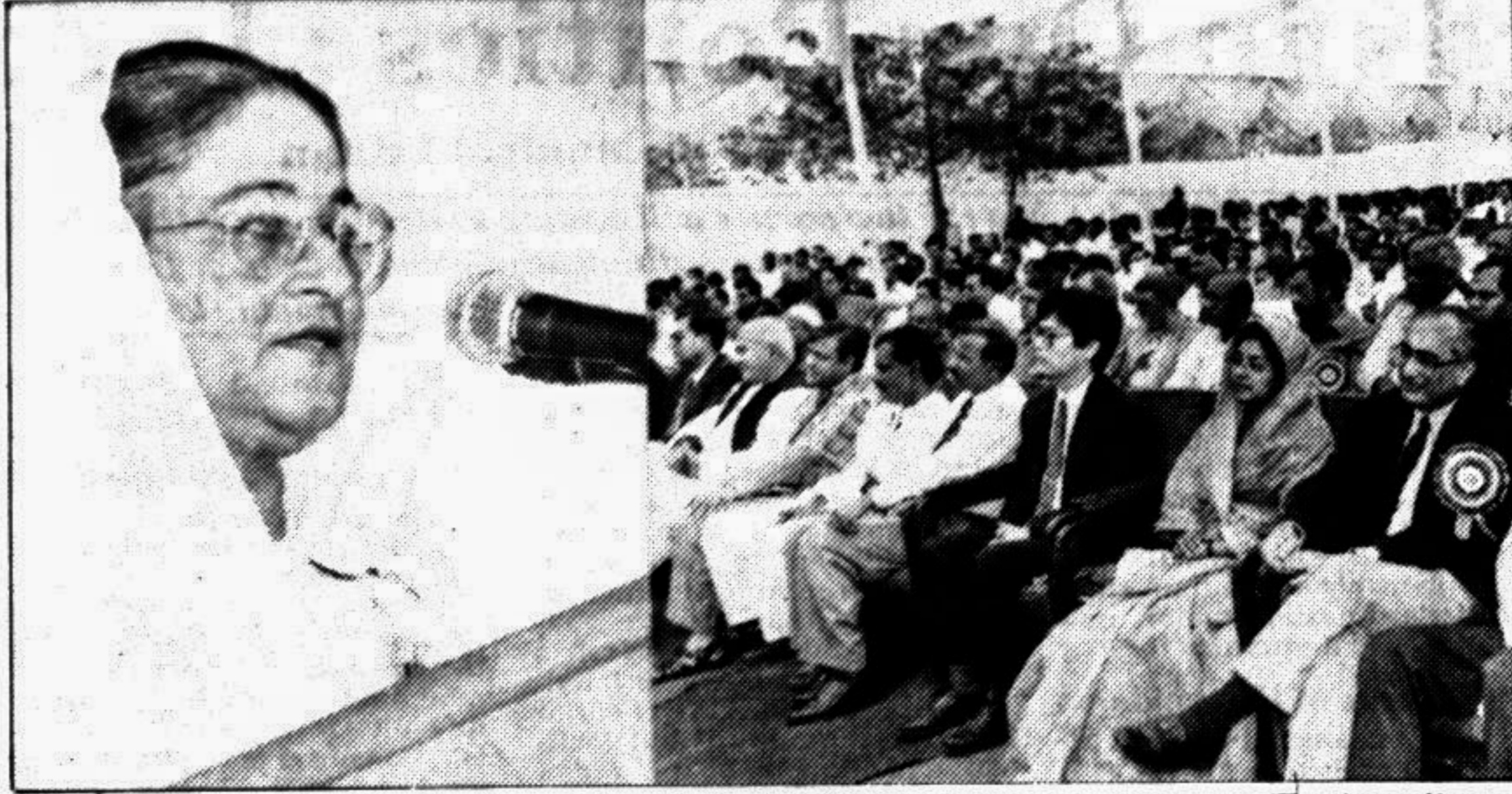
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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressing an international conference on 'Engineering as Profession in the 21st Century' organised by the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), at Bausia in Munshiganj district yesterday. — PID photo

**PM opens int'l confce on engineering
Engineers urged to play effective
role for development**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the engineers to play an effective role for the development of the country by discharging their responsibility with honesty and dedication, reports UNB. "You have to keep the interest of the country above everything. You have to be vigilant so that dishonesty and corruption cannot stain your high image," she said inaugurating a three-day international conference in Bausia, Munshiganj. Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) organised the seminar on "Engineering as Profession in the 21st Century" at the proposed engineering staff college premises, on the western side of the Meghna-Gumti bridge, 40 kilometres from the capital. The Prime Minister said ca-

ability of the engineers will have to be increased through acquiring skill with the knowledge of modern technology for the sake of country's development. "You will set instance regarding honesty, integrity and skill as meritorious manpower of the country," she said and hoped that Bangladesh will stand high in the world in the 21st century. Government will extend all possible cooperation to increase the skill of the engineers, she added. LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman, Energy Minister Noor Uddin Khan, Telecommunication Minister Mohammad Nasim, Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru, IEB president Dr Engr Anwarul Azim and IEB honorary secretary Nurul Huda also spoke on the occasion. Besides host Bangladesh, engineers from six foreign countries are taking part in the

conference to discuss the new challenges of engineering profession. The Prime Minister said the government has put special thrust on flourishing of private ownership in the fifth Five Year Plan. In the industrialisation of Bangladesh, 96 per cent fund will be mobilised from private sector, she said. Engineers, working in the private sector, must promote their excellence at the level equal to that of the developed country of the world to achieve the desired goal of the Fifth Five Year Plan. "For this, we will have to take effective measures right now." Sheikh Hasina said there is no alternative to continued learning and training for being skilled in line with the new inventions of science and technology. The Prime Minister said the ruling party is moving ahead with development activities in the light of modern trend of development. "We have put emphasis on the development of science and technology in the Fifth Five Year Plan," she said adding the government has undertaken programmes of establishing 12 science and technology universities in the country. The government during the last 16 months, she said, has undertaken programmes to face all challenges of poverty alleviation, economic and human resource development. "Inshallah, we would be able to build a modern prosperous country with cooperation from all of you," said the Prime Minister.

President shocked at deaths in road accident

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday expressed his deep shock at the death of 14 people in a road accident near Nandail on Kishoreganj-Mymensingh highway Tuesday, reports BSS.

In a message of condolence, the president conveyed his sympathy to the members of the bereaved families and prayed for eternal peace of the departed souls. He also wished early recovery of the injured. The President hoped that proper investigation would be conducted to find out the causes of such accidents occurring frequently causing deaths of precious lives.

Rajya Sabha member meets FM

The visiting Indian member of Rajya Sabha and former minister Pranab Mukharjee called on Foreign Minister Abdul Samad Azad at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

British diplomat meets Zillur

The Desk Officer for Bangladesh from the South Asian Department of the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office Nigel Bowie arrived in the city Tuesday on a six-day visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB. On his first official visit to Bangladesh, Bowie called on the general secretary of Awami League and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister M Zillur Rahman and BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan.

Time extended

The photo-exhibition on Antarctica by Enam ul Haque now going on at the gallery-71 in Eastern Tower, Eskaton in the city has been extended by one day to November 11, reports BSS. The exhibition titled "Soul of Solitude" which began on Nov 1 was scheduled to continue till Nov 10. The organisers have decided to keep the exhibition closed on Nov 9 for public to enable the delegates of the Eighth Asian Biennale Bangladesh visit the gallery.

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Two minor boys abducted

By Staff Correspondent
Two minor sons of a businessman were abducted by an unidentified gang at Gazipur on Wednesday last. Police said the abducted boys — Sahedul Arefin alias Rolif, 12, and Abdullah Al Mamun alias Rabbi, 3 — are sons of Anwar Hossain. The home minister has declared an award of Tk 30,000 for information about the boys. The Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), in a press release last night, urged people knowing the whereabouts of the two brothers to contact DMP or telephone at 9337379 or contact the SP of Gazipur at Phone No. 2012.

BSC scholarships

The Bangladesh Scholarship Council (BSC), will give over 100 scholarships to the poor meritorious students at the university level especially in medicine, agriculture, engineering, science and technology throughout the country, a press release said, reports BSS. Each student selected for scholarship will be given Tk 5000 annually. Candidates have been asked to apply with full bio-data, two passport size photos, copies of all previous and current at- tested mark-sheets, recommendation letter from head of the department, parent's yearly income statement and a non-refundable application fee of Tk 50 (fifty) through bank draft or postal order in favour of Bangladesh Scholarship Council. Applicants receiving other scholarship or any financial grant will not be considered. A fresh application is required for renewal case. Prospective applications should reach the secretary, Bangladesh-Scholarship Council, 84, Jamal Khan Road, Chittagong-4000, on or before Nov 30 by mail. A flight of the Bangladesh Biman, carrying his body, will reach Zia International Airport today. His namaj-e-janaza will be held on the university campus in the morning. Rustam Ali will be buried at his family graveyard at Rajshahi.

JU teacher killed in road accident in USA

Muhammad Rustam Ali, a lecturer of Electronic and Computer Science department of Jahangirnagar University, died in a road accident in the United States on Oct 28, reports UNB. A flight of the Bangladesh Biman, carrying his body, will reach Zia International Airport today. His namaj-e-janaza will be held on the university campus in the morning. Rustam Ali will be buried at his family graveyard at Rajshahi.

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The World Bank, Procurement Section : Room 12-022
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