

Participants of a round table discussion on the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) held at the Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA) in the city yesterday. Left to right: Dick Den Haas, Abul Hasan Chowdhury, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr Kamal Hossain, Tania Amer, S A M S Kibria, Finance Minister, PJH Jonkman, Secretary General, PCA, the Hague.

Country's membership to Permanent Court of Arbitration underscored

Legal experts of the country at a roundtable in the city yesterday discussed the necessity and possibility of Bangladesh becoming a state party to the convention of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in the Hague, report agencies.

Jointly organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA) and the Dutch Embassy in Dhaka, the roundtable was participated by ministers, former justices, legal experts and practitioners, teachers, editors and diplomats.

Among others, Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister Suranjit Sengupta, Justice Kemal Uddin Hossain, Justice K M Sobhan, Barrister Amirul Islam, visiting Secretary General of PCA PJH Jonkman, Barrister Moinul Hosein, Prof Rehman Sobhan, Rahmat Ali MP and Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam participated

in the roundtable.

Former foreign minister Dr Kamal Hossain presented the keynote paper, while chief of the former caretaker government Justice M Habibur Rahman presided. BILIA chairman Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed and director former ambassador Waliur Rahman and Ambassador of the Netherlands to Bangladesh Dick C B Den Haas were present. Finance Minister Kibria

sought advice of the legal experts for removing "legal impediments" in enforcing discipline in the country's financial sector. He said the lawyers should come up with specific recommendations as to what the government, the banks and the legal system should do in

Dr Kamal Hossain in his keynote address gave a historical overview of the creation and functioning of PCA. He stressed the point that in Article 25 of the Constitution, Bangladesh made the commitment to support peaceful settlement of dis-

putes. By becoming a member state, Bangladesh could contribute to the further development of international peace, he added

The Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Hague, Netherlands, is the oldest existing global mechanism for the settlement of disputes between states and between states and private entities.

Visiting former Dutch am-

bassador and Secretary General of PCA PJH Jonkman in his presentation pointed out the advantages for Bangladesh in joining the PCA. "Membership would certainly enhance Bangladesh's role in the legal world order. It would attest the willingness to peaceful resolu-tion of international disputes and enhance the country's profile in the international community by giving access to a highly reputed international forum. In this forum neighbouring countries like India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan are already represented," he said.

Suranjit Sengupta stressed the need for joining the PCA and expressed the hope that the government will look into the matter with care.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury said the advocacy for PCA would not go unheeded. "It is impossible to live in isolation in the modern world and we need built-in safety measures for our prosperity," he said.

• What's on today •

Theatre: Brittya' will be staged on the concluding day of Theatre Art's 3-day 6th anniversary celebration programme. Venue: Mahila Samity auditorium, Baily Road. Time: 7 pm.

Film show: 'Cyrano de Bergerac' by Jean-Paul Rappeneau will be screened as part of a retrospective of 'French cinema in the nineties', organised by Zahir Raihan Film Society. Venue: Alliance Francaise, Rd: 3, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30 pm.

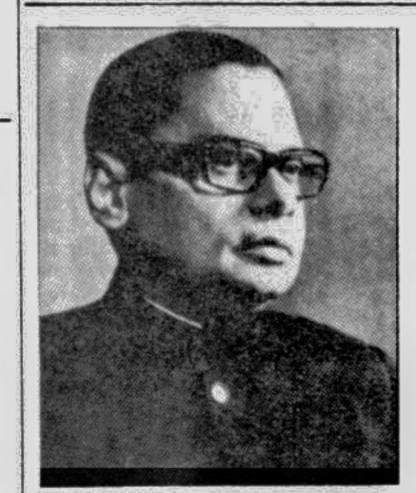
Club meeting: The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka will be held. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 5:30 pm.

Club meeting: The 3rd board of directors' meeting and weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm respectively.

Club meeting: The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka will be held. Venue: Officers' Club, Baily Road. Time: 5:30 pm.

Installation ceremony: The fourth installation ceremony of Rotary Club of Dilkusha will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 7:30 pm.

Seminar: A seminar on "Economic Benefit of Breast Fceding" organised by the Institute of Child and Mother Health (ICMH) will be held. Venue: ICMH premises, Matuail, Time: 9:30 am



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The 11th death anniversary

of former president Justice Abu

Sayeed Chowdhury will be ob-

served today with due solem-

the field of judiciary. Justice

Chowdhury was also the vice-

chancellor of Dhaka University

before independence of

He played an important role during the country's Liberation

War from abroad and was made

president when Father of the

Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh

Mujibur Rahman became prime minister in early 1972. State

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Abul Hasan Chowdhury is his

Justice Chowdhury died in London on this day in 1987.

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at his Tangail house to mark

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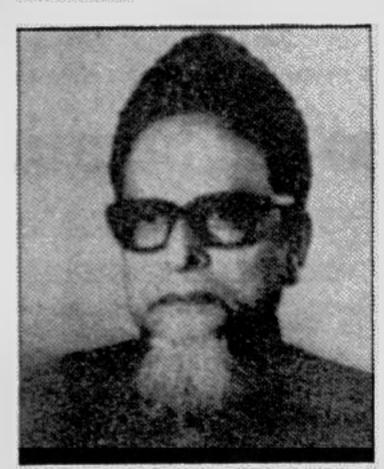
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BFUJ meeting A meeting of the executive

A meeting of the executive committee of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) will be held at the National Press Club on August 5 at 10 am, reports BSS.

The meeting to be presided over by the BFUJ president Iqbal Sobhan Choudhury will discuss the state of implementation of the 5th Wage Board Award in all newspapers and news agencies of the country and take up programmes accordingly.



Death anniversary

The 16th death anniversary of former Chief Justice (1975-78) Syed A B Mahmud Husain will be observed today, says a press release.

To mark the day, Chief Justice Syed A B Mahmud Husain Smrity Sangsad will hold a discussion meeting and doa mahfil at 5 pm today at the Central Law College Building, 6 Bijoynagar, in the city.

Computer Science, BBA courses at Ideal College soon

Ideal College would be allowed soon to open Computer
Science and Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
course under the National University (NU), reports BSS

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versity (NU), reports BSS.

NU vice chancellor Prof
Aminul Islam, speaking as the
chief guest at the Annual prizegiving ceremony of the college,
said it would take a little time
to complete the formalities.

Secretary of the college governing body AMM Shahjahan, former chairman of the college governing body AMM Nasrullah Khan, chairman of the college governing body Prof MA Mannan, founding principal of the college Dr. Shahadat Ali

Sheikh, former student leader Ismat Kadir Gama, vice principal Mohiuddin Ahmed among others, spoke on the occasion.

Principal of the college Dr Shamsul Alam presided. Prof Islam urged the students to devote themselves to modern studies rather than involving

themselves in political

Speakers and teachers recalled the outstanding contributions of ASM Shahjahan and Nashrullah in the late nineties, when the college compound was fully occupied by the miscreants.

Shahjahan and Nashrullah played a pioneering role in

rooting out the miscreants and mastaans from the college.

The college, which was established in 1969 in a tin-shed house, has turned into an eight-

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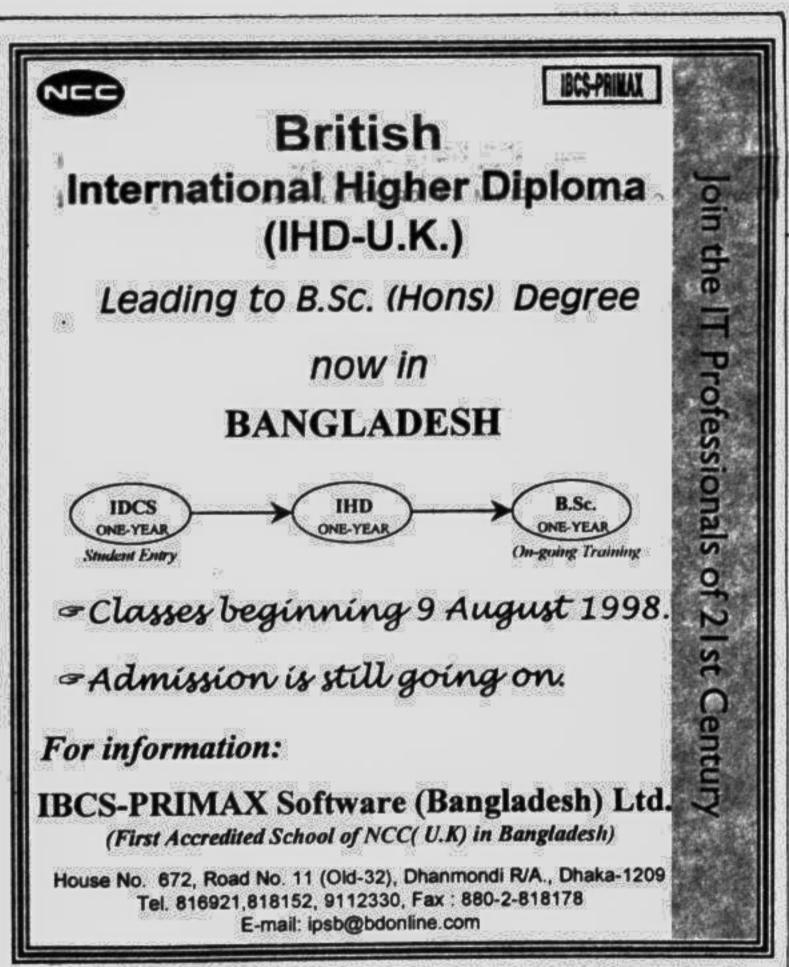
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