

### Hanif's call to project true history of Liberation War

City Corporation Mayor Mohammad Hanif has urged all patriotic people to make a concerted effort for proper projection of the country's history of Liberation War and independence to the future generation, reports UNB.

The mayor was addressing a discussion on Victory Day, organised by the Employees Union of City Corporation at its auditorium on Wednesday night.

The discussion, with union president Mia Shahabuddin Bachchu in the chair, was also addressed by the union secretary Ahmad Hossain.

A cultural function was held after the discussion, says a press release.

### Seminar on malnutrition problem to be held Dec 28

A seminar on "Malnutrition problem in Bangladesh and the role of mass media campaign" will be held on December 28 in the city, an official press release said, reports BSS.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf will attend the seminar as the chief guest while State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed will participate as a guest of honour.

Principal Information Officer (PIO) Mohammad Mokbul Ahmed will preside over the seminar.

### OCAB AGM tomorrow

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Overseas Correspondents Association, Bangladesh (OCAB) and election of its Executive Committee for the year 1998 will be held at the National Press Club tomorrow at 11 am.

All OCAB members have been requested to attend the meeting on time.



Bangabandhu Shishu Kishore Mela staged a rally on the occasion of its national conference '97 in the city yesterday. — Star photo

## Govt pledge-bound to protect rights of children: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government is pledge-bound to protect the rights of children and to groom them as worthy citizens, reports UNB.

"We don't want our children to become the object of torture, killing and repression or be denied their basic rights," she said while inaugurating a two-day conference of Bangabandhu Shishu Kishore Mela at the Shishu Academy auditorium in the city.

The government is taking effective steps to stop repression and trafficking of women and children, the Prime Minister said, reiterating the plan to introduce more stringent laws to curb such crimes.

"We'll also protect the rights of children through passing of laws in the parliament," she said, adding that her government is creating a congenial

atmosphere for the sound development of the children.

The Prime Minister said that in the last two decades, the children of the country were "not allowed to know the real history of the nation, the heroic tales of the freedom fighters and the War of Liberation."

The present government has taken steps to make the children know the real history of the nation, its struggle for independence and the liberation war.

Recalling contributions of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for the welfare of the children, Hasina said Bangabandhu had introduced law in 1974 to protect the interests of children

and establish their rights.

She said till now a lot of children remained neglected; they are not getting their minimum basic rights — two square meals a day, clothing and shelter.

The Prime Minister called upon the affluent sections of the society and the guardians to help the neglected children for a better life and future.

The inaugural session was also addressed by Justice Kemal Uddin Hossain, Justice K M Sobhan, Dr Enamul Huq, Mustafa Sarwar, M Anisuzzaman, Zahir Kazi and general secretary of the Mela Mia Monsof, Bangabandhu Shishu Kishore Mela president Mohiuddin Manu presided.



### Seminar on B M Abbas AT tomorrow

Commemorating the first death anniversary of international water resources expert, B M Abbas A T a seminar entitled "Contribution of B M Abbas A T towards development of Water Resources" will be held tomorrow 1997 at the Institute of Engineers at 4:00 pm, says a press release.

Barister Moinul Hossain, Chairman, Editorial Boards of the Daily Ittefaq and the 'New Nation', will be the chief guest.

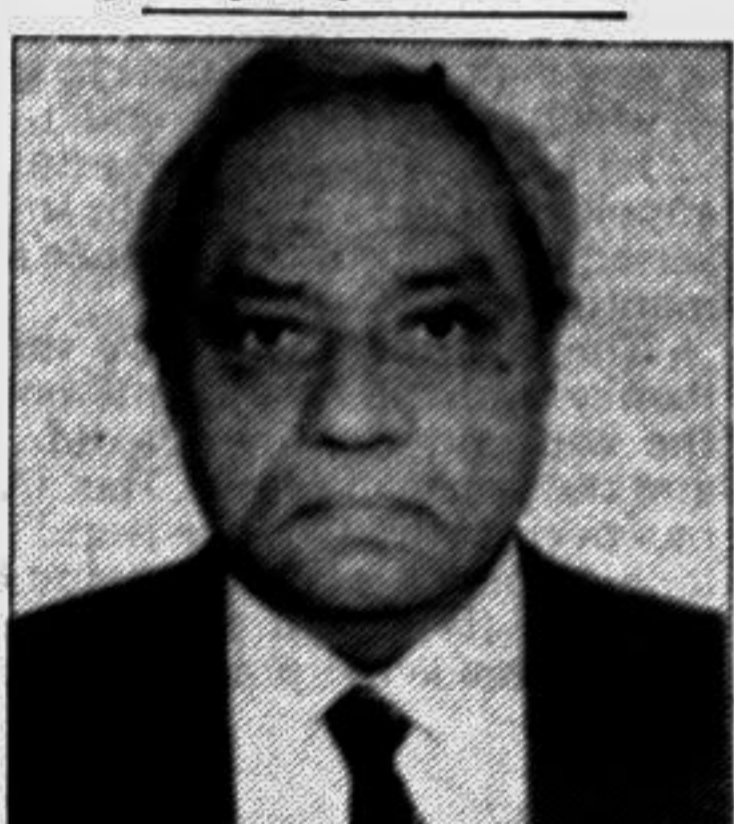
Rezauddin Ahmed, Chief Editor, The Daily Financial Express, Dr Mohammad Shajahan, Professor, Water Resources, BUET, Dr Ainun Nishat, Professor Water Resources BUET, will speak as special guests.

M F A Siddiqui, Water Resources Expert and ex-Secretary, Ministries of Religious Affairs and Shipping will preside over the seminar.

### Milad mahfil

A milad mahfil was held on the occasion of first death anniversary of DU Prof Dr Sofia Hasna Jahan Ali, an eminent sports personality and educationist, at her husband Dr Sheikh Maksud Ali's Gulshan residence yesterday.

Relatives and well-wishers of Dr Hasna attended the milad mahfil, says a press release.



### Namaj-e-janaza of Saghir Siddiqui today

The namaj-e-janaza of Md Saghir Siddiqui of GCE Tutorial will be held at the Iqbal Road Mosque after the Jumma prayers today, says a press release.

The body will be kept at the St Joseph School premises from 12 noon to 12:30 pm for the students and well-wishers.

Qulkhani of Saghir will be held tomorrow after Magreb prayers at his residence at I/13 Block "B" Lalmatia, "Metro Apartment."

### Obituary

Noted painter M Mohiuddin Ahmed died on Wednesday at his Banani residence at the age of 55. Family sources said Ahmed was suffering from liver cancer for the last few years.

He left behind his two sons, two daughters, friends, relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

He was buried at the Mirpur Shaheed Intellectuals Graveyard after the Namaj-e-Janaza at Banani Mosque after Jhr prayers.

M Mohiuddin was the first elected Vice-President of the Dhaka Art Institute Students' Union, the sources added.

### FBCCI concerned at death threat on PCCI president

By Staff Correspondent

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) has expressed grave concern over the alleged threat on the life of the president of Pabna Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) and some other officials of the PCCI on Sunday, says a press release.

In a statement, the FBCCI condemned the incident that occurred on Sunday that involved illegal entrance of a number of miscreants in the PCCI office who threatened to kill PCCI president and a number of its officials.

The FBCCI urged the authority to arrest the miscreants immediately and punish them.

### Plea to resist imperialist conspiracy

Left leaning Jatiya Ganotrik Front called upon the democratic forces to build a united movement against the imperialist conspiracy to grab the country's oil and gas resources", reports UNB.

The call came from the front's central executive committee meeting held in the city yesterday with its president Dr M A Karim in the chair.

Among others, Salahuddin Ahmed, Khalilur Rahman, M Yasin, Hamida Rahman, B M Shamimul Haq and A U Shahidul Islam addressed the meeting.

The meeting strongly condemned the killing of Bangladesh Trade Union Sangha leader Litu and demanded immediate arrest and trial of the assailants, said a press release.

### Books from UNICEF sought for kids of stranded Pakistanis

Leader of the stranded Pakistanis M Nasim Khan yesterday called upon the UNICEF authorities to arrange supply of primary school textbooks free of cost or persuade the Ministry of Education to provide the children of the stranded studying in camp schools with books for 1998 session, reports BSS.

The four camp schools in Rangpur, Dhaka and Narayanganj imparting education to over 2000 students are in dilapidated condition, he said.

In a press statement, Khan alleged that since 1997 free distribution of primary school books according to the syllabus of the secondary education boards to the schools have been totally stopped.

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