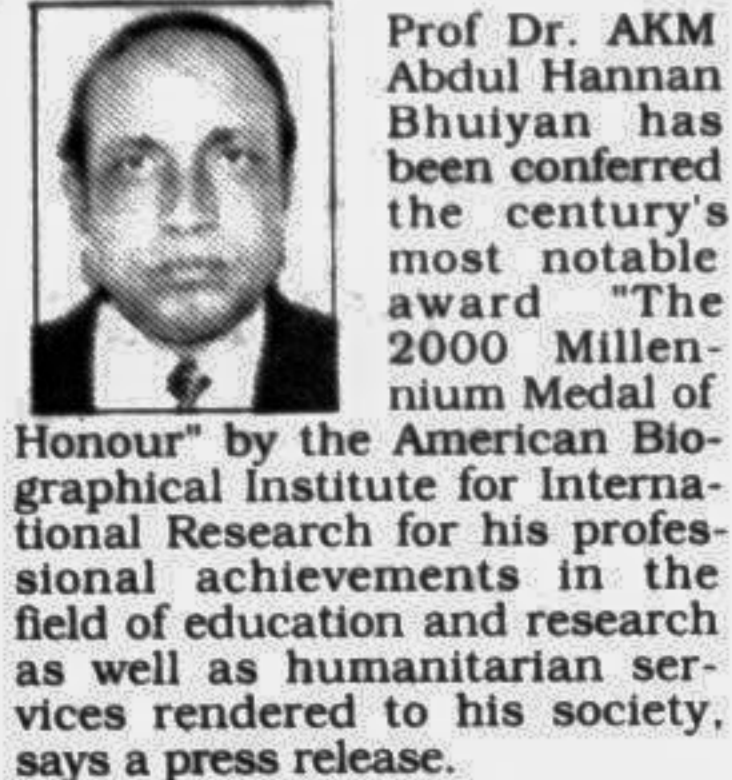


Dr Hannan honoured



Prof Dr. AKM Abdul Hannan Bhuiyan has been conferred the century's most notable award "The 2000 Millennium Medal of Honour" by the American Biographical Institute for International Research for his professional achievements in the field of education and research as well as humanitarian services rendered to his society, says a press release.

AL's cleanliness drive in Mirpur

Awami League (AL) president member Amir Hossain Amu and Minister of State for LGRD and Cooperatives, Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya yesterday participated in the post-flood cleanliness drive at Shah Ali Bagh and Kalwalpara under Mirpur area of the city, reports BSS.

The drive was organised by ward no 12 unit of the Awami League speaking on the occasion, Amir Hossain Amu said that the youth community has a definite role in keeping the city neat and clean to ensure a decent and healthy environment.

The state minister urged the people to extend their cooperation to the city corporation and Dhaka WASA in maintaining garbage disposal and drainage facilities.

Scientific confce of BRS today

The first scientific conference of Bangladesh Rheumatology Society (BRS) will be held at BCS auditorium at Mohakhali in the city today.

Prof M A Quaderi, Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU), will attend the conference as chief guest while Dr Prakash Pispati and Dr Chung Hioh Hee will be special guests. Dr Pispati is the vice-president of Asia Pacific League of Association for Rheumatology (APLAR) & President of Indian Rheumatism Association and Dr Hee is the President of Singapore Society of Immunology, Allergy & Rheumatology. Prof M N Alam, Professor of Medicine, will preside.

Yesterday, a pre-conference teaching session was held at the Milton Hall of BSMMU. Prof Md Tahir and Prof Quamrul Islam were chairpersons of the session.

At the session, Prof A F M Ruhul Haque, Director of Rehabilitation Institute and Hospital for the Disabled (Known as Pongu Hospital) discussed the surgical management of Rheumatic disorder.

Dr Motiur Rahman of BSMMU in his topic 'Pathogenesis & Management of Osteoporosis' gave a statistics that 30 per cent of women over 50 years of age have osteoporosis. Osteoporosis is a systemic disease characterised by low bone mass and micro architectural deterioration of bone tissue, with a consequent increase in fragility and susceptibility of fracture.

Obituary

Md Sekander Ali, a sub-assistant engineer of Bangladesh T and T Board, died of liver cirrhosis in the city. He was 42, reports BSS.

He left behind his wife, two sons, mother and a large number of relations, colleagues to mourn his death.

Bangladesh T and T Board Diploma Prokoushali Samity in a message condoled the death of Md. Sekander Ali and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

White Cane Safety Day today

The International White Cane Safety Day will be observed in the country as elsewhere across the globe today, reports UNB.

Different organisations, including Social Welfare Ministry, National Forum of Organisations working with the disabled and Bangladesh Organisation for Disabled, have arranged elaborate programmes to mark the day.

The programmes include rally and discussion. A rally will be brought out from the National Shishu Park at 8:30 am and a discussion meeting will be held at the SCENRB building at 11 am.

State Minister for Social Welfare, Women and Children Affairs Dr Mozammel Hossain will chair the meeting.

In a message on the occasion, President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday stressed the need for sincere efforts of all for the welfare of handicapped people including the blind ones.

He said the day has a special significance in creating mass awareness for the safety, safe movement and welfare of the visually impaired people.

Justice Shahabuddin said the blind, like other handicapped people, are also capable of bringing success in different arena of life through their talents and innovative power if they get proper cooperation.

In a separate message, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called upon all, including NGOs and voluntary organisations, to come forward to supplement the government's efforts for ensuring social and economic security of 10 lakh visually impaired people.

The government, apart from taking extensive steps at national level, has put forward various special programmes on the occasion. International forums like SAARC and United Nations for the welfare of blind people," she said.

Describing them as an integral part of our society, Hasina said: "We have to come forward with offering more effective steps for them so that they can be rehabilitated in the society in a respectful and self-reliant manner."

Natural Disaster Reduction Day observed

International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction Day was observed in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The theme of the day this year is "Natural Disaster Reduction and Mass Media". The Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief and the Disaster Management Bureau arranged a function at the city's Osmani Memorial Hall.

Different national dailies brought out special supplement to mark the day and Bangladesh Television and Betar broadcast special programmes on the occasion. District administrations also organised seminar to observe the day.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina told the function in the Osmani auditorium that from now on her government would prepare and implement development programmes keeping in mind the natural disaster which cause extensive damage to life and property.

A rally was brought out from the Central Shaheed Minar at 7:30 am which paraded through different city streets.

Chittagong district disaster management committee arranged various programmes — colourful rally, discussion and seminar.

A seminar was held at Chittagong Circuit House with Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Hasan in the chair.

Commissioner of Chittagong Division, Md. Mohamud Sakawat Hossain, journalist Obaidul Haq, Regional Director of Caritas John Quayan, Civil Surgeon Dr Abdul Khayer Bhuiyan, Chief Health Officer of the City Corporation Dr M N A Mamun Manwar Hossain Akhand and District Relief Officer Mohammad Shafique Mia, took part in the discussion.

Film institute launched

The launching ceremony of a film institute was held at the Russian Cultural Centre in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Eminent photographer and filmmaker Abdus Samad has taken the initiative to launch the film institute with assistance from the Russian Cultural Centre. The institute will soon conduct a five-month course on different aspects of filmmaking.

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed was the chief guest at the function, presided by National Professor Kabir Chowdhury.

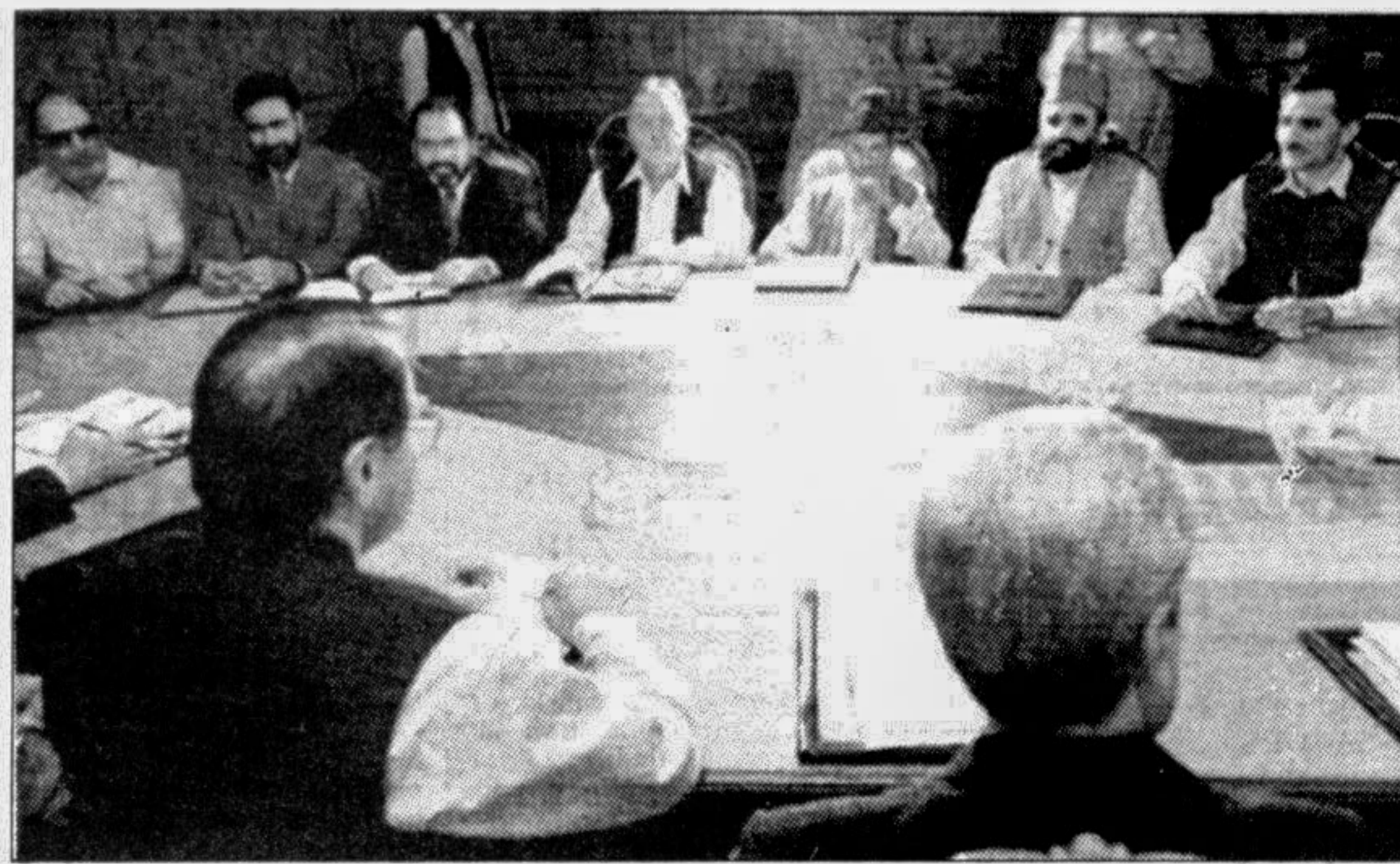
It was addressed, among others, by general secretary of Film Producers and Distributors Association Sanwar Morshed, president of Film Writers Association Suman Akhter, eminent film personality Abdus Samad and first secretary at the Embassy of Russian Federation Serguei M Foshkin.

Prof Sayeed underlined the importance of creating more well-trained and patriotic film artists to uphold the hopes and aspirations of the nation.

He said the government is aware of the importance of training of artistes and has already taken the initiative to establish a film institute in the country at the directive of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Prof Sayeed said the government will also build a film city at Kabirpur to help flourish the industry.

The government has already allocated funds for setting up a new film archive at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar to cater to the needs of the filmmakers, the state minister said.



Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Shamshad Ahmed, left in front row, briefs Kashmiri leaders at the Foreign Office in Islamabad, Tuesday, prior to peace talks between Pakistan and India. Top officials of the world's newest nuclear states sit down today, to wrestle with thorny issues, including the Kashmir dispute, and try to ease world fears of a nuclear confrontation. — AP/UNB photo

2 killed in Feni road accidents

FENI, Oct 14: Two persons were killed and 17 others injured in two separate road accidents on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway here Tuesday, reports UNB.

Police said Chan Miah, 25, a bus passenger, died on the spot and seven others sustained injuries when their bus turned turtle near Fazilpur.

In another incident, bus passenger Abdul Khaleque, 35, was killed and 10 others injured when the Dhaka-bound bus collided head-on with a truck coming from the opposite direction near Mohurigong on the highway Monday night.

The injured were admitted to Feni Sadar Hospital and other private clinics.

Filing of case against BNP leader condemned

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan has strongly condemned filing of a case against party's Sylhet district leader Shamsuzzaman, reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday, he said false case was filed against Shamsuzzaman to tarnish his and the image of party. He also demanded immediate withdrawal of the case.

Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday visited Ishurdi thana Juba Dal leader Soleman Ali Fela at Mohakhali Chest Hospital. Fela received bullet injury from terrorists.

JS body discusses JMBA (amendment) Bill 1998

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Communications Ministry in a meeting yesterday discussed the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority (JMBA) (Amendment) Bill 1998, reports APB.

Presided over by committee chairman Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, the meeting after an elaborate discussion on the bill recommended that two MPs be made adviser to the JMBA Authority.

A report on the overall activities of Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC), including its inception, objective, manpower, fleet of transport, property and accounts of its earnings and expenditure, was placed in the meeting at Sangsad Bhaban.

10 BNP MPs protest arrest of Alamgir Kabir

Ten BNP MPs have protested the arrest of party leader Alamgir Kabir, MP, and demanded his immediate release, reports APB.

In a statement, they said the government had resorted to repression on opposition leaders and workers after failing to tackle the post-flood situation.

Arrest of Alamgir Kabir, filing a "conspiratorial" case, is nothing but an attempt to divert the eyes of people from the failures of the government, they added.

The BNP lawmakers said Alamgir Kabir became the target as he was, from the very beginning, vocal against corruption and oppression of the ruling party in his constituency as well as in the parliament.

The signatories to the statement are MPs Major (Retd) Hafizuddin Ahmed, Amanullah Aman, Mashur Rahman, Joyal Abedin Faruque, Abu Yusuf Mohammad Khalilur Rahman, Akhter Hamid Siddique, Shamsuddin Ahmed, Dr Mohammad Salek Chowdhury, Shamsul Alam Pramanik and Shamsuzzoha Khan.

Two PSC staff suspended

Two employees of Public Service Commission (PSC) were suspended recently for allegedly taking bribe from a candidate who appeared at a competitive examination under the PSC for a government post, reports BSS.

Police and PSC sources said, Salahuddin Ahmed, an employee of the account office, and Iyaseen, a peon of the commission, took Tk 50,000 from Lutfunnesha Khan whose daughter appeared at the examination for the post of an auditor.

The PSC employees assured the guardian that they will manage with the higher authorities of the commission for her daughter to pass the written test, Motiheel police told BSS.

A case was registered against Salahuddin and Iyaseen with the police station.

The PSC authorities suspended the two employees when Khan apprised the PSC chairman Prof. Mustafa Chowdhury of the affair in a written application.

More donations to PM's Relief Fund

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday received Taka 9,73,326 to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund at her secretariat office, reports agencies.

The donors included Chittagong City Corporation Taka 4,92,020, Mongla Bandar Sramik Shingha Taka 4,01,105, Galachipa Thana Puja Ujapan Farishad, Patuakhali Taka 70,100 and Rampal Degree College, Bagerhat Taka 10,101. Bangladesh Welfare Association of Middlesex in UK has donated Tk 7.21 lakh to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the country's flood victims.

Association President Atiqur Rahman handed over a cheque of the amount to Bangladesh High Commissioner to Britain AH Mahmood Ali at his office on Tuesday.

The leaders of Moulavi Bazar District Awami League led by Syed Mohsin Ali donated Taka 70 lakh to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina received the donation at her secretariat office. General Secretary of Moulavi Bazar District Awami League Abdul Awar Chowdhury and other leaders were also present.

Syed Mohsin Ali, who is also the chairman of Moulavi Bazar Pourashabha, donated Taka 50,000 to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund on behalf of the pourashabha.

Relief for flood victims

Karnaphuli Fertiliser Company (KAFCO) donated 40 tons of urea fertiliser to BRAC for distribution among the flood-affected farmers, reports APB.

KAFCO Managing Director John H Wilson handed over the letter of authority of the fertiliser to BRAC executive director Fazlul Hasan Abed at BRAC Centre yesterday.

Centre for the Mass Education in Science (CMES), an NGO, has distributed relief materials among the flood victims at Nayadiari, Alnagar and Gobra-tola in Chapainawabganj, Bhatpara in Rajshahi and Kuripara in Serajganj.

It distributed five kgs of rice, 1 kg of pulse and six pieces of candle sticks each among 4,000 families in the worst affected areas.

Besides, CMES has taken up a programme for reconstruction of several school buildings affected by the recent flood.

The organisation is also running a medical support programme which includes distribution of oral saline and medicinal kits among the flood victims of the affected areas.

Qukhwan

Sarwat Jahan Bhuiyan, a former additional director, Agriculture, died at a clinic in the city on October 8, says a press release.

He left behind four daughters, one son and a host of grand-children to mourn his death. Qukhwan of the Bhuiyan will be held tomorrow after Asr prayers at his residence at 333, Elephant Road.

3 killed, 21 hurt in separate road mishaps in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Oct 14: Three people, including an infant, were killed and 21 wounded in separate road mishaps here Monday and Tuesday, reports APB.

The dead were identified as Juthi, 1, Siatun, 45, and Jewel, 35.

Juthi died on the spot when the driver of the bus carrying her lost control over the steering and ended up in a wayside ditch near Monjumala Pachandar in Tanore Monday afternoon.

Twenty other passengers were wounded in the mishap. Three of them were admitted to the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

Also Monday, Siatun was seriously wounded when a Dhaka bound coach hit him near the Rajshahi University main gate in the morning. He died at the RMCH immediately after his admission.

Tofael at DU BCL council

Foil conspiracy against govt

By DU Correspondent

Commerce and Industries minister Tofael Ahmed yesterday called upon the workers of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) to untidely foil all conspiracies being hatched by BNP and Jatiya Party against the government.

"They are hatching conspiracy to save the killers of Bangladesh and four national leaders," he said while addressing the council session of the DU unit of BCL on the DU campus.

Tofael said trials of all political killings including of Ziaur Rahman, Taher, and Manzur will be held. BNP is afraid of the judgement of Bangladesh murder case scheduled to be delivered on November 8, he said, adding that as the government has started the process to try killers of four national leaders, the two have started conspiracy.

Speaking on the occasion, Telecommunication minister Mohammad Nasim said the government could not be toppled through waging a movement. "It is the people who decide which party will go to power."

He accused the BNP of trying to destabilise the political situation of the country and urged the BCL workers to re-

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was a businessman and AL candidate in a parliamentary by-election from Bhola constituency.

Tofail attacked Ershad, whose party is a partner in the government of Sheikh Hasina. Tofail claimed that Ershad was a beneficiary of the killing of Bangabandhu. He also accused Ershad of bringing back the killers of bangabandhu from abroad, paving the way for their contesting the presidential polls, making them parliament members' during his presidency in the eighties.

Tofail also accused the JP chief of plotting against Sheikh Hasina. "It was Ershad who ordered police to open fire on her on January 1988. He wanted to kill Hasina."

Gen Ershad rebuffed the next day. On October 10, he accused the prime minister of maintaining double standard in trying the killers of her father. Claiming that "there are people in her cabinet who had conspired as well as supported the killing of Bangabandhu", Ershad said "It is double standard when you try only those killers or conspirators behind and supporters of the killing, belonging to other parties, while sparing those belonging to your own."

Understanding, Ershad has clearly hinted at AL legislator K M Shafiqullah, the then army chief who expressed allegiance to Khandaker Mostaq Ahmed; Mohammad Ullah MP who took oath as Mustaq's vice president, Abdul Mannan MP who joined Mustaq's cabinet as Home Minister, Dewan Farid Gazi MP who — like opposition leaders Obaidur Rahman, Nurul Islam, Manjur and Shah Moazzem Hossain — joined Mustaq's cabinet as state minister and so on. (Obaid, Moazzem and Manjur have recently been implicated in the Jail Killing Case, while their other cabinet colleagues — presently belonging to AL — have so far been spared.)

Following this, Tofail came out more specifically against Ershad. The same afternoon — on October 10 — he accused Ershad of provoking junior officers of the Bangladesh Army against the government of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman after the much-talked-about skirmish between Major Dalim and a son of AL leader Gazi Moulana.

Tofail also claimed that after the August 15 coup d'etat, Ershad who was at the time on a training programme in Delhi returned to Dhaka without permission from the authorities concerned. "He had had meetings with the killers at the Bangabhaban."

Ershad denied the allegations the next day. He reportedly said he was sent on January 1, 1975 to India for a training in the National Defence College and was called back to Dhaka by Chief of Army Staff General Ziaur Rahman on 11 August 1975. "Between this period, I had never been in Dhaka. ...You can see it in official record in the NDC, New Delhi, or the Army headquarters in Dhaka."

This time Col (ret) Shafiq Jamil, who was the Brigade Commander of Dhaka at that time, went public with his own version of the events. In a press statement on October 12, Shafiq Jamil said: "Ershad was the main beneficiary of the 15 August coup. He was promoted to the rank of Major General from Brigadier, superseding three senior brigadiers. He was then made Deputy Chief of the Army."

"After the killing of Bangabandhu, Ershad returned to Dhaka from Delhi where he was on a training course, without prior permission either from the then Chief of Staff or the military headquarters. Chief of Army Zia rebuked him for returning without permission and asked him to take the next available flight to Delhi. Zia also asked him not to go to the Bangabhaban where the killers were staying."

According to Jamil, Ershad took the next flight, but before that went to the Bangabhaban defying his boss' order. "Ershad had night-long talks with the killers there."

Pleading his innocence, Ershad said in a press statement: "A colonel at that time, I went to the New Delhi-based National Defence College of India on a training course on January 2, 1975. While in India, I was promoted to the rank of Brigadier by the Bangabandhu government."

In a slight departure from his previous statement, Ershad, however, admitted that he had been in Dhaka between January and November 1975 at least once. In his revised statement on Tuesday, Ershad said: "I returned from India following my father's death on June 26, 1975 and went back to the training in a few days."

"My course was completed in the last week of November. I was promoted to the rank of Major General and appointed Deputy Chief of Staff in my absence from the country. After that I was called back to the country. I returned home to join the service."

Denying his unauthorised return to Dhaka immediately after the August 15 incidents, Ershad said that the question of holding talks with the killers at the Bangabhaban was 'distortion of facts'.

He also seems to have budged from his previous claim of Tofail's alleged involvement in the conspiracy of Mujib killing. "We are not criticising Tofail for his mysterious role at the time before and after the August 15 incidents. It is rather the leaders and workers of his own party, as well as the intellectuals sympathetic to the AL who are criticising him for the role."

The recent tirade of statements and counter-statements has created confusion in the public mind. Questions are being asked as to how a clear picture can be obtained and the truth be known.

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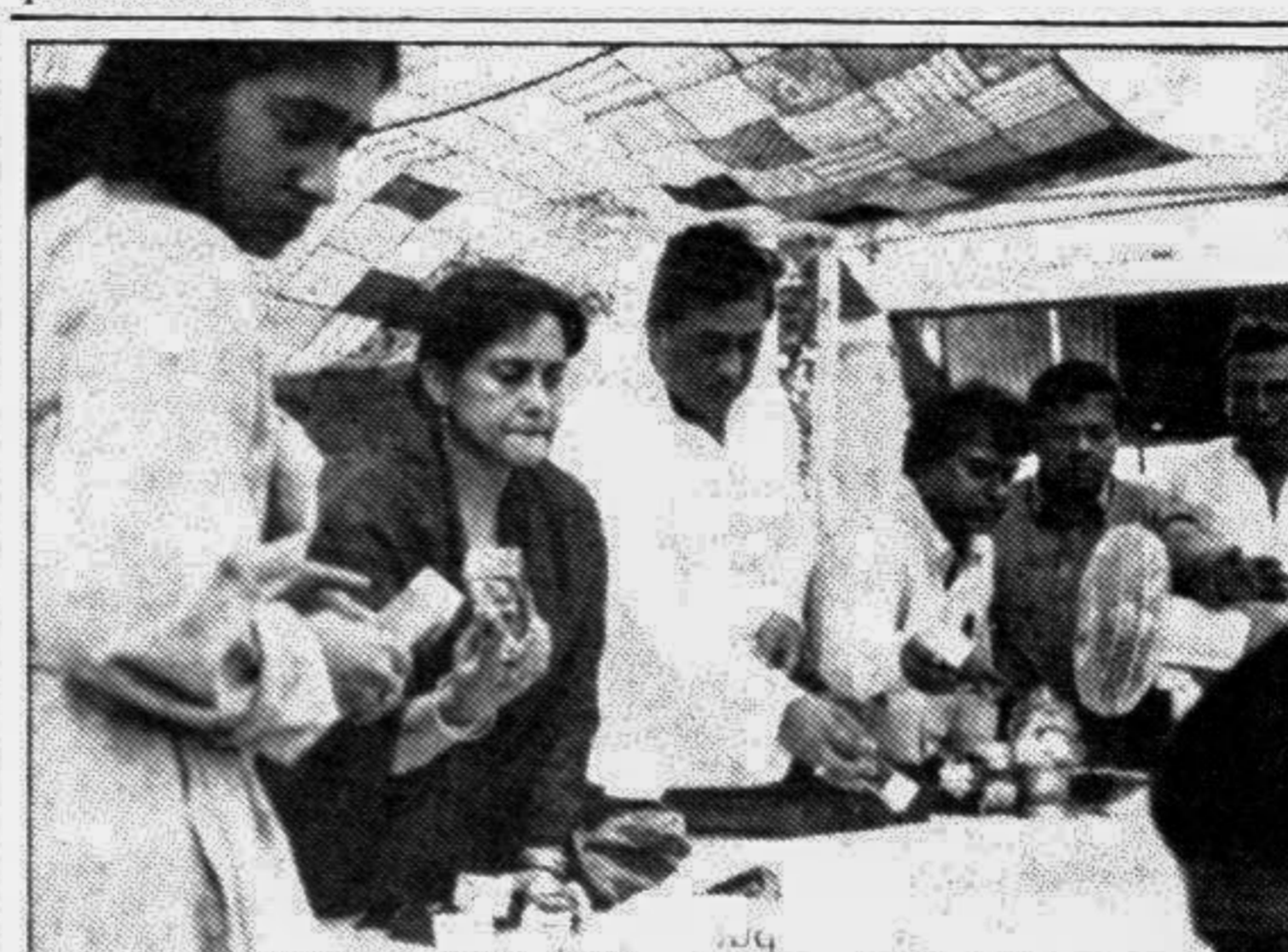
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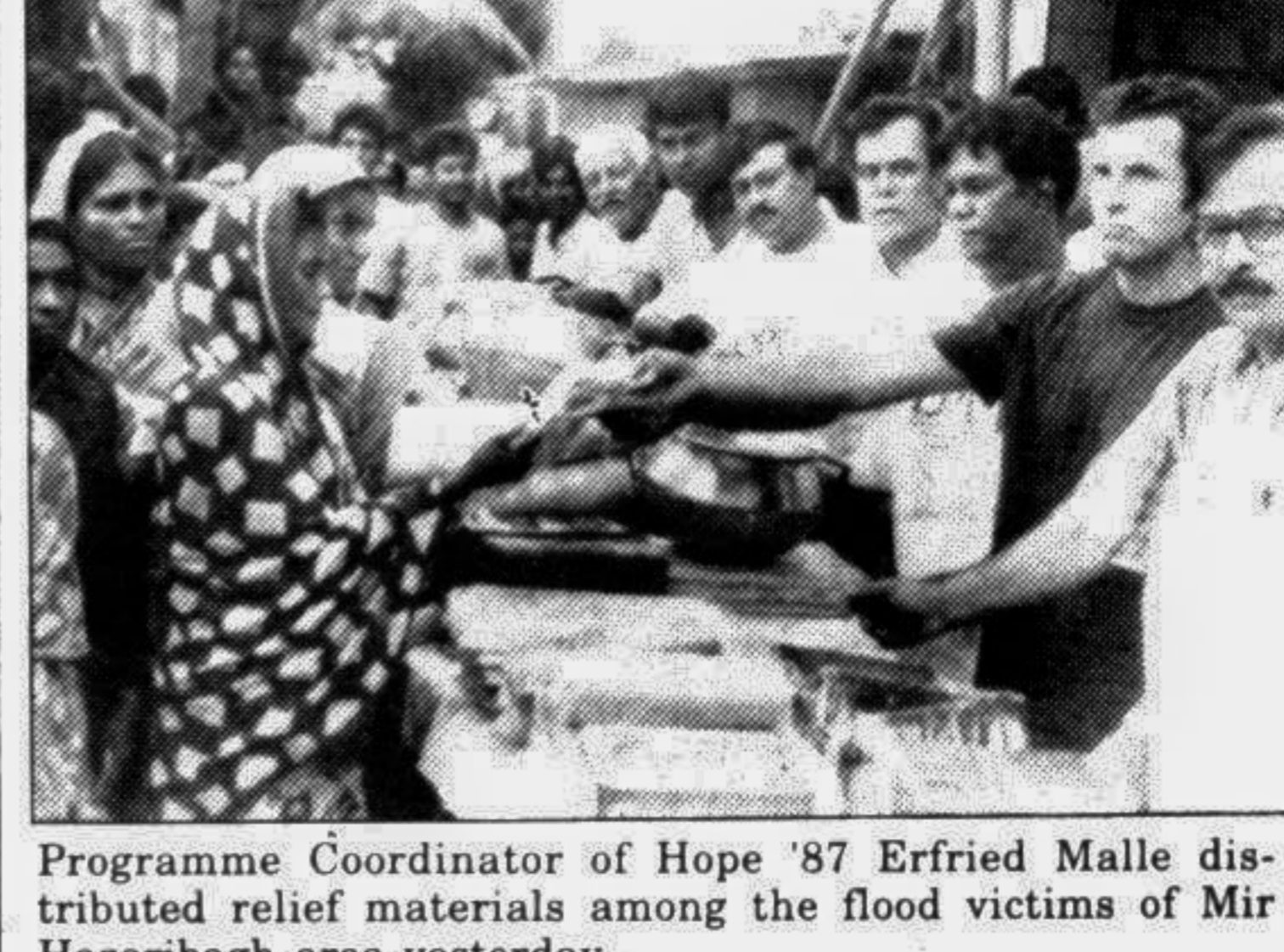
Mohammad Shahidullah Project Director



State Minister for Jute A K Faezul Haq and President of CIVIC Rukhana Huq distributed relief materials among the flood victims at Edekati under Swarupkathi thana of Pirojpur district recently.



Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) organised a special medical camp in Gazipur and organised a special medical camp in Gazipur and organised a special medical camp in Gazipur.



Programme Coordinator of Hope '87 Erfried Malle distributed relief materials among the flood victims of Mir Hazaribagh area yesterday.



Dr Walter Kohn, one of two of the Nobel Prize winners in chemistry, seen in his office at the University of California at Santa Barbara on Tuesday. Kohn, a physicist who fled Nazi persecution in Austria was awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry Tuesday for developing a theory that enables scientists to simplify the study of molecules. Khon shares the award with John Pople, 72, a British citizen who teaches at Northwestern University. — AP/UNB photo