



BNP mourning procession in the city yesterday demanding trial of those responsible for killing two persons during hartal hours on Sunday. —Star photo

## Inderfurth praises social contribution of Bangladeshi Fulbrighters

The contribution of Bangladeshi Fulbright alumni featured prominently in the speech of US Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs Karl F Inderfurth at the 21st annual conference of the Fulbright Association held on October 9 in Washington, D.C. The theme of the conference was "The Fulbright Challenge: Within and Across Borders," says a USIS press release.

While acknowledging some of the distinguished alumni from the five South Asian nations that participate in the programme, Inderfurth said, "The Fulbright programme, several of the South Asian nations which fall under my responsibility at the Department of State, and I — have one thing in common: having recently turned fifty years of age, we have entered that sobering pe-

riod of introspection and reflection which compel us to assess who we are, what we have accomplished and where we will head in the future."

Inderfurth said, "Within and across borders these Fulbright alumni are making a difference by providing the 'wise and capable' leadership called for by Senator Fulbright."

Discussing issues which confront the nations of South Asia, he said, "The spread of narcotics use and trafficking, the growth of domestic and international terrorism, the threat from disease and environmental degradation, the promotion of democracy and the encouragement of equal rights for all citizens, regardless of ethnicity or gender, all of these are among the fundamental challenges and opportunities that confront the nations of South Asia. These are also the issues which will increasingly define the agenda of our world as we move into the 21st century."

In order to face these challenges, Inderfurth noted, "Our most important resource will be people — men and women with the breadth of vision, the flexibility of mind, and the ability to overcome the problems and seize the opportunities of the emerging global system. Such people are the product of the Fulbright programme. They are the reason it was created. And their presence is making itself felt in South Asia."

Speaking about the impact of the Fulbright programme in Bangladesh, Inderfurth stated, "The Fulbright experience in Bangladesh is a vivid example of the multiplier effect created

by an exchange programme. Its 300 alumni include two of the country's "National Professors," the highest academic honour awarded in Bangladesh, and the recently appointed Attorney General. Fulbright grads remain very supportive of the programme's goals, and were joined enthusiastically by government officials and university administrators in establishing the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies and the Bangladesh Association of American Studies.

Bangladeshi Fulbright alumni, in their capacity as government officials and social activists, are among the country's leading women's rights activists. The most senior female civil servant in Bangladesh, Salma Khan, chairs the UN Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. She also initiated the women's wing of Bangladesh's National Planning Commission, which ensures inclusion of gender issues in the country's five-year economic plans.

Another Fulbright alumna, Dr Najma Chowdhury, a prominent academic and former interim Minister of Labour, Social Welfare, and Women and Children's Affairs, received the American Political Science Association's award for the best book on gender and politics in 1994. Together with Bangladesh's first and, to date, only female National Professor, Dr Sufia Ahmed, these Fulbright alumnae have been in the forefront of efforts in local and international fora to redress gender inequality.

## BNP election body meets today

A meeting of the BNP election commission will be held at 29 Minto Road official residence of the Leader of the Opposition at 7 pm today, reports BSS.

Member secretary of the election commission Haris Chowdhury requested the members, returning officer and assistant returning officers to attend the meeting on time, says a press release.

## 2 signal towers to be built in Rangamati

RANGAMATI, Oct 19: Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Local Government Council Ching Kew Roaza said here yesterday that two signal towers will be constructed at Municipality Square and Karnaphuli river bank near Reserve Bazar here to alert people about natural calamities, reports BSS.

Rangamati Hill District Local Government Council will provide funding for the construction.

The council chairman was speaking as the chief guest at the concluding function of a day-long basic training for the unit core volunteers held at local Scout Bhaban.

The course was organised by Rangamati District unit of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society.

A number of 25 volunteers participated in the training.

## Red Crescent suspends flights to Kabul

KABUL, Oct 19: The International Red Cross announced Monday it was suspending its flights to the war-weary Afghan capital because of the relentless rocketing of the airport by opposition soldiers, reports AP.

"The recent increase in rocket attacks on the Kabul airport has forced the ICRC to suspend its flights," a Red Cross spokesman told reporters in the capital of Kabul.

On Sunday, several rockets hit the beleaguered city killing three people. Some of the rockets hit the airport, although there was no immediate report of damages or casualties.

"We will resume flights only after we get assurance from the

opposition that there is no danger of rocket attacks when we are using it," the Red Cross spokesman said on the usual condition that he not be identified by name.

Apparently one rocket landed shortly after a Red Cross aircraft took off from the airport, although it wasn't clear when.

The Red Cross would fly to the eastern city of Jalalabad and take supplies into Kabul by road from there.

Meanwhile, the opposition northern alliance said it repulsed an attack by the Taliban in northern Afghanistan's Baghlan province.

## JS body discusses HBFC loan status

The Standing Committee on Finance Ministry yesterday discussed in detail the status of loan distribution and realisation by the House Building Finance Corporation (HBFC), reports UNB.

It suggested the concerned authorities to take effective measures to enhance the facilities for the borrowers by infusing dynamism in the activities of the Corporation.

The meeting held at Sangsad Bhaban with Committee Chairman Prof Ali Ashraf in the chair also discussed the problems of the borrowers.

Committee members Chitra Bhattacharya, Alhaj Syed Masud Reza, Alhaj Karimuddin Bhansha, MK Anwar and Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury attended the meeting.

President of Bangladesh House Building Loan Receivers' Welfare Association, Barister Rabia Bhuiyan also joined the meeting on invitation.

## PIB course on reporting begins

By JU Correspondent

A four-day training course on campus reporting began yesterday at the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB).

Designed to focus on various aspects of campus reporting, the course was inaugurated by PIB Director General Dr Sheikh Abdus Salam. Training Director Golam Kibria delivered the welcome speech.

A total of 17 correspondents representing different dailies and news agencies who cover Dhaka University, Jahangirnagar University and Dhaka Medical College are taking part in the course.

University teachers, eminent journalists and trainers of PIB will conduct different sessions of the course.

## Literacy competition concludes

MUNSHIGANJ, Oct 19: A three-day long literacy and cultural competition concluded here at the government AVJ M. Girl's School premises in observance of the Education Week '98 on October 15, reports BSS.

Nearly 200 boys and girls from different schools, colleges and madrasas of the six thanas of the district took part in the 43 items of the competition in four groups.

Deputy Commissioner of Munshiganj Nurul Huq distributed prizes among the winners on the concluding day.

## Call to make 3-day BNP programme a success

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan has urged his party workers to make success the 3-day programme including the countrywide half-day hartal on October 22, reports UNB.

The other programmes include demonstration at thana and district headquarters on October 21 and torch processions in city, district and thana headquarters on October 22.

Bhuiyan said being scared of the movement led by BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia, the government is hatching conspiracies to divert the movement.

He called for intensifying the movement to oust what he said anti people and fascist Awami League government.

## Goods worth Tk 2.5 lakh looted from BRAC office

BOGRA, Oct 19: Dacoits looted property worth about Tk 2.5 lakh from a BRAC office in Kahu, thana of the district Saturday, reports APB.

Police said a gang of about 14 robbers broke into the BRAC office at Durgapur in Kahu in the dead of night, tied up four of the employees and took away four bicycles, one VCP and tape-recorder from there.

A case was filed in this connection.

## BPC installs information centres at leading hotels

Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation (BPC) has installed Tourist Information Centres (TIC) at Sonargaon, Dhaka Sheraton and Hotel Purbani hotels on the occasion of Wills International Cricket Cup, reports UNB.

TICs will provide tourists information and organise special city sightseeing, package tours and river cruise for the foreign cricketers, journalists and distinguished persons visiting Bangladesh during the ensuing tournament.

## AL-BNP clash in Pabna: 15 hurt

PABNA, Oct 19: At least 15 people, including four women, were injured in a fierce gunfight between the activists of ruling Awami League and opposition BNP at Aminpur village in Bera thana last night, reports APB.

Three bullet-hit women — Khodza Khatun, 65, Mattia Khatun, 22, and Rubi, 18 — were shifted to Pabna General Hospital from Bera thana health complex. Seven others were undergoing treatment at the health complex, police said.

The clash started when a group of AL activists allegedly attacked the house of Shah Alam, a leader of local BNP following altercations at about 8 pm.

Both groups traded more than a dozen gunshots, hurled bombs and used other lethal weapons during the skirmish.

Two separate cases were filed.

## Clash with mob at Magura: Five policemen hurt

MAGURA, Oct 19: Five policemen were injured in a clash with a mob that attacked the red light area at Natun Bazar in the town today, reports UNB.

Police said a militant group of about 100 people in a bid to evict the prostitutes turned the area into a reign of terror. When intervened, the mob attacked the police with brickbats.

The unruly people from Nijandual village who had attacked the abode of the sex workers for the second time today tried to evict them since a resident of the village was killed here on October 13.

## 650 SSC examinees demand re-examination of scripts

Some 650 SSC examinees of Taherpur centre in Baghmara thana under Rajshahi Board demanded re-examination of their answer papers, reports APB.

At a press conference yesterday, spokesmen for the group alleged irregularities on the part of the concerned authorities that resulted in large-scale failure of examinees from the centre.

They said the unlucky students had repeatedly petitioned to the Chairman, Controller of Examinations of the Rajshahi Board and the Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi and other officials demanding re-examination of their answer scripts, but in vain.

At the examination hall, the authorities of the centre had wrongfully supplied "Ka set" of question papers instead of selected "Kha-set" while the Board authorities valued their answer scripts on the basis of "Kha-set".

As a result some 650 students of who appeared the 1998 SSC examination from the centre had unexpectedly bad results.

The press conference held at the National Press club was addressed among others by Aminul Haque, Alo Khan-dakhar and Abul Kalam.

## Tk 10 lakh grant for Munshiganj house-building

MUNSHIGANJ, Oct 19: A sum of Taka ten lakh has been allotted from the Prime Minister's fund as a special house-building grant for the six flood ravaged thanas of the district, according to a district administration source, reports BSS.

A comprehensive plan has been drawn up for house-building in the flood affected areas of the district on priority basis the source said.

A total of 148,648 houses have been completely or partially damaged in the district by the devastating flood this year, district relief and flood control room informed.

## Zillur accuses Khaleda of pursuing politics of killing

NARAYANGANJ, Oct 19: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman today accused BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia of pursuing the politics of killing to create anarchy in the country, reports UNB.

"She wants to jeopardise the democracy by calling hartals without any issue," he said addressing the inaugural function of the installation of water treatment plant at Sonakanda in Bandar thana.

A portable water treatment plant of Tk two crore, donated by Swedish government, was installed in Sonakanda to ensure the supply of safe water to the dwellers of Narayanganj.

This plant will supply three lakh litres purified water from the river Shitalakha to the main line of WASA everyday.

The Minister told the function that the main opposition party is engaged in hatching conspiracy to create anarchy in national life and they are calling hartal at a time when the government embarked on post-flood rehabilitation and reconstruction works.

The minister thanked the Swedish government for providing various relief materials, including the water treatment plant, and said the friendly countries and international agencies extended their help for relief and rehabilitation works of Bangladesh.

## Landell-Mills calls on Khaleda

Outgoing World Bank country director Pierre Landell-Mills called on Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday, reports UNB.

He also introduced the Bank's new country director in Dhaka Frederick Tomas Temal to the BNP Chairperson and she welcomed him.

Landell-Mills apprised Begum Zia of Bank's activities in Bangladesh, specially in food, health, education and infrastructure development sectors.

BNP leaders M Saifur Rahman, Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Shamsul Islam, M Morshed Khan and Dr Moyeen Khan were present.

## Shun politics of immorality, DUVC urges students

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury yesterday urged the students to give up politics of immorality, reports UNB.

"The student will definitely be involved in politics but should in those which are devoid of morality," the VC said while addressing at an orientation programme held at TSC auditorium.

DU authorities organised the programme to welcome the first-year students of Bangla, Arabic, Islamic Studies, Islamic Culture and History, Sanskrit, Philosophy, Linguistics, Drama and Music departments.

Prof Chowdhury said students would play a pioneering role for building a society based on human values and removing all hostility and anarchy.

He appealed the students to engage themselves in gathering knowledge.

Presided over Prof Hamida Akhter Begum, the function was also addressed by Dean of Arts Faculty, Prof Shahidullah, Prof Anisuzzaman, Prof AFM Abu Bakkar Siddique, Prof Ayesa Begum, Prof ABM Ali Haider, Prof Rafiqullah Khan and TSC Director Alamgir Hossain.

## Hamdard Board team off to Pakistan

A three-member delegation of Bangladesh Hamdard Board of Trustees of Bangladesh, led by its chairman Barrister Shawkat Ali, has gone to Pakistan to convey sympathy to the family members of former governor of Sindh province late Hakeem Mohammad Saeed, reports UNB.

Hakeem Mohammad Saeed, founder of Hamdard Foundation, was assassinated by unknown assailants in Pakistani city of Karachi on Saturday.

Hamdard Laboratories has organised *Qurankhuani, milad mahfil* and condolence meeting at Hamdard Bhaban at Sonargaon road and Hamdard factory Tejkanipara tomorrow afternoon.

Various organisations have expressed deep shock at the sad demise of Hakeem Mohammad Saeed.

In a message today (Monday), chairman of *Ummat Al-Islam* of Bangladesh Adv Mujibur Rahman expressed deep shock at the death of Hakeem Mohammad Saeed.

Central president of Bangladesh Palli Chikitshak Samity Dr Mohammad Sabuj Ali also condoled the death of Hakeem Saeed.

## Satish meets Thai minister

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Satish Chandra Roy had a meeting with Agriculture Minister of Thailand Pongpol Adiraksart at his office in Bangkok yesterday, a message received in the city said, reports BSS.

They decided that both Bangladesh and Thailand will cooperate with each other for control and elimination of shrimp disease, exchange of experiences and technologies in fisheries development.

Roy thanked the Thai minister for cooperation and friendly gestures.

Ambassador of Bangladesh Akramul Qader was present on the occasion.



Yoshikazu Kaneko (2nd-L), Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh, called on R Maksud Khan (2nd-R), President of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), at the DCCI office yesterday. The two discussed issues relating to economic and trade cooperation between the two countries. DCCI Senior Vice President Masudur Rahman, DCCI Directors M A Momen and Sajjatz Jumma took part in the discussion. —DCCI photo

## UP chairman killed in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 19: A UP chairman in Kamarkhand thana was hacked to death by some armed assailants at a shop in the town's Station Road area today, reports UNB.

Witnesses said Mohammad Shahjahan Ali, 42, chairman of Dhaul Union, was attacked by the gang at a shop at 1 pm. The miscreants chopped him with *ramdao* and Chinese axe, killing him on the spot.

The deputy commissioner and police super visited the spot.

## Body formed to probe allegations against RU teacher

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Oct 19: The Library and Information Science Department Chairman of the Rajshahi University, Mohd Abdus Salam, has been discharged from the chairmanship after some allegations of irregularities and misappropriation of departmental funds were brought against him.

The allegations were made to the university authorities in writing, but the complainants did not disclose their names.

The university authorities have formed a three-member probe committee headed by Prof Sohrab Ali to investigate the matter. The other members are Prof Abdul Halim and Prof Nurullah. They have been asked to submit the report soon.

Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin, Dean of the Social Science Faculty, has been given the charge of the department as additional responsibility.

Meanwhile, the rest of the department teachers have submitted a memorandum to the Vice Chancellor and demanded punitive action against the persons responsible.

When contacted, Prof Abdus Salam denied all the allegations and said, "I was not the chairman during the period when the malpractices mentioned in the complaint took place."

## Engineering Department Bangladesh Bank Head Office Dhaka Re-Tender Notice No 08/1998-99

- Name of the work: Sealed tenders are hereby invited for supply, installation, testing and commissioning of 10+100 lines capacity Digital PABX System at Bangladesh Bank, Sylhet in two envelopes system of which one should be clearly marked technical proposal on the envelop and another should be marked financial proposal.
- Estimated cost: To be quoted by the bidder.
- Time allowed to complete the work: 5 (five) months from the date of work order.
- Earnest money in the form of Bank Draft/SDR/Pay Order from any scheduled bank drawn in favour of the General Manager, Admin & Expand, Deppti, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka to be submitted along with the financial proposal.
- Eligibility for participation in the tender: Authorised local agent/distributors registered in Bangladesh for the reputed PABX system manufacturing company. The product should be suitable for the climatic condition for this country as well as installed and in use in this country. 1st class enlisted electrical contractor firm of govt, semi-govt or autonomous organisation who has successfully completed the supply, installation, commissioning at least 5+50 lines capacity similar PABX system under any govt, semi-govt or autonomous organisation in a single tender will be eligible to participate in the tender.
- Cost of tender schedule including terms and conditions: Tk 750/- (Taka seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable).
- Office of selling of the tender documents: General Manager, Administration and Expenditure Department (BPD), 2nd High Rise Annex Building, 7th Floor, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka during office hours up to 2-00 PM.
- Last date of selling of the tender schedule and other terms/conditions etc & time: 05-11-1998 up to 2-00 PM.
- Date and time of dropping tender: 30-11-1998 up to 12-00 Noon.
- Date and time of opening the tender: The technical proposal shall open at 12-15 PM on 30-11-1998 and financial proposal shall be kept separately.
- Office of dropping the tender: General Manager, Administration & Expenditure Department (BPD), 7th Floor, 2nd High Rise Annex Building, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
- Incomplete, conditional and tenders without earnest money will not be acceptable. Bangladesh Bank authority reserves the right not to accept the lowest tender and also has the right to accept in full or in part or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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## Cantonment Board Job Opportunity

Dhaka Cantonment Board desires to recruit personnel in the following positions for Bangladesh International School, DOHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka Cantonment having classes from Play Group to Standard VI leading to 'O' and 'A' Level.

Sl No	Name of post	No of post	Requirements and salary
1.	Teacher (English)	1	Minimum Second Class Bachelor Degree from any recognised university with three years teaching experience in English Medium School. Must be very good in both spoken and written English.
2.	Teacher (Mathematics)	1	Minimum Second Class Science Graduate with Mathematics. Preference will be given to the candidates having 'O' & 'A' Level background.
3.	Teacher (Bengali)	1	Minimum Second Class Bachelor Degree from any recognised university with experience in Bengali teaching.
4.	Junior Teacher	4	Second Class Bachelor Degree or 'A' Level passed in three subjects and must be good in both spoken and written English.
i) Monthly Salary will be Tk 7,000/- (Fixed) for Sl Nos 1, 2 & 3 and Tk 5,000/- (Fixed) for Sl No 4. ii) Age limit maximum 30 years. Relaxable in case of highly qualified & experienced candidates.			
Interested candidates are requested to submit their curriculum vitae and two copies of passport size photographs to the undersigned latest by the 5-11-98. Bank Draft/Pay Order of Tk 100/- (one hundred) only in favour of Cantonment Executive Officer, Dhaka Cantonment shall be attached with the application.			
Shafique Alam Mehdi Cantonment Executive Officer Dhaka Cantonment.			