

**Dhanmondi lake
Quality of work
must be ensured
immediately**

By Staff Correspondent

The quality of the on-going construction work at the Dhanmondi lake site must be ensured immediately and the authorities must chalk out a proper management plan for the facilities which are being created.

Residents and members of the Dhanmondi Walkers' Club in a general meeting with the authorities on Friday morning alleged that sub-standard construction materials were being used to build footpaths, buildings and other projected facilities. The meeting was held at a Dhanmondi community centre.

"We are afraid these facilities will disintegrate soon because the quality of work is very poor," said Md Nurul Islam of the club alleging that the proper ratio of cement and sand, to his knowledge, was not maintained by the developers during the construction.

Architect Md Iqbal Habib, representing Vitti Sthapati Brindo Ltd, the project consultant, gave an elaborate description of all the major components of the scheme through colourful maps.

Among others who represented the authorities in the early morning meeting were the Secretary, LGRD Ministry, DC-C's Chief Engineer and the local Ward Commissioner Abul Khaer Bablu.

The residents cited examples of other projects and said due to mis-management many good institutions disintegrated. "We will have to make sure these beautiful components of the lake project did not go down the drain in the same manner."

The residents demanded terms of reference for management of the lake and its facilities.

The LGRD Secretary assured the residents that they would be incorporated in the official meetings on the lake which takes place once in every two months.

**Meeting on
environmental
awareness held**

Compartmental pilot projects, Tangail held a meeting on environmental awareness and tree plantation on Wednesday at Panchkahunia Govt Primary School, reports BSS.

About one hundred men, women and students of the village attended the meeting which was presided over by Habibur Rahman.

Dr Thomas Pitarmann, Consultant of the project, Dr Syed Hadiuzzaman, Dr Maniruzzaman Khondaker of Dhaka University and Dr Kamruzzaman spoke on the topic.

The meeting stressed the need for maintaining suitable environment and for plantation of more trees for safe and clean environment.

Pitarmann also distributed some saplings free of cost among the villagers on this occasion.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina delivering her inaugural speech at the 2-day international conference on 'Peace and Chittagong Hill Tracts' at the International Conference Centre in the city yesterday. — PID photo

What's on today

Film show: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen 'Horseman on the Roof' — a French film as part of its 12th anniversary celebration. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 6 pm.

Seminar: A seminar on 'Workforce 2000 — A review of the computer business job market in the USA' will be held. Organiser: Department of Computer Science, North South University. Venue: STR 300, NSU campus, Banani. Time: 3 pm.

Meeting: A general meeting of the Commonwealth Press Union (CPU), Bangladesh Section will be held. Venue: Office premises of the Daily Sangbad, 33 Purana Paltan. Time: 12 noon.

Seminar: A seminar on 'Water contamination: Cause, effect and remedy' will be held in observance of the 'World Environment Day'. Organisers: Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) and Coalition of Environmental NGOs (CEN). Venue: WVA auditorium, Rd 16, Dhanmondi. Time: 3 pm.

Rally: A rally against repression on women-children and terrorism, organised by the Sammilito Samajik Andolon, will be held. A silent procession will follow. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 5 pm.

Council: The central council '98 of the Jatiya Chhatra Samaj, student wing of the Jatiya Party, will be held. Venue: Engineers' Institution auditorium. Time: 10 am.

Rally: Zaker Party will hold a rally on the occasion of the founding anniversary of its Sheekhasebok Front. Venue: Paltan Maidan. Time: 3 pm.

Weather

Day temperature may fall

Moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong, Barisal, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Khulna divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Slight fall in day temperature is expected over the country during the period, according to the Met Office.

The country's highest temperature 37.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and the lowest 23.5 degree Celsius at Sandwip.

The sun sets today at 6:49 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11 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	Morn	Even
Dhaka	34.3	28.8	75	74
Chittagong	33.6	26.1	84	82
Khulna	33.7	28.4	79	83
Rajshahi	35.3	26.7	86	91
Barisal	33.4	26.0	87	89
Sylhet	32.4	25.5	85	78
Cox's Bazar	32.5	24.7	86	85

**Ershad says
People inclined
to JP for
failure of
govt, opposition**

Jatiya Party Chairman H M Ershad yesterday said the people being fed up by the failure of the government and negative politics of main opposition have now inclined to Jatiya Party, reports UNB.

He was speaking at a function, organised marking the joining of leaders, and workers of different parties and profession groups from Jamalpur, at his Baridhara office.

The former president said people will vote Jatiya Party in the next general elections as the development he has made during his tenure was not possible during any other government.

Welcoming the newcomers, JP chairman urged them to make the party stronger in the district level.

The leaders, who joined the party included, Anwaruzzaman, Abdul Bari, Jalil Box, Khondaker Abdul Mannan, Sohrab Ali, Raja Mia and Moulana Abdul Hamid.

**1000 rendered
homeless due
to erosion**

Over 1000 people of two villages of Mohishkhocha union in Aditmari thana in Lalmonirhat have been rendered homeless due to the erosion of the river Teesta during the last 24 hours, reports UNB.

The affected people of Gobardhan and south Balapara villages are passing their days in great hardships under the open sky.

The erosion suddenly intensified in the area and a vast tract of crop land has already been devoured.

Deputy Commissioner Tarit Kanti Roy Chowdhury visited the affected areas. He said the district administration is making all out efforts to provide relief materials and cash to the affected people on emergency basis.

**142 rounded up
in city**

Police rounded up some 142 people from different parts of the city on various charges during the last 24 hours till 6 am yesterday, reports UNB.

Among the arrested, 25 were wanted criminals, 31 held on charges of murder, dacoity, snatching, extortion and terrorism and 73 others under DMP Ordinance, said a police press release.

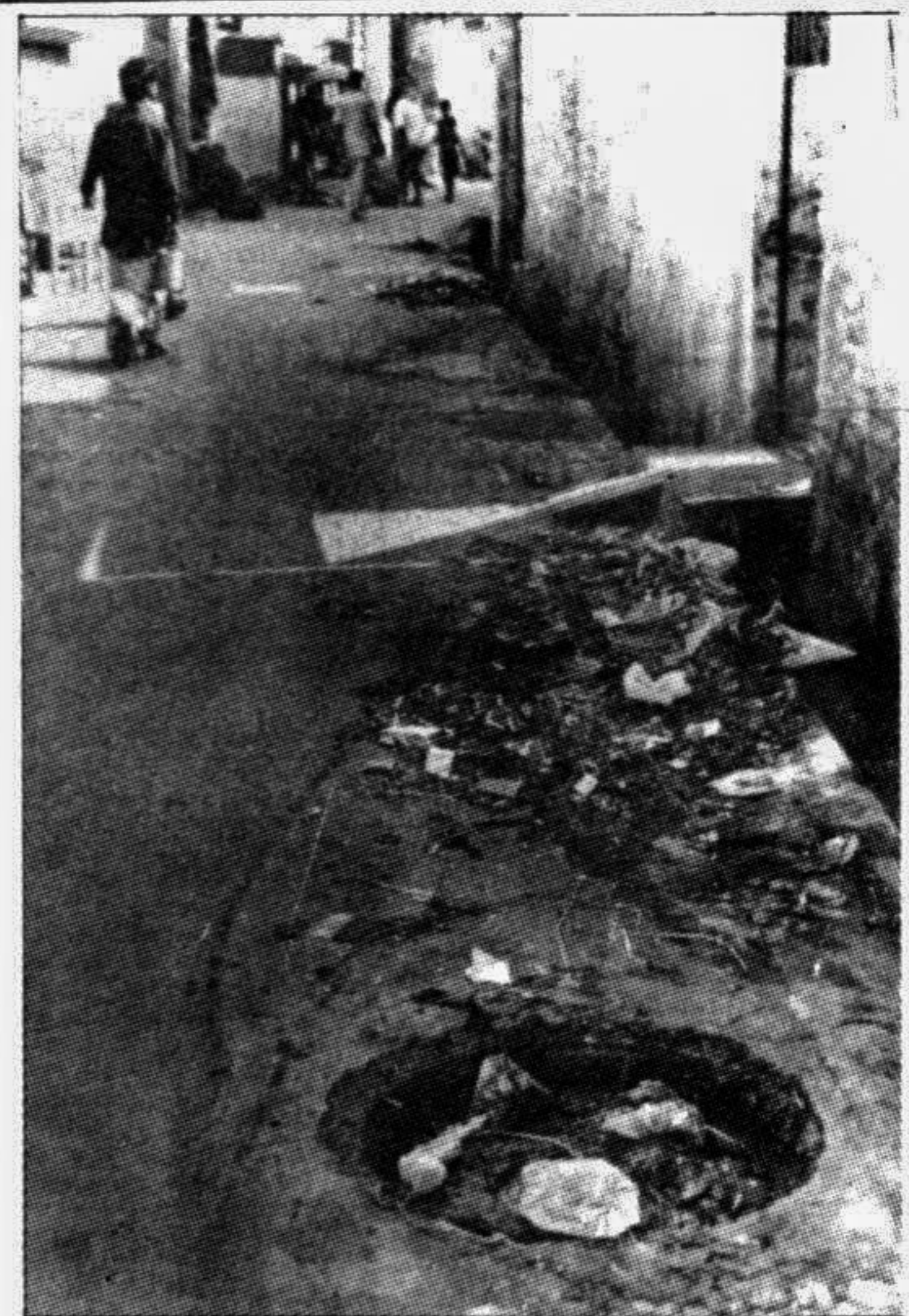
**Attack on
Khulna Bar
members
condemned**

By Staff Correspondent

Sammilito Ainjibi Samanay Parishad (SASP) yesterday condemned the attack on the members of Khulna Bar Samity (KBS) recently, says a press release.

In a statement SASP leader Barrister Amirul Islam expressed grievance at the 'unexpected' incident centring the removal of a wall in Khulna Collectorate area Sunday.

In the statement, SASP sought intervention of higher authorities and called for a proper and neutral investigation into the incident.



This pavement without manhole cover at a particular point in old part of the city is truly a 'death-trap'. — Star photo

**Sangeet Parishad
EC formed**

By Staff Correspondent

A 37-member Executive Committee of Bangladesh Sangeet Parishad (BSP) was formed with Samar Das and Ferdous Hossain Bhuiyan as President and General Secretary respectively, says a press release.

Poet Asad Chowdhury conducted the polls held at the National Bank Training Institute auditorium in the city Friday.

Other office bearers of the committee are: vice president — Rehana Ashikur Rahman, Sheikh Saadi Khan and Selim Ashraf, joint secretary — S M Hedayet and Ifat Ara Nargis, Treasurer — K M Chand Mia, organising secretary — Shelu Barua and cultural secretary — Mohammad Shahneaz.

Prominent members of the committee are: Hasina Hossain Mamataz, Sujeya Shyam, Anup Bhattacharya, Rafiqulnath Roy, Andrew Kishore, Subir Nandi, Laila Nazneen Harun, Shuvra Dev, Samina Chowdhury and Kumar Bisshayjit.

Obituary

Abdur Rahim, a well-known businessman, died at a city clinic on Friday. He was 74, says a press release.

A resident of Haji Osman Ganj Road, the deceased was a social worker of the area.

He was also the Motawali of Alu Bazar Chotto Masjid for the last 40 years.

His namaj-e-janaza was held after Jum'a prayers and he was laid to rest at the Azimpur graveyard.

Abdur Rahim left behind his wife, five sons and three daughters besides grand children, relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

His eldest son Hasan Shaheed is a former Sub-editor of The Daily Star.

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Kamela Khan Majlis, wife of late Daud Khan Majlis, will be held today after Asr prayers at her daughter's residence at 5/12 Block D, Lal-matia.

All friends, relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend and pray for the departed soul, says a press release.

**Commercial sex
workers' confce
tomorrow**

A day-long conference of Commercial Sex Workers (CSW), sponsored by Save the Children Australia and Kormojibi Kalyan Sangstha, will be held at Daulatdia brothel in Rajbari tomorrow, reports UNB.

Save the Children Australia has been working in the brothel in partnership with Kormojibi Kalyan Sangstha, a local NGO, since 1993.

The programme aimed at development and protection of children of Commercial Sex Workers through provision of alternative income generating activities for their mothers, said a press release.

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