

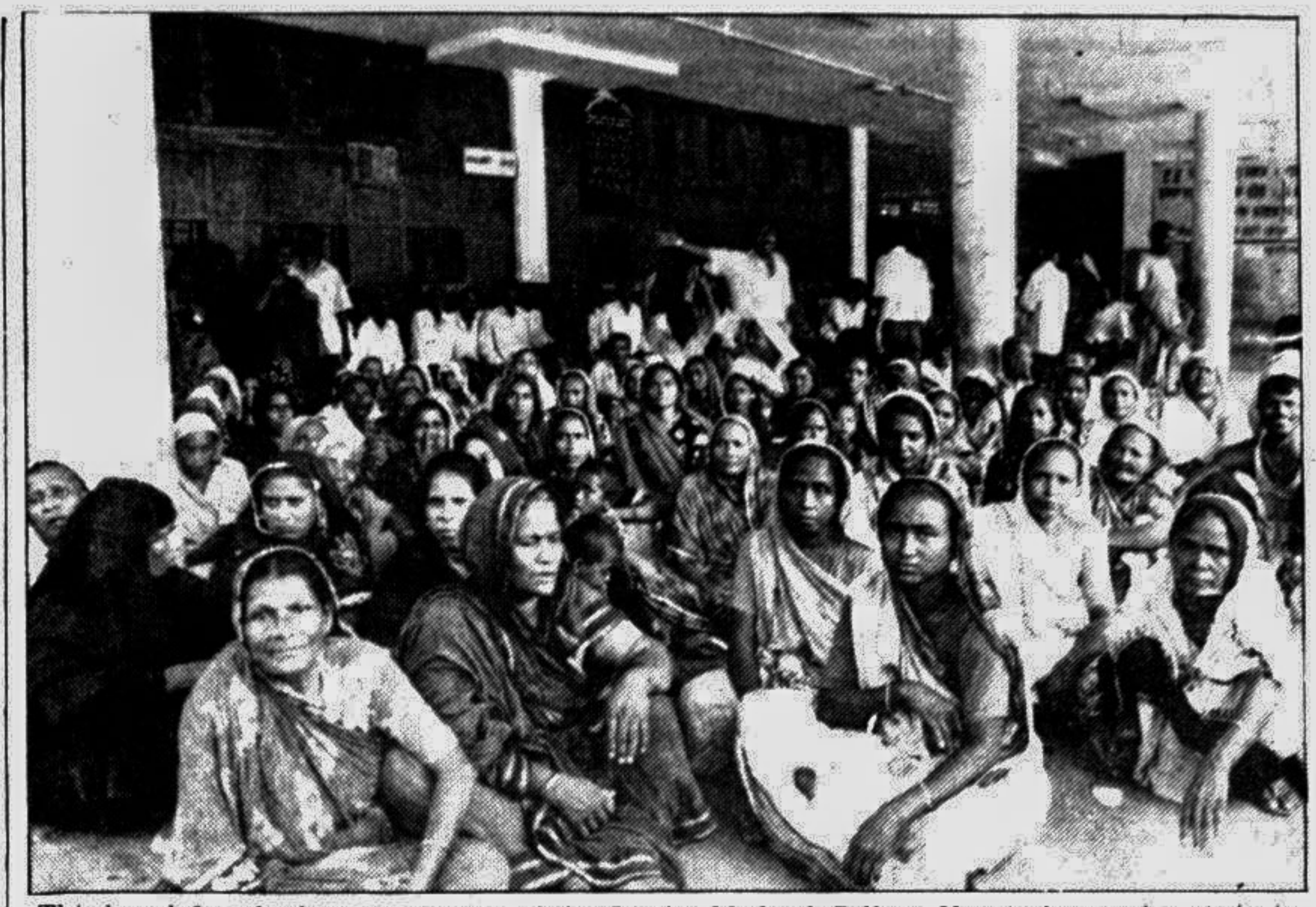


President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed inaugurated a two-day workshop on 'the bill for enacting special laws regarding prevention of crime relating to women, children and terrorism' at the Osmani Memorial auditorium in the city yesterday. —PID photo

### Bangabandhu Murder Case 'Wahab Joardar was promoted after Aug 15 killing'

Accused Subedar Major Abdul Wahab Joardar was promoted to Honorary Lieutenant following the tragic August 15, 1975, killings as reward, Investigation Officer (IO) in the Bangabandhu Murder Case told the court yesterday, reports BSS.

While cross-examining the IO, Abdur Razzak Khan, defence lawyer for Joardar, concentrated on finding out contradictions of the statements made by the prosecution witnesses before the court against his client.



Third and fourth class employees of the Dhaka Medical College Hospital staged a sit-in in front of the medicine store during a 12-hr strike protesting the reported move to give autonomy to the DMCH. —Star photo

### Khaleda visits injured BNP leaders

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia visited three injured leaders of BNP, Jubo Dal and JCD at the city's hospitals yesterday, reports UNB.

### 'Quick response key to effective disaster management'

Speakers at a discussion meeting yesterday said rapid response is the key to effective disaster management, reports UNB.

The discussion meeting, held at the auditorium of Women's Voluntary Association (WVA), was arranged marking the conclusion of a nine-day training course of the Emergency Support Corps (ESC) Rapid Response team.

Director General of the Disaster Management Bureau Khanada Mohan Das attended the meeting as chief guest while Red Crescent Deputy Secretary General Akram Hossain was present as special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, the Red Crescent Deputy Secretary General stressed the need for combined efforts between his organisation and the units of the Rapid Response team during natural calamities.

### Rashid reelected Secy of Lions Club of Dhaka Mahanagar

Alhaj M A Rashid Shah Samrat has been reelected as Secretary of the Lions Club of Dhaka Mahanagar for the year 1998-99, says a press release.

### Mohakhali slum-dwellers appeal to ministers against eviction

The dwellers of Mohakhali slum yesterday submitted a memorandum to the Health and Family Welfare Minister and Home Minister, containing their demand not to evict them without making alternative arrangement, reports BSS.

The memorandum noted that since coming to power the present government attached highest priority to poverty alleviation and well being of the oppressed people and particularly the Prime Minister categorically assured the slum dwellers that they would not be evicted without making alternative arrangement for them.

The Mohakhali slum dwellers expressed their concern over the report that they would soon be evicted by the authorities.

The minister urged all concerned for extending all sorts of cooperation for the successful implementation of the project.

### 190 healthcare centres to be set up in 4 city corp areas

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman yesterday underscored the need for united efforts to make the Urban Primary Healthcare Project (UPHCP) a success for providing primary medicare facilities to the urban poor, reports BSS.

The minister said a total of 190 primary healthcare centres would be set up in the country's four city corporation areas to ensure primary healthcare facilities to the urban poor.

Chaired by Mayor of Dhaka City Mohammad Hanif, the workshop was addressed, among others, by State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Bir Bikram, State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof M Amanullah, LGRD Secretary A H M Abdul Hye, Health Secretary Muhammad Ali and officer in charge, Bangladesh Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank (ADB) Francis B Narayan.

He said one third of the total urban population are deprived of medicare facilities.

"The main objective of the project is to bring the urban poor under the primary healthcare facilities," the minister said.

The LGRD Minister urged all four city mayors participating in the workshop to set up healthcare centres in their respective areas soon.



Field Commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts Md Kamrul Islam Selim conducting the oath taking ceremony of Girl-Scouting group of 47 girls of the Vikarunessa Noon School in the city yesterday.

### GCO to march towards JS June 28

Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) will organise a march towards the Jatiya Sangsad on June 28 demanding 25 per cent allocation for the education sector in the national budget.

Addressing a press conference at the Madhusri Canteen of the Dhaka University the GCO leaders said allocation for the education sector had not been increased in the new budget.

A total of Tk 4596.14 crore has been allocated for education sector in the proposed budget for 1998-99 fiscal which is 15.27 per cent of the total expenditure in the budget.

The GCO will submit a memorandum to the Speaker to press home their demands.

### 2nd barge mounted power plant to sail for Mongla port from S'pore soon

The second barge mounted 55 MW power plant will sail for Mongla Port from Singapore in a couple of days, reports UNB.

Wartaline NSD and Keppel Singapore Ltd handed over the plant named Tiger-III to Khulna Power Company for generation of electricity in Singapore Wednesday, according to a message received in the city.

Bangladesh High Commissioner Ashfaqur Rahman was present on the occasion.

The Bangladesh High Commissioner said the barge mounted power station would contribute to development of the western region and encourage foreign investment. It will also improve the current power supply situation in the country.

### Project taken up to explore jobs for women: Mannan

The government has taken up a massive project in association with International Labour Organisation (ILO) to explore jobs for women who constitute 60 per cent of the country's workforce, reports UNB.

Labour and Manpower Minister MA Mannan said this yesterday while briefing newsmen on his return from the 86th annual conference of ILO in Geneva.

"We focused on our labour standard, mainly of women, both in the conference and ministerial meetings," said the Minister, who led an 18-member delegation to the ILO conference from June 2-18.

The delegation included labour leaders, employers and owners' representatives.

Garment and textile sectors employ some 13 lakh women or about 90 per cent of the total women labour force, Mannan said.

The government has started construction of a technical training centre for women near Dhaka to improve their skills and explore potentials.

Besides, we've planned to take up micro-credit schemes for women to create self-employment opportunities," he added.

The Minister said Bangladesh's success in eliminating child labour from garment industry has been appreciated by ILO and other member countries, who have cited it as an example to be adopted by all.

Mannan said the ILO has accepted Bangladesh's clarification about a 'faulty' information about "bonded women labourers." The ILO in its latest report incorporated an NGO's publication that described permanent housemaids as "bonded women labourers."

Bangladesh has so far ratified 32 conventions of ILO, including Convention 100 that ensure equal remuneration for males and females of same jobs.

It also signed six out of seven "core conventions" excepting 138 that fixes minimum age for different jobs. "We've our own laws about age limit for jobs," the Minister said.

Local people said the importance of establishing road links among the hill districts has increased much with the end of hostilities in the region through signing of CHT peace treaty.

Many offices including the Regional Council office will be set up in the region and the people have to maintain regular contact with the offices. Besides, movement of people is likely to increase manifold with various development programmes undertaken here.

Among the three district headquarters, Khagrachhari is connected with Rangamati, the main town of the hill tracts, while there is no bus service between Rangamati and Bandarban.

Passengers of the district have to travel via Chittagong or via Barachhari-Raikhal-Bangladesh to reach Rangamati from here.

They demanded of the authorities concerned to take up steps to introduce bus service between the two hill towns as early as possible.

### Kibria thanks Japanese govt for continued assistance

The visiting Managing Director of Japan Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Kenji Yoshida, called on Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

They discussed matter relating to bilateral interest with special reference to Japanese assistance in development projects in Bangladesh.

The Finance Minister thanked the Japan government for its continued support in the economic development particularly large infrastructure projects.

Kibria also thanked the OECF Managing Director for his joining in the opening ceremony of Bangabandhu Bridge.

The Finance Minister appreciated the active response of Japan to the proposed Rupsha Bridge project.

Kibria sought greater cooperation of OECF for constructing big bridges as well as other development projects. He further sought financial assistance for Dhaka Eastern Bypass project which is now important and a priority project of the government.

The Managing Director assured of continued support of OECF to Bangladesh. He said, Japan and Bangladesh are very close to each other.

They hoped that the excellent relationship exists between the two 'friendly' countries would be strengthened in the years to come.

### IUEF to observe token strike today

Employees of all universities of the country will observe a token strike today to realise its six-point demand, Inter-University Employees' Federation (IUEF) called the strike.

The demands of the IUEF include implementation of promotion rules, providing housing facilities, extending the tenure of services of the employees up to the age of 65.

The other demands of the employees are: Stopping the deduction of 20 per cent from the pension money, withdrawal of termination order served against the president and general secretary of BUET's class four and three employees' association.

### Obituary

Md Ful Miah, driver, ICDDR,B, met a tragic accident while on duty on June 22 at about 8:15 pm on the Dhaka-Aricha highway at Bhakurta near Amin Bazar and died on way to Pangu Hospital. He was 50.

A case has been filed with the Savar Police Station, says a press release.

### The Daily Star TV Guide

Table with TV program listings for Thursday 25th June, including channels like BT, Channel V, PTV, Zee TV, and Star Plus, with their respective showtimes and titles.