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President says

Political stability a must for social advancement

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday underlined the urgency of political stability for the advancement of the society and the participation of the people in development activities, reports UNB.

"Political stability is essential for adopting lasting people development strategies that can provide people with employment, proper healthcare and environmental protection," he said inaugurating an international conference here this morning.

Bangladesh Sociological Association (BSA) organised the three-day First International Sociological Conference 1997 and the Biennial National Conference of the Association at the Osmani Memorial Hall.

The President said people's empowerment, appropriate healthcare and sustainable development are the "foremost challenges facing South Asia today". To address the challenges, congenial and favourable infrastructural base is necessary.

He suggested that administrative system should also be developed to ensure participation of the people in development activities and to guarantee their access to better healthcare facilities.

President Shahabuddin said the people of Bangladesh, in common with most of the people of South Asia, have experienced in the past little or no improvement in their quality of life.

"We are facing greater pressures from alarming population growth which is causing environmental crisis and unpredictable mutations of the global economy."

Expressing concern, the President said healthcare facilities of the people are inadequate and the environment is fast deteriorating, causing health hazards which require immediate attention.

"The economic development is a pre-requisite to all such conditions which require a comprehensive policy for eliminating poverty, ensuring education to all and making the people conscious of their environment and social commitment."

He said the obstacles to sustainable development are not mainly technical, but also social, institutional and political. Social attitude, pro-people administrative set up and overall political will are essential to overcome the technical obstacles.

NOTICE

Formation of "Bangladesh Leasing & Finance Companies Association (Bangla Lease)"

This is for general information of all leasing companies that a general meeting of the leasing companies shall be held at 3:00 pm on 4th day of December 1997 at the offices of IDLC of Bangladesh Limited, Hadi Mansion, 6th Floor, 2 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000, to formally form an association under the name and style "Bangladesh Leasing & Finance Companies Association (Bangla Lease)". Chief Executives or their nominated persons of the leasing companies interested in the formation of the said association are requested to attend the meeting on the date and at the venue mentioned above. If any one has any objection or advice in the formation of the said association he/she may send the same to the Director, Trade Organisations within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

On behalf of Promoters

M. Aminul Islam, Managing Director, IDLC of Bangladesh Limited

Chairman

"Bangladesh Leasing & Finance Companies Association (Bangla Lease)" (Proposed)

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The Library Association of Bangladesh

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- conduct training courses for implementing agencies on Bank's procurement policies and procedures;

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Deadline: Applications should be submitted by December 10, 1997.

What's on today....

BNP seminar: BNP will hold a seminar on 'Independence of Bangladesh and Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani'. Venue: Jatiyo Press Club. Time: 3 pm.

Seminar: A seminar on 'The role of agriculture in social development' will be held. Keynote speaker: Dr Md Nurul Islam. Venue: Seminar room of Centre for Advanced Research in Social Sciences, Room 401, Lecture Theatre, Dhaka University. Time: 4 pm.

Discussion: Gano Forum has arranged a discussion meeting. Venue: Ramna Botanical. Time: 3 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga: The weekly meeting will be held. Guest speaker: Prof Anisuzzaman will talk on 'problems concerning the use of language in Bangladesh'. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm.

Italian ballet group to perform in city Nov 30, Dec 1

Two performances of modern Italian ballet will be presented by the Compagnia Virgilio Sieni Danza at the Osmani Memorial Hall in the city on Nov 30 and Dec 1 at 7 pm, said a press release of the Embassy of Italy in Dhaka yesterday.

Besides, the group, Nova Amadeus, will present a concert of chamber music by Corelli, Vivaldi, Rossini, Respighi, on Dec 2 at 7 pm at the chancery of the Italian Embassy.

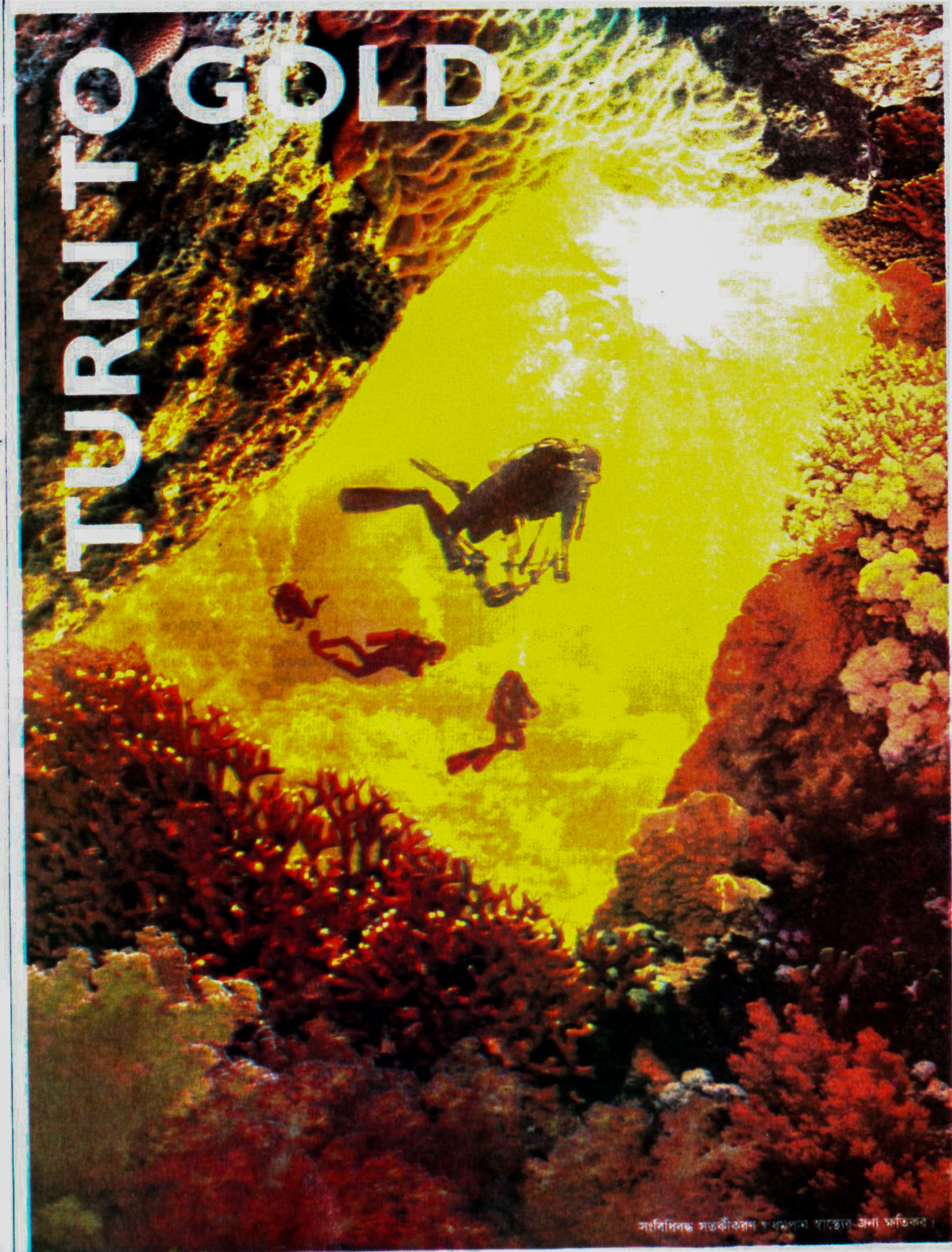
Both groups have performed in important international festivals and are very well known both in Italy and abroad.

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