

Speaker at Miladunnabi programme Muslim Ummah suffers from inversion for their detachment from Quran

A terrorism and frustration free society can be established only by implementing the ideology of the great Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM), said Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury, reports UNB.

The Muslim Ummah today suffers from inversion and backwardness only because of their detachment from Quran and Sunnah," he said addressing the inaugural ceremony of a fortnight long Miladunnabi programme of the Islamic Foundation.

State Minister for Religious Affairs Moulana Nurul Islam also addressed the function organised by the Foundation at Baitul Mokarram National Mosque in the afternoon.

The humanity is now being disgraced... the present civilised world is suffering from lack of moral and human values... the individual and social lives have plunged into the darkness," the Speaker told the

function. He said to salvage the humanity from this disgraceful situation, we have to reestablish the values of Islam in the society.

Speaker said Islam is a complete code of life. It's our absolute responsibility to adhere to the values of Islam and establish Islam in all spheres of life.

Paying a glowing tribute to Hazrat Muhammad (SM), he said with the birth of the great Prophet, the world has been blessed with the light of peace and prosperity.

The function was addressed, among others, by Religious Affairs Secretary M Ismail Hossain and DG of the Islamic Foundation Moulana Abdul Awal.

Later, Moulana Nurul Islam led a *munajat* seeking divine blessings for continued peace, progress and prosperity of the nation.



A group of six Thai dancers flown in by Thai Airways presented live dance at Sonargaon Hotel's Cafe Bazar yesterday marking the start of a week-long 'THAI FOOD FESTIVAL'. Ambassador of Thailand Pithaya Pookaman inaugurated the festival.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical 'Varsity team meets PM

A delegation of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University led by its Vice-Chancellor Prof M A Quadri called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting Prof Quadri and syndicate members of the university expressed profound gratitude for setting up the university after the name of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Prof Quadri said the university will provide medical education and medical services in tune with the needs of time. The delegation referred to certain demands, including land for extension of the university and additional fund.

The Prime Minister told the delegation that there is a decision that the land adjacent to the university for construction of a 5-star hotel would be given to the university and arrangement of alternative land would be made for the hotel.

She said there should be a green belt around the university while constructing new buildings and stressed on setting up of modernised casualty department in the hospital.

She also emphasised that the cabins of the hospital should be more attractive and service oriented. The Prime Minister suggested that doctors may be allowed to do private practice in the hospital and for that they have to surrender a certain percentage of their fees.

Hasina also called for strengthening the welfare fund to provide services to the poor patients.

Philippine envoy calls on PM

The newly-appointed Ambassador of the Philippines, Candida R Gutoc, made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday, reports BSS.

Gutoc said he would endeavour to further consolidate the existing friendship between the two countries. The envoy hailed the Chittagong Hill Tracts peace accord.

Welcoming the ambassador, the Prime Minister said the friendship between Bangladesh and the Philippines is very strong. She hailed the peace accord signed between the Philippine government and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

Agreement on avoidance of double taxation likely 3-day Thai Trade Fair begins Wednesday

A three-day Thai Trade Fair 1998 will be held in Dhaka on July 8-10, aimed at boosting trade between Thailand and Bangladesh, reports UNB.

The trade fair aims at exploring business potentials and to familiarise Thai businessmen with Bangladesh businessmen. Thai Ambassador in Dhaka Pithaya Pookaman told a press conference in the city yesterday.

Thai Deputy Foreign Minister Sukhumbhand Paribatra will inaugurate the fair at Hotel Sheraton at 2:30 pm on Wednesday.

Some 45 Thai companies and 60 Thai businessmen are expected to participate in the Thai Trade Fair, the second in Bangladesh.

Earlier, a small scale Thai trade fair was held in Dhaka in 1997. Addressing the press conference, the Thai ambassador said the Dhaka-Bangkok both way trading accounted for US dollar 154 million last year.

He said Thai export to Bangladesh is more than its import from the country. It is up to the businessmen of both the sides to lessen the trade gap. Pookaman said adding, "I will try to persuade the Thai businessman."

He said an agreement on avoidance of double taxation is expected to be signed between the two countries during the Thai Deputy Foreign Minister's three-day visit to Bangladesh.

This will, no doubt, help stimulate the trade," the Thai ambassador said. He termed the present bilateral relation between the two countries as excellent.

Twelve main categories of Thai products will be put on display at 40 booths of the fair to be set up at Ball room, Foyer and the Melony room in the hotel.

The products are: equipment for agro-based industry, preserved food, building materials and accessories, furniture, household wares, electrical goods, silk products, fashion wears and cosmetics, handicrafts, toys, machinery, stationery and jewellery.

The Thai Ambassador said a "traders' morning" will precede the inaugural ceremony and will be opened for the Bangladeshi businessmen from 10 am to 2 pm on Wednesday.

"Traders' morning will afford the opportunity for Bangladeshi businessmen to interact with the Thai business ventures," he said.

The fair will remain open for the public from 9 am to 7 pm every day on Wednesday-Friday. Pookaman said a half-day symposium on Trade and Investment Opportunities in Bangladesh for Thai Businessmen will be held at Sonargaon Hotel at 9 am on Thursday.

The Royal Thai Embassy in Dhaka and the Board of Investment (BOI), Bangladesh will organise the symposium jointly.

The symposium is being organised with the aim to expand and deepen trade and economic cooperation between Thailand and Bangladesh," the Thai ambassador said.

Meanwhile, a six-day Thai Food Week featuring authentic Thai cuisine is also being held at the Sonargaon Hotel from today.

Honesty rewarded

Roop Mia, a 30-year-old rickshawpuller, will be among over 4 lakh viewers of the box-office hit 'Titanic' as a reward for his honesty, reports UNB.

Mia, who has an ideal family with a son and a daughter, was rewarded Tk 200 and a free ticket for a 'Titanic' show yesterday by Modhumita Theatre, after he returned a diary containing cash and documents belonging to the manager of the theatre.

"After the passenger got off at the Azimpur graveyard, I noticed the diary on the footboard of my rickshaw," said an excited and proud Mia after he was given recognition for his honesty by Iftekharuddin Naushad, one of the owners of Modhumita Theatre.

"I asked somebody to help me locate the owner of the diary and telephoned a number written on the front page and came to know the *shaheba* was working for Modhumita cinema. I rushed there immediately thinking he must be worried after losing the important diary," said Mia, who hails from Keraniganj.

Naushad said, "such honesty is rare now... there are still some good people left and they should be given some recognition."

Meanwhile, Modhumita officials said they have sold more than 205,000 tickets in the last six weeks and were confident an equal number of people would view the great romantic movie 'Titanic' in the next six weeks.

The big budget, Oscar-winning movie is also running simultaneously in Chittagong, Khulna, Mymensingh and most other major towns of the country, meaning several hundred thousand people have viewed it.

"Such rush for an English movie is unprecedented in our country and it is surely an historic milestone in Bangladesh's cinema history," said Iftekharuddin Naushad.

'Titanic' has been on top of the charts for weeks in America and Europe.

PM lays foundation stone of women rehabilitation centre today

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will lay the foundation stone of a rehabilitation centre for the distressed women in Gazipur today, reports UNB.

Social Welfare Ministry and Bangladesh Shishu Raskha Samity will jointly construct the centre named 'Dusta Mayeder Nirapad Ashraya Bhaban' (Safe haven for the distressed women) at Masterbari. She will also address a public meeting at Rajbari ground at 5 pm.

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Given under my signature and seal of this court the 24-6-98 day 1998.

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Sub-Judge Artharin Adalat No 1
Dhaka

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What's on today

Discussion on Miladunnabi: Nazrul Institute has arranged a discussion and milad mahfil marking Eid-e-Miladunnabi. Venue: Institute premises, 'Kabibhaban', house: 330-B, Road 28 (old), Dhanmondi. Time: 5 pm.

Discussion: Ballashiksha has organised a discussion on the occasion of Eid-e-Miladunnabi. Venue: Ballashiksha auditorium, Ka-144/1 Zoar Sahara, Dhaka Cantonment. Time: 8 am.

..... and tomorrow

Workshop: The inaugural session of the second international workshop on Poverty and finance in Bangladesh: Emerging institutional issues in microfinance will be held. Organisers: Institute for Development Policy Analysis and Advocacy at Proshika and Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation. Venue: IDB Bhaban, 3rd floor, E/8-A Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 9 am.

Evicted sex-worker's leader says Give us back Kandupatti site or kill us

By Staff Correspondent

"Give the two hundred-year-old Kandupatti brothel site back to us or kill 700 sex-workers", an emotionally-charged, 40-year-old leader of evicted Kandupatti commercial sex-workers Mamtaj Begum told reporters in the city yesterday.

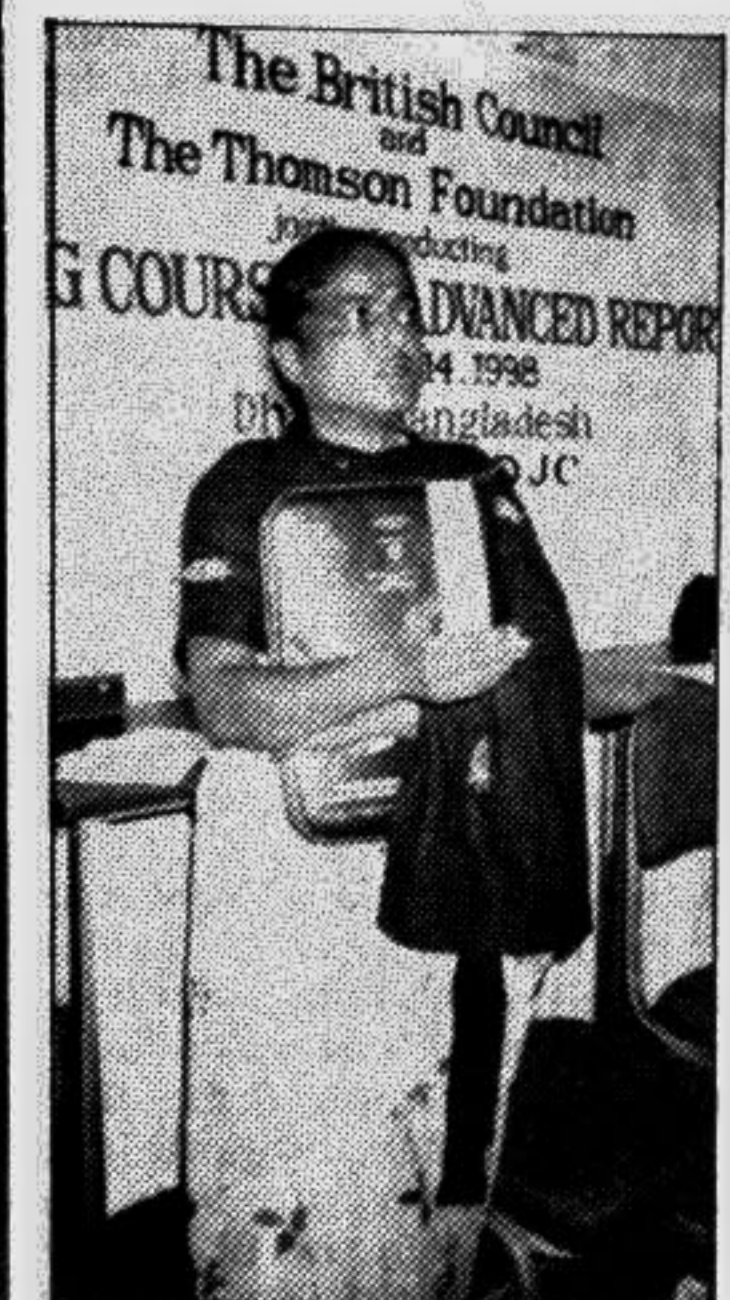
Addressing a news conference at Bangladesh Centre for Development Journalism and Communication (BCDJC), organised as part of a British Council-Thomson Foundation training course, she demanded of the government to put pressure on one Hossain Mollah in getting back Taka 245 million which was deposited by the sex-workers for a cooperative al-

legedly organised by Mollah, the 'Godfather' of the brothel. More than 700 commercial sex-workers were unlawfully evicted from the city's only formal red-light zone, Kandupatti, on May 12, 1997. A section of the hapless sex-workers has found refuge in other brothels at Tanbazar in Narayanganj and other districts like Jessore, Tangail, Khulna, Daulatdia and Jamalpur. The rest are on the city streets, still eking out a living selling their bodies.

"We will set up garment factories or other income-generating projects on the site of the former brothel if we are given the money and the land back. Most of us have the intention to quit our previous profession", a confident Mamtaj Begum, leader, said while revealing her plans for the future.

She alleged that Hossain Mollah, who married a brothel girl Renu Bibi some 23 years ago, rifled the cooperative's money and brothel premises by using his wife's influence on the sex-workers. She also alleged that Mollah put pressure on local politicians and used musclemen to threaten the Kandupatti inmates while accomplishing his evil designs.

The sex-workers' leader added that a number of national and international non-governmental organisations and other voluntary legal organisations were assisting them in establishing their rights. However she could not ascertain the people's support to their cause. She appealed to the people to come forward to save them from the inhuman situation they were in.



Mamtaj Begum at the news conference yesterday.

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DESA Local Re-Tender Notice

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সক্কা বেলায় বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহার হ্রাস করুন

Memo.No. PS-J/Pro-2/2243 Dated: 16-6-98

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority invites bids for different electrical materials against the following tender for the Emergency Maintenance & Rehabilitation Project Phase-2 for Sub-Transmission and Distribution System. Reputed manufacturers/their representatives are eligible to participate in this tender the currency of bid and currency of payment is Bangladeshi Taka only.

Sl No	Tender Enquiry Number	Materials	Last date for buying tender document	Tender submission/ opening date	Cost of tender document
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Tender documents will be available for inspection and purchase (through application) during normal office hours in any of the following two offices:

- Project Director, Greater Dhaka Power Distribution Project House No 47, Road No 135, Gulshan, Dhaka-1212.
- Director, Procurement & Store Management Dte Dhaka Electric Supply Authority 1, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka-1000.

The cost of tender documents (non-refundable) shall be paid through Pay Order/Demand Draft issued by any scheduled local bank favouring Director, Finance & Accounts, DESA. Tender document shall be obtained personally and DESA will not take any responsibility for sending tender documents to anybody.

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DU appointment HC issues rule nisi on VC, Registrar

By DU Correspondent

The High Court Division of the Supreme Court has issued a rule nisi on the Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the Syndicate and the Registrar of Dhaka University, asking them to show cause as to why the decision to appoint Dr Aftab Alam Khan to a permanent post of associate professor in the Department of Geology of the DU should not be declared illegal.

The High Court bench comprising Justice Khandkar Mahmud-Ul Hasan and Justice Md Latifur Rahman issued the rule nisi asking to show cause as to why the notification on the appointment should not be declared to have been passed without lawful authority and is of no legal effect.

The rule was made returnable within six weeks. The court also gave a three-month stay order on the operation of the impugned orders dated May 27 and 28, 1998.

Prof Dr Aftab Alam Khan was appointed permanent associate professor in the last DU Syndicate meeting held on May 28.

Prof M Aminul Haque, Prof Abdus Samad, Prof Md Sazzad Hossain, Prof Md Mustafa Alam, Prof Md A S M Woobaidullah of the same department filed a writ petition in the High Court challenging the validity of the appointment, violating the Dhaka University 1973 Order.

Gulshan Thana AL leader dead

Dr Shahjahan, joint secretary of Gulshan Thana Awami League, died of cardiac arrest at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital early yesterday. He was 50, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visited late Dr Mohammad Shahjahan, at his Shahjapur residence at Gulshan in the city.

The Prime Minister placed a wreath at the body of Dr Shahjahan at the house. She stayed there for some time.

Hasina consoled the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

Central Awami League leaders, including DCC Mayor Mohammad Hanif, Dr Mustafa Jalal Mohiuddin and Abdul Mannan were present.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed deep shock at the death of Dr Mohammad Shahjahan, joint secretary of Gulshan thana Awami League, yesterday.

In her message of condolence, the Prime Minister said in his death the country has lost a devoted political leader.

BCIC International Re-Tender Notice

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Md Nazrul Islam
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