

Seminar on recent nuclear explosion held India, Pakistan may sell out N-technology for survival

By Staff Correspondent

The newly-emerged nuclear powers — India and Pakistan — may sell out nuclear technologies to some other countries or even to terrorists for their survival if the super powers continue to suppress them with sanctions and other means.

This was stated by eminent columnist and former Director General of BISS Brig (Retd) Abdul Hafiz at a seminar in the city yesterday.

Organised by Higher Social Science Research Centre (HSSRC) at Dhaka University, the seminar on "Nuclear Status, Stability and Global Influence: The Indo-Pak Nuclear Explosions in Perspective" was held at the DU Lecture Theatre with eminent political scientist Prof Talukder Moniruzzaman in the chair.

Assistant Professor of International Relations (IR) Department at DU Mohammad Nuruzzaman in collaboration

with IR lecturer Rokhsana Ahmed presented the keynote paper in the seminar while Prof Mohammad Shahiduzzaman of IR Department took part in the discussion. Director of HSSRC Prof Syed Giasuddin Ahmed delivered the note of thanks.

Brig. Hafiz said India's declining trend of status in global politics led her to detonate nuclear bombs in a bid to regain her lost prestige and honour. "Increasing dominance of China in world politics and America's growing interest in China also made her desperate to go nuclear," he said.

He said the nuclear arms possessed by India and Pakistan would not stabilise the south-east Asia. "Not nuclear bombs, it is politics along with other problems that may destabilise the region," he said comparing the situation with European paradigm to justify his comment.

Contradicting with the proposition that Nehru was the architect of India's nuclear endeavour, Brig Hafiz said Nehru was too modern with foresight and wisdom to take the ominous path of destruction ushered by nuclear arms.

Prof Shahiduzzaman said in absence of a command and control system, India and Pakistan can get involved in a nuclear warfare any moment.

"After getting equipped with missile technology, both India and Pakistan are now bound to develop anti-missile technology which will leave them in a cul-de-sac destroying their economy," he said.

In his presidential remark, Prof Talukder Moniruzzaman said the BJP-led government in India exploded nuclear bombs following apprehensions that Pakistan gathered nuclear technology to have a bout on Kashmir.



Minister for Forest and Environment Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury along with others visiting a photograph exhibition on birds titled 'Birds of Bangladesh' by Enam-al-Haque after the inauguration ceremony at the National Museum, in the city yesterday.

SI Khan elected chairman of BLF

Ln M Shaful Islam Khan has been elected chairman of Bangladesh Lions Foundation at the annual general meeting held recently at Humayun Zahir Auditorium in the city's Agargaon area.

Currently, he is the District Governor of Lions Clubs International, District 315, B2 Bangladesh. Ln M Shaful Islam Khan, an eminent educationist and a social worker, was born in a respectable cultured Muslim family in Brahmanbaria, says a press release.

He obtained his Master Degree in Accountancy in 1968 from the University of Dhaka. Subsequently, he obtained MS in Financial Administration from the Colonel University, USA.

KFAED to provide Tk 93 cr for bridge financing

Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) will provide a loan of 6.15 million Kuwaiti dinar equivalent to Taka 93 crore to assist in financing Doarika-Shikarpur bridges and access roads projects, reports BSS.

A loan agreement was signed in this regard between Bangladesh and KFAED here yesterday, said a press release of the Economic Relations Division of the Finance Ministry.

Sayef Uddin, Joint Secretary of ERD and KFAED Deputy Director General Abdul Wahab Al-Badar signed the agreement for the Bangladesh government and KFAED respectively.

The project aims at connecting the divisional headquarters of Barisal with the capital and to improve socio-economic conditions of the south-western part of the country by constructing both the bridges and access roads.

HERE and THERE

UNAB In observance of the 'International Day Against Drug Abuse' the United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) organised a symposium Friday evening at UNAB office, says a press release.

Eminent Sociologist Professor M Asaruddin presented the keynote paper. Kazi Ali Reza, Information Officer, NIC, Advocate Mollah Maqbul Hossain, literacy-organiser Samanta Bhadra Barua, Professor M Rausuddin and Dr Syed Mohammad Shahid participated in the discussion. Senior scientist Professor M Abu Bakr presided over the function.

Speakers called for a united efforts to combat drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking. They emphasised on spreading idealism among the young generation of the society to eliminate vicious circle of drug.

The message issued on this occasion by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan was read out in the function.

Zonta Int'l Club II Dhaka

Election for the executive board of the Zonta International Club II Dhaka was held at Hotel Sonargaon recently, says a press release.

The elected members of the board for the year 1998-2000 are as follows: President - Saeda Khan, 1st Vice President - Farhana Ibrahim, 2nd Vice President - Nazneen Mahbub, Treasurer - Izzat Shamsuddin, Secy Recording - Shahrul Islam, Secy Correspondence - Nasima Khan.

Directors: Mahe Munir Ahmed, Bilkis Kassem, Rehana Bashir, Polly Rashid, Reeta Sultana, and Ruksana Hussain. President-elect for 2000-2002 is Suraiya Islam.

Work stoppage in Mongla Port unlikely in future

The Mongla Port is unlikely to see strike or work stoppage any more in future as the representatives of all parties and groups involved with the port's working have unanimously decided to continue the port's functioning at any cost, reports BSS.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Mongla Port Authority held yesterday at the Ministry of Shipping with its Minister A S M Abdur Rob in the chair, an official press release said.

Representatives of all concerned workers-employees, owners, customs and the port users — took the decision to continue the functioning of the port at any cost.

The problems arising out of any adverse situation, would be solved through mutual discussions or the convening of emergency meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Port Authority, the meeting said.

It said that necessary steps would be taken soon to start the dredging programmes in the Posur river in the Mongla Port area.

The meeting also decided to step up the security measures in the port area and establish a sailors' training centre in Khulna.

It expressed deep shock at the death of Ahmed Tafiz Uddin, MP and prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul.



The namaz-e-janaza of Ahmed Tafiz Uddin, MP, was held at the South Plaza of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhavan yesterday. Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury, Deputy Speaker Advocate Abdul Hamid, ministers, and parliament members attended the janaza.

Qirat competition in Tehran begins July 6

International Hizb and Qirat competitions on the occasion of "Unity Week" will be held from July 6-12 in Tehran, an official handout said yesterday, reports BSS.

A four-member delegation from each of the participating countries including Bangladesh is expected to take part in the competition.

The composition of the delegation will be one in Hafez of Quran (complete), Hafez of Quran (Half), Quary and head of delegation, the handout added.

Floods hit 20,000 in Jamalpur

A vast area of Bakshiganj thana in Jamalpur district was inundated due to flash flood following torrential rain and onrush of hilly waters from across the border, reports UNB.

The flood damaged standing crops of land, seedbeds, roads and culverts and left a number of cattle head dead in the affected unions.

Officials said about 20,000 people of one third areas of seven unions in the thana were affected by the flash flood.

JU senate passes Tk 18.97 cr budget

By JU Correspondent Jahangirnagar University (JU) senate passed Tk 18.97 crore revenue budget with a deficit of Tk 1.57 crore for the fiscal 1998-99 Saturday. Treasurer of the University Prof Abdul Bayes presented the budget before the senate.

Of the budget, 71 per cent will be spent for salary and allowances, 28 per cent for administrative purposes and one per cent for education and research purposes.

In the budget, a total of Tk 3.50 crore has also been proposed for the annual development programme of 1998-99. The development programmes include construction of Arts Faculty, Life Science Institute, residential building for teachers, setting up of laboratories for Physics and Chemistry Departments and development works of Mathematics and Statistics Departments.

Addressing the budget session, JU Vice Chancellor Prof Amirul Islam Chowdhury said "The educational institutions are proper places to learn politics but these places should not be used to exercise it."

"It is the responsibility of the government and the society that nobody eligible for higher education is deprived of it," he said.

The senate also elected AN Rasheda and Motahar Hossain to the JU syndicate and APS to the Prime Minister Ibrahim Hossain Khan to the Finance Committee.

The session was adjourned till 4 pm on July 4.



Bangladeshi student Salman A Khan receiving his diploma from US President Bill Clinton at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology recently.



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Govt fulfilling election pledges one by one

State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Mofazzal Hussain Chowdhury Maya, Bir Bikram yesterday said that the present government was implementing series of development programmes all over the country, thus fulfilling its election pledges one by one, reports BSS.

The present government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is strongly abiding by its commitment given to the nation," he said adding that the Bangabandhu Bridge was one of the glaring examples of the developments being done by this government.

He was addressing as the chief guest a reception given to Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad and member of parliament elected from Chouddagram, Advocate Mujibul Huq Mujib. Chouddagram thana Janakalyan Samity based in Dhaka organised the reception.

The samity also gave hearty reception to the students of Chouddagram thana who scored credit marks in SSC and HSC examinations last year and the newly elected chairman of 14 Union Parishads under the thana.

With president of the Samity Dr Abdul Mannan of Dhaka University in the chair, the function was also addressed by Whip Mujibul Huq Mujib. Founder president of the samity Dr A K Fazul Huq, general secretary Sayed Moazzem Hussain, vice-president Sirajul Islam and Ehsanul Azim on behalf of

the talented students of the thana. The chief guest gave crests to each of the talented students as well as the newly elected chairmen of the 14 Union Parishads. The samity president presented crests of the samity to the chief guest and the Whip as a mark of respect to these distinguished personalities.

Mofazzal Hussain Chowdhury Maya, in his speech, recalled with respect the glorious heritage of Chouddagram thana and said this particular part of the country was always on the point of prominence due to its education, culture and political activities that contributed much towards national prosperity.

He said his ministry would render its best for the development of this traditional thana which made a remarkable contribution towards achievement of independence in 1971. Whip Mujibul Huq Mujib, in his remark, said that the people of Chouddagram had chosen him up as their representative by reposing their full trust on the leadership of Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina.

"The Prime Minister is for the whole country and she has her feelings about the people of Chouddagram as well as those in other parts of the country," he said.

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