

Plea to protect rights of migrant workers

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdur Matin Khasru had made a strong plea for the protection of the rights of the migrant workers in the receiving countries, reports UNB.

He was deliberating a keynote speech at the second session of the symposium on Human Rights in the Asia-Pacific region in Tokyo yesterday, said a faxed message.

Khasru mentioned the various plights of the migrant workers who become targets of unacceptable behaviour and increasing public hostility in many countries as well as victims of individual and collective acts of abuse.

He called for the ratification of migrant workers convention to create a regional forum in the Asia-Pacific region where such issues could be raised and discussed.

Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of 'Rangamama' by Khandaker Muntasir Mamun will be held at the Jatiya Press Club at 4 pm on February 4, says a press release.

Poet Shamsur Rahman will attend the function as the chief guest and Rokanuzzaman Khan popularly known as Dababhai, will preside over it.

A K M Abdur Nur, Professor Harun K M Yusuf, Dr Sheikh Abdus Salam, Poet Abdullah Abu Saeed, Poet Asad Chowdhury and Shyamali Nasreen Chowdhury will take part in the talks on the book.

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Khaleda distributes clothes among city's cold-hit poor people

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia distributed warm clothes among the poor people at different places in the city Tuesday late night, reports UNB.

She distributed winter clothes among the destitutes living on pavements at Panthapath, Sonargaon Road, Palassy, Azimpur graveyard and Green Road from 12 am to 3 am.

BNP leaders Selima Rahman, Sadeq Hossain Khoka MP, Mirza Abbas, Major (retd) MA Mannan, Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan and Eman Saleh Prince accompanied Begum Zia.

German parliamentary team due Feb 17

A seven-member German Parliamentarian delegation will arrive on February 17 on a five-day visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Official sources said during their stay, the delegation members will call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury.

They will meet the Foreign Minister, Finance Minister, Law Minister, BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia and Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad.



The Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia addressing the discussion meeting at Kabi Nazrul College premises yesterday organised by Kotwali Thana BNP and its front organisations.

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Hanif distributes warm clothes

Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Mohammad Hanif yesterday distributed warm clothes among the cold-stricken poor and destitute people of the city at Nagar Bhaban, reports UNB. Dhaka City Red Crescent Society organised the function.

Quamrul Hasan's 10th death anniversary

Feb 2

A discussion meeting in memory of renowned artist Quamrul Hassan's 10th death anniversary organised by Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy will be held at 4 pm at the Academy auditorium on February 2, says a press release.

Dr Khan Sarwar Murshid will be present as the Chief guest at the discussion meeting. Prof Abul Mansur will read the key-note paper on the occasion.

Dr Anisuzzaman, Artist Quayum Chowdhury, Artist Emdad Hossain, Samsuzzaman Khan, Artist Hashem Khan and Dr Muntasir Mamoon will take part at the discussion.

BELA serves legal notice against deer hunting in SRF

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) yesterday served a legal notice upon the concerned authorities alleging their failure to protect the indiscriminate hunting of huge number of deer in the Sundarbans Reserved Forest (SRF), reports UNB.

The notice was served to Environment and Forest Secretary, Chief Conservator of Forest, Conservator of Forest (Wild Life) and District Forest Officer, Sunderbans Division.

Referring to a news article published in the Daily Bhorer Kagoj on January 24, 1998 on indiscriminate hunting of deer enlisted as protected or endangered species at SRF, BELA alleged that the authorities have miserably failed to perform their statutory duties to prevent such illegal activities.

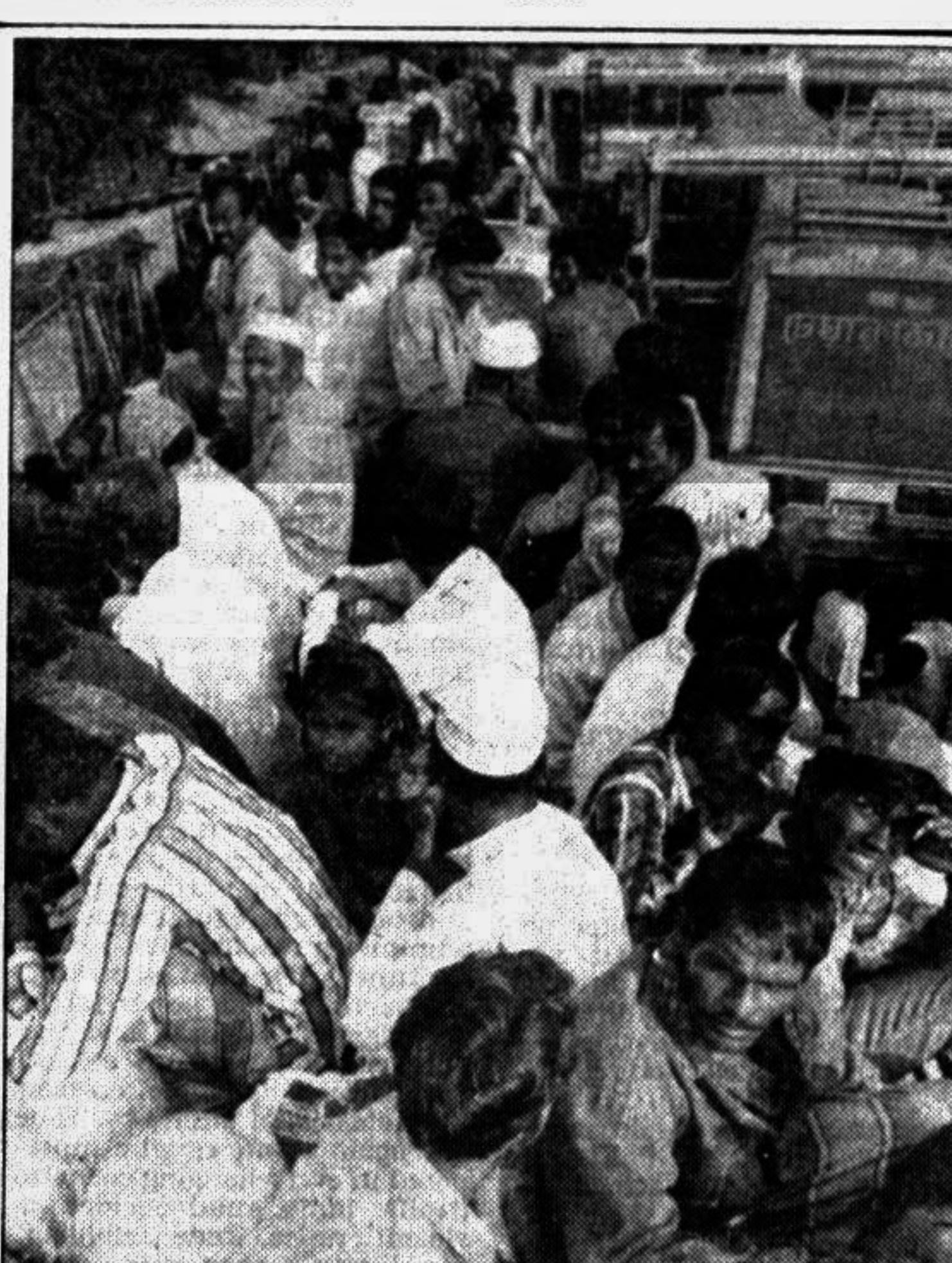
It said due to the failure such heinous activities were taking place in connivance with the officials of the government agencies.

New DG of Islamic Foundation of Bangladesh

Joint Editor of the Daily Al-Amin Mowlana Abdul Awal has been appointed as Director General of the Islamic Foundation of Bangladesh. He joined in his post on Monday, reports UNB.

For the first time a Kamil pass Islamic thinker, researcher, journalist, litterateur and writer has given the responsibility of the foundation as Director General.

The Ministry of Religious Affairs accepted the joining letter of Mowlana Awal.



Home-bound passengers awaiting with eagerness for buses in the city yesterday to share the joy of Eid-ul-Fitr with their near and dear ones.

More donations to PM's relief fund

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday received Taka 11 lakh 73 thousand to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the cold-hit people of the country at her Bangladesh Secretariat Office, reports BSS.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare donated Taka 10 thousand while the Education Ministry Taka 10 lakh 63 thousand. Of the total amount donated by the Education Ministry, the Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board gave taka 10 lakh. Directorate of Technical Education Taka 51 thousand and the Directorate of National Education Management Taka 12 thousand.

Salahuddin Yusuf, Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Prof Muhammad Amanullah, State Minister for Health and Family Welfare handed over the cheque on behalf of their ministry while Education Minister A S H K Sadaque handed over the cheque on behalf of the Education Ministry.

Alleged terrorist held

By Staff Correspondent
The Dhaka Metropolitan Police Special Branch in a sudden raid yesterday night in railgate area of Tejgaon thana of the city arrested a notorious alleged terrorist who has been absconding for quite sometime.

The fugitive identified as Faruk Ahmed, 25, was wanted in connection with several criminal cases.

Ershad off to USA

Jatiya Party Chairman and former President Hussain Mohammad Ershad leaves for the United States on February 1, reports UNB.

He will attend the breakfast prayer there, organised by Congressmen and Senators.

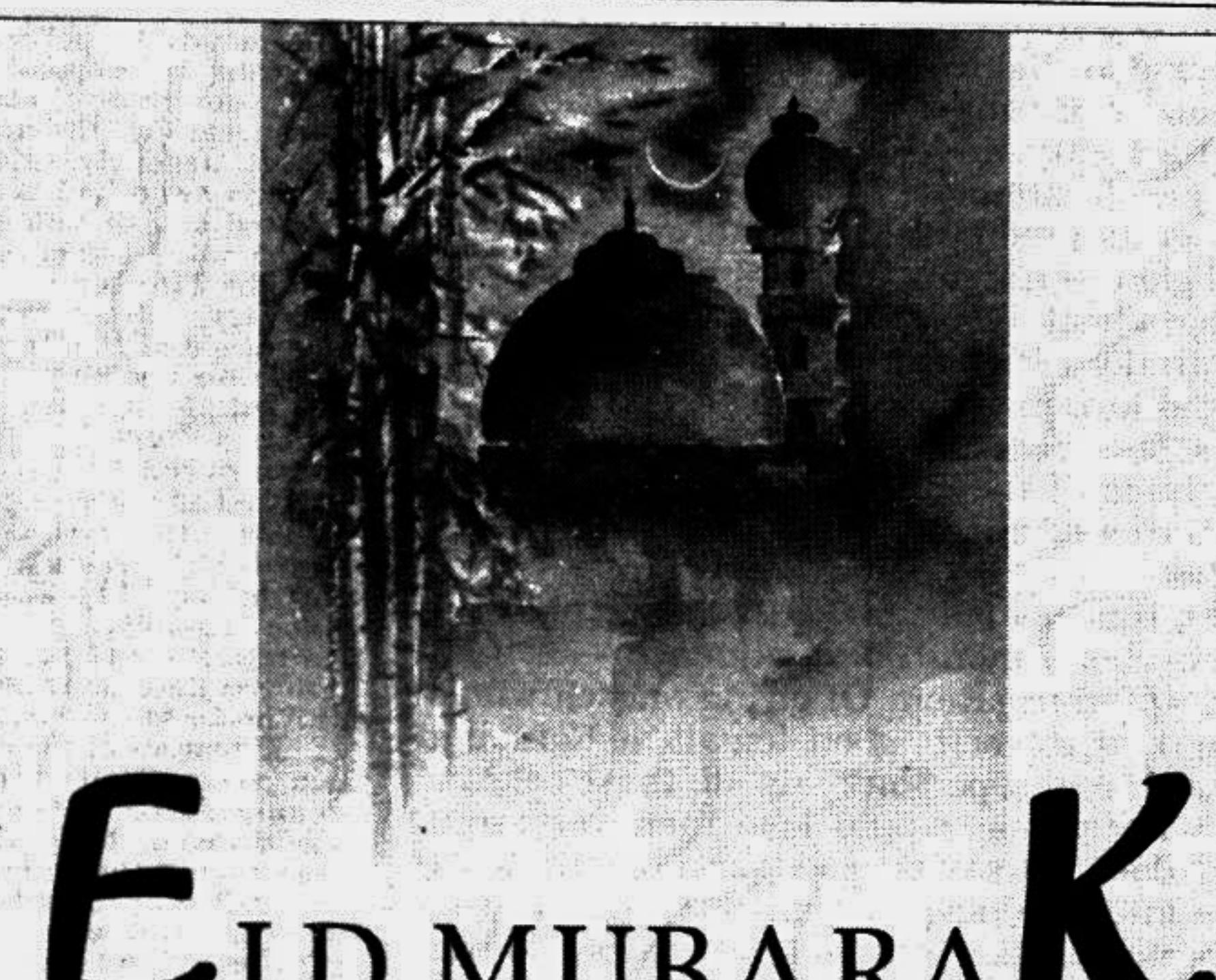
Ershad will exchange views with the Senators, Congressmen and high officials of the US during his stay there.

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