

Bangladeshi scholar calls on Shahabuddin

An expatriate Bangladeshi scholar Dr Habibur Rahman called on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Dr Rahman, who is now working in Qatar as a research expert, presented his two books titled "The Making of the Gulf War" and "A British Defence Problem in the Middle East" to the President.

He received International Literacy Achievement Award, 1997 by the US-based International Association for Continuing Education and Training for his book "The Making of the Gulf War".

President Shahabuddin appreciated Dr Rahman for enhancing the image of Bangladesh in abroad and wished him more success.

President's Parade in Ctg today

The President's Parade marking the commissioning of gentlemen cadets of the 37th BMA Long Course and the 16th SSC Special Course will be held at Bangladesh Military Academy parade ground at Bhatary in Chittagong today, reports UNB.

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed will review the ceremonial parade as chief guest.

The passed-out cadets also include a group of 21 Bosnian and another group of 75 Sri Lankan cadets.

Ex-DMC students reunion Dec 13

The reunion of former students of Dhaka Medical College (DMC) will be held on December 13 at Dr Shaheed Milon auditorium, reports BSS.

The function will be organised by the alumni trust.

CA exams rescheduled

The CA Intermediate Examinations scheduled to be held today in both Dhaka and Chittagong centres, will now be held on December 13. The CA Final Examinations of Dec 10 and 11 at the above centres will now be held on Dec 13 and 14 respectively. Time and venues of the examinations will remain unchanged, said a press release of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh.

DU English Deptt reception postponed

A reception for freshmen and MA students of the Department of English, University of Dhaka, scheduled to be held tomorrow has been postponed owing to a students' strike on the day, says a press release.

The reception will now be held on December 17 at 3:30 pm at the British Council.



Sammilito Nari Samaj brought out a procession marking the Begum Rokeya Day in the city yesterday.

Rokeya Day observed

Begum Rokeya Shakawat Hossain, the pioneer of education for Bengalee Muslim women, was remembered yesterday for her relentless endeavour in educating the womenfolk in this part of the world, reports BSS.

"Rokeya Day", marking her birth and death anniversary, was observed in the city as elsewhere in the country by paying tributes to her.

Different government and non-government organisations drew up various programmes in this connection.

Speakers at seminars and symposia said that today's level of education among the women in this country owes much to the untiring efforts of Begum Rokeya.

The Women and Children Affairs Ministry and several women organisations in their functions stressed the need for further intensifying the campaign to bring more and more women under the educational programmes.

Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Dec 9: The Begum Rokeya Day was observed in Rajshahi in a befitting manner yesterday, reports BSS.

Jatiya Mahila Sangstha, Rajshahi district unit, brought a colourful procession in the city to commemorate the day. The procession, led by Deputy Minister for Primary and Mass Education Zinnatunnessa Talukdar, paraded through different city streets before ending on the Zilla School premises.

As part of the day-long programme, a discussion was held on the life and thought of Begum Rokeya.

Sammilito Nari Samaj submits memo to CJ

By Staff Correspondent

Sammilito Nari Samaj (SNS), a conglomeration of women's organisations, yesterday submitted a memorandum to the Chief Justice ATM Afzal, seeking redress to frequent incidents of violence against women in the country.

As part of its Begum Rokeya Day programme, over 200 women under the banner of SNS marched to main gate of the High Court in the morning and handed over the memo that included seven demands, says a press release.

Demands of Nari Samaj included, soliciting justice through appeal before the higher court regarding the eight accused who were acquitted in Yasmin rape and murder case, necessary amendments in existing laws, ensuring neutral system of probe and justice, separation of the judiciary from the executive, freeing the judiciary from political influence, taking of all steps to stop tortures on women and trafficking of women and children, and redress disparity against women under religious cover.

In its memorandum, the SNS also gave a brief resume of latest situation regarding violence against women and cited references of some recent incidents of grave concern.

Nari Samaj also alleged in the release issued to the press that protocol officers at the Chief Justice's misbehaved with its delegation when it went there to hand over the memorandum.

Amanullah leaves for Singapore

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof Dr Mohammad Amanullah left for Singapore yesterday night for treatment, reports UNB.

Prof Amanullah urged the countrymen to pray for his early recovery.

What's on today....

Human Rights Day discussion: An open discussion on the draft bill of the National Human Rights Commission of Bangladesh will be held. Organisers: Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and its project Institutional Development of Human Rights. Venue: Ball Room, Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10 am-5 pm.

Seminar: A seminar on 'tolerance in politics and human rights' will be held marking World Human Rights Day. Organisers: Coordinating Council for Human Rights in Bangladesh and The Institute of Democratic Rights. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 3:30 pm.

Symposium: A symposium marking Human Rights Day will be held. Organiser: United Nations Association of Bangladesh. Venue: Scout Bhaban, Kakrail. Time: 5 pm.

General meeting on 'earthquakes': Disaster Forum-Bangladesh will hold a special general meeting on 'Earthquakes'. Venue: Women's Voluntary Association auditorium, House: 20, Road: 16 (old 27), Dhanmondi. Time: 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

Seminar: A seminar on 'Islam on the Malabar Coast' 'Historic perspective' will be held. Organiser: Advanced Social Science Research Centre. Venue: Centre's seminar room, Room 401, Lecture Theatre, DU. Time: 3:30 pm.

Lecture: A lecture on 'Pyogenic meningitis in Bangladeshi children' will be given by Dr Md Ruhul Amin, Associate Professor, Dhaka Shishu Hospital. Organiser: Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS). Venue: BCPS auditorium, Mohakhali. Time: 11 am.

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

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka South: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Hotel Furbani. Time: 5:30 pm.



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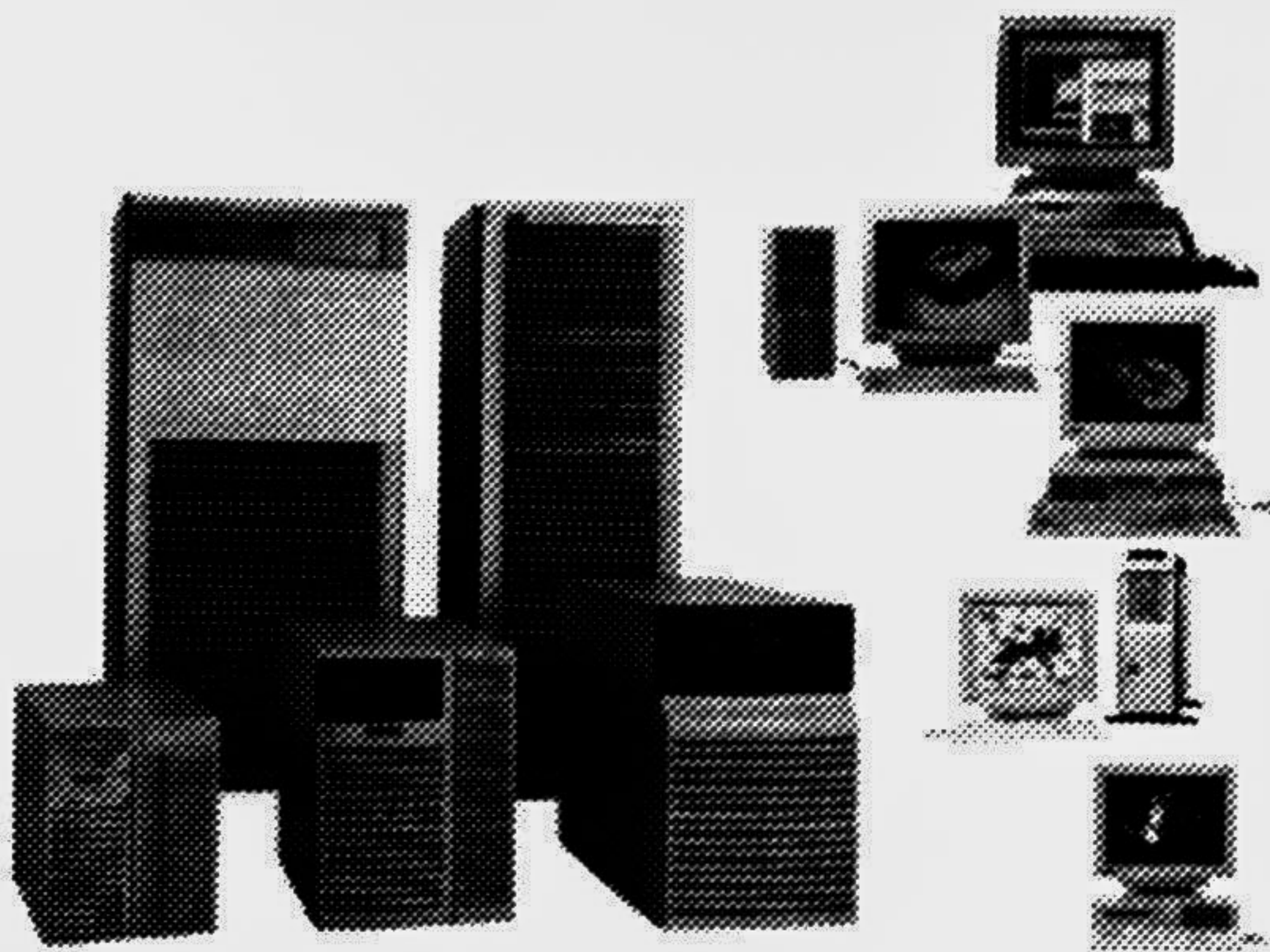
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