

What's on today....

FEJB meet: The seventh biennial general meeting of the Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10 am.

ZINAF discussion: Zia Nagorik Forum will hold a discussion meeting to mark its second founding anniversary. Venue: Ramna Park. Time: 2:30 pm.

Punjabe exhibition: Artist Lily Islam's special punjabee exhibition and sale organised by the Oitijhya will begin. Venue: Gallery Tone, House No: 47, Road No 1, Dhanmondi. Time: 10 am. The exhibition will remain open to visitors from 10 am to 8 pm till Jan 21.

Workshop on urban livelihood held

Four working sessions were held on the second day yesterday of the 3-day workshop on 'Urban Livelihood: A dissemination of findings' being organised by the Institute of Development Policy Analysis and Advocacy (IDPAA) of Proshika at the LGED auditorium here, reports BSS.

Obtains PhD in English Literature



Mobashera Khanam, Asst. Professor of English, Gazaria Govt College, Munshiganj, was recently awarded PhD by the University of Dhaka for her thesis entitled 'Man-woman Relationship in Post-war British Drama: A study of John Osborne and Arnold Wesker,' says a press release.

The research-work was supervised by Professor Serajul Islam Choudhury. Mobashera, a UGC fellow, is the daughter of M Mustafa Ali of Brahmanbaria.

Nizami urges to foil conspiracies against Islam

Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Murtazur Rahman Nizami has urged the people to foil all conspiracies against Islam as well as country's independence and sovereignty, reports UNB.

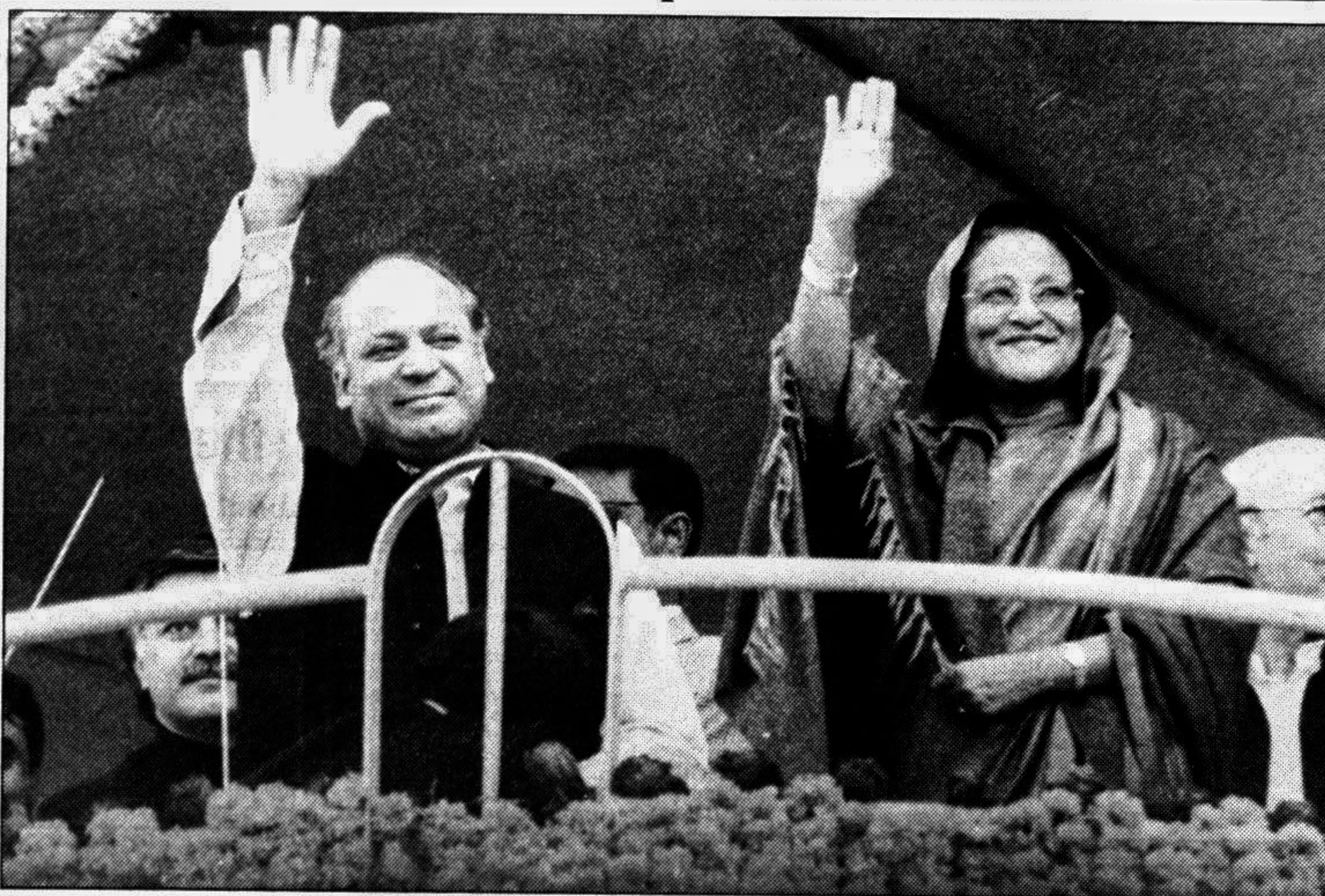
"The nation is now in a deep crisis and conspiracies are being hatched against the country's independence and sovereignty," he told a workers' conference of the party here yesterday.

Sanskritik Jote chalks out Ekushey programmes

Sammita Sanskritik Jote (SSJ) has chalked out 11-day programmes in observance of 'The Ekushey February,' reports BSS.

The programmes included recitation, *ganosangeet*, drama, dance and discussions of the Language Movement, a press release said. The SSJ has formed two sub-committees to run the programmes smoothly. The committees are 'programmes sub-committee' with Jahangir Hossain as Convenor and 'Publicity Sub-committee' headed by Akhteruzzaman.

Intending socio-cultural organisations have been requested to contact SSJ's temporary office by January 23 at the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) of Dhaka University with Taka 100 for registration.



Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina witnessed the 2nd final of the Coca-Cola Independence Cup Cricket at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday — Star photo

Pak PM places wreaths at National Memorial at Savar

Visiting Prime Minister of Pakistan Mohammad Nawaz Sharif yesterday placed wreaths at the National Memorial at Savar, reports BSS.

After placing the wreaths, Sharif stood in solemn silence when the bugle of Bangladesh army played the last post and the national flag was lowered half-mast.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad and members of Sharif's entourage accompanied him in the helicopter which carried him here.

The Pakistani premier signed the visitors' book. "My prayer and best wishes are with the government and fraternal people of Bangladesh for success in their endeavours to build a peaceful and prosperous country," he wrote in the book.

"May the brotherly ties between the peoples of Pakistan and Bangladesh continue to expand in the coming years," Sharif added.

He planted a sapling in the adjoining garden of the memorial.

Earlier, on arrival at the helipad at Savar the Pakistani prime minister was received by the Minister for Post, Telecommunications, Housing and Works Mohammad Nasim.

High Civil and military officials were present on the occasion.

'Vested quarter conspiring to destabilise country'

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad said a vested quarter is hatching conspiracy to foil the trial process of the killers of Bangabandhu and destabilise the country, reports BSS.

"Unfortunately, the main opposition political party has taken stand in favour of the self-confessed killers of Bangabandhu and the four national leaders including M Monsur Ali," he told a discussion organised to mark the 81st birth anniversary of M Monsur Ali in the city yesterday.

The minister said it seems the opposition leader wants to continue boycott of Parliament session when the majority of her party MPs is in favour of joining the Sangsad.

The main objective of Begum Khaleda Zia and her party is to make the Parliament ineffective and create an unstable situation in the country, the Foreign Minister said.

Samad Azad observed the opposition leaders is perhaps committed somewhere to create a chaotic situation when the country is moving towards economic development for achieving the target of growth.

But, the minister said they (opposition) could not succeed due to bold and firm leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina who is able to foil any conspiracy.

Recalling the contribution of national leader M Monsur Ali in the history of Bangladesh, the Foreign Minister said, Monsur Ali was a revolutionary leader who actively participated in all the movements from the Language Movement of 1952 to mass upsurge of 1969 under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Chaired by Awami League central leader Mostafa Sarwar, the discussion was addressed, among others, by LGED and Co-

operatives Minister Zillur Rahman, Post and Telecommunications and Housing Minister Mohammad Nasim, State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed and language movement hero Gazul Huq.

'\$300m required to repatriate stranded Pakistanis'

By Staff Correspondent

International Committee for the Stranded Pakistanis in Bangladesh (ICSPB), an organisation agitating for the rights of stranded Pakistanis, has said that a total of 300 million US dollar will be required to repatriate the Pakistanis who have been stranded in Bangladesh.

A BBC report monitored yesterday night said Pakistan will appeal to the European Union (EU) for providing the amount.

Sumit Sen, a researcher on international law at the London School of Economics told BBC that UNHCR is trying to solve the legal problems for repatriation of the stranded Pakistanis. "UNHCR wants that the stranded Pakistanis, after called as Biharis, should be formally declared as refugees to put pressure on Pakistan for bringing the Biharis back," he added.

Sumit Sen also set aside the idea that the Biharis are "stateless" adding that Pakistan has the responsibility for the Biharis because they are citizens of Pakistan.

At present, two lakhs and forty thousand stranded Pakistanis are living in different camps in Bangladesh.

Pakistani team meets Speaker

A delegation of Pakistan led by its Parliamentary Affairs Minister Muhammad Yasin Khan Watto called on Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury at Sangsad Bhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

The delegation members included Advisor to the Pakistan Prime Minister Pir Sabir Hossain Shah and seven other parliamentarians.

PGA condemns DU incident

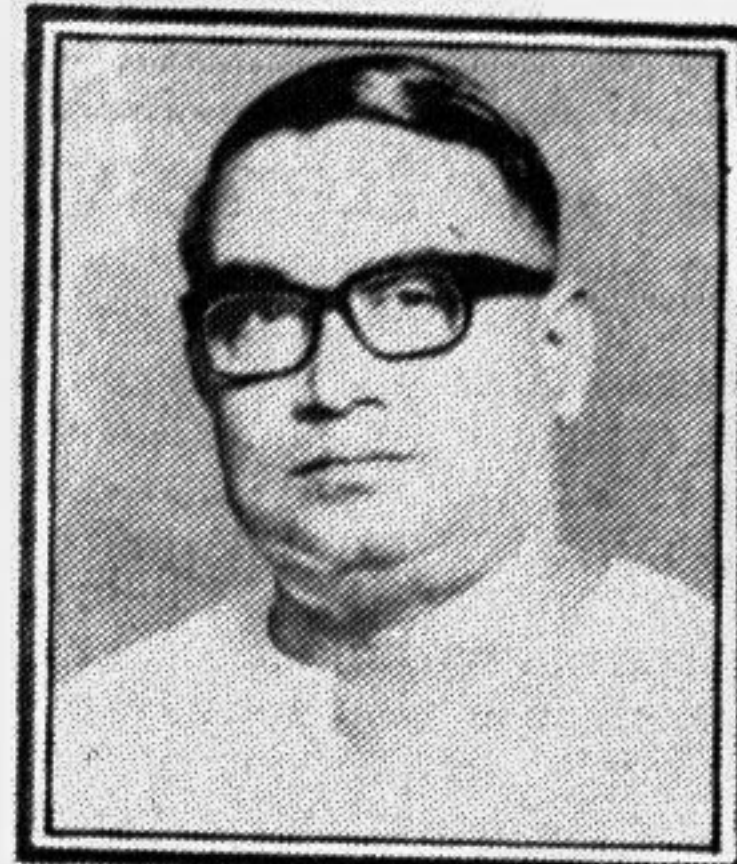
By Staff Correspondent

Pharmacy Graduates Association (PGA) of Bangladesh condemned the incident of 'indecent behaviour' with the chairman and some other teachers of Pharmacy Department of Dhaka University on Thursday.

A press release issued by PGA last night said leaders of the 'committee to protest discrimination unemployment in drug manufacturing industry' behaved audaciously with the teachers including the Chairman of Pharmacy Department Dr Rebecka Barui during a strike called by the committee.

PGA along with two other organisations of pharmacists will hold a rally in Pharmacy Department premises at the university on Sunday and Monday at 9am protesting the incident.

IN MEMORY



The Renowned Social Worker, Member of former Pakistan National Assembly and Founder of Nowapara Jute Mills Ltd., **Jonab Ahmed Ali Sarder** of Jessore breathed his last on the 17th day of January, 1980. We along with family and friends remember him with respect and pray for his departed soul.

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Stranded Pakistanis in Bangladesh staged demonstration in the city yesterday demanding immediate repatriation. — Star photo

Weather

Weather may remain dry

A moderate cold wave is sweeping over the region of Srimangal and mild cold wave over the regions of Mymensingh, Rajshahi and Ishwardi. Met Office said, reports UNB.

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky across the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today. No appreciable change in night temperature is expected over the country.

The weathermen predicted little change in the subsequent two days but, in an extended outlook for another five days, forecast moderate to severe cold wave may sweep over the country.

Country's highest temperature yesterday was recorded 29.0 degree Celsius at Barisal, Khulna and Satkhira, and the lowest 6.7 degrees at Srimangal.

Sun sets today at 5:34 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:44 am. Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	27.2	12.1
Chittagong	27.1	14.0
Rajshahi	25.6	8.2
Khulna	29.0	13.6
Barisal	29.0	12.0
Sylhet	24.7	11.7
Cox's Bazar	28.0	14.5
	Morning	Evening
	71	68
	70	71
	77	-
	96	-
	94	-
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	62	78



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