IFOR team lauds PM's commitment to peace

A 24-member delegation of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR) called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Ganobhaban residence yesterday, reports UNB.

The objectives of the organisation are to promote peace and non-violence, uphold justice and reconciliation, and search for concrete alternatives to violence.

The members of IFOR are dedicated to establish peace and amity among comity of nations and various faiths.

The IFOR members praised the Prime Minister for her commitment to peace and nonviolence, and restoring peace in the Chittagong Hill Tracts through signing an accord with the tribal leaders.

National Professor Kabir Chowdhury, on behalf of IFOR, lauded the role of Prime Minister for her total commitment to

He said the unilateral declaration of the Prime Minister not to call hartal is highly praise-worthy and targeted to promoting peace and stability in the country.

The IFOR members also wel-

The government of Britain

has expressed interest in pro-

jects for long-term flood miti-

gation and arrest environmen-

tal degradation to the benefit of

Amos, who is the spokesperson

for the Department of Interna-

tional Development in the

House of Lords said on Novem-

ber 18 that Her Majesty's gov-

ernment was interested in river

dredging and scientific research

in dealing with the problem of

flood disaster in Bangladesh.

Baroness Amos was replying to

a question by Lord Shore of

Stepney, a message received

item "Bangladesh Flood Disas-

ter". Lord Shore who is also the

chairman of all-party British-

Bangladesh Parliamentary

Group wanted to know what ac-

tion has been taken by Britain

to assist Bangladesh to deal

with the recent flood and what

assessment has been made of

their continuing needs and pri-

orities. Baroness Amos men-

tioned that British government

had provided an amount of 22

million pound sterling to cope

with emergency relief, take up

post flood rehabilitation pro-

ject and the restoration and re-

construction of damaged in-

In supplementing his ques-

tion, Lord Shore emphasised

that dredging of the river sys-

tem was of enormous impor-

tance in mitigating long-term

consequences of floods in

During discussion under the

yesterday said.

frastructure.

British Minister Baroness

Bangladesh, reports BSS.

UK keen on long-term

flood mitigation projects

comed Bangladesh's support to the UN resolution for non-vio-

The Prime Minister said Bangladesh believes in peace. Without peace, she said,

progress is not possible.
"We had suffered a lot due to the existence of authoritarian regimes," she said and added "we had to wage a long movement to revive the rights of the people and build up a society free from hunger and poverty."

Bangladesh has a total commitment to the peace, said the Prime Minister adding father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman wanted to modify the society by freeing it from the clutches of poverty and hunger. But Bangabandhu could not

finish his task as he was brutally assassinated along with his family members, Hasina said adding that "now the task has bestowed upon me to fulfill the dreams of the father of the nation through economic

emancipation of the people."

IFOR delegates from Japan,
USA, India, Zimbabwe, the Netherlands and Bangladesh were present in the meeting.

Bangladesh and asked the min-

ernment would findout from

Bangladesh as to the require-

ment for dredgers to deal with

stated that the British govern-

ment's concern over the long-

term effects of environmental

damage precipitating such nat-

ural disaster. She assured that

Britain will continue to work

with other international agen-

cies involved in the long-term

flood mitigating projects and

stressed on carrying out suffi-

cient scientific research in that

question raised by Lord Shore

and stated that one of the major

causes of siltation of the river

beds was deforestation in the

Himalayas. He asked whether

Britain had any plans to help

afforestation projects in those

areas so that soils are washed

down into the rivers through

the British government would

look into the projects relating

to environmental degradation

and their long-term sustain-

ability. While emphasising

greater research in this direc-

tion, she reiterated the govern-

ment's commitment to increas-

ing assistance provided through

the global environmental facil-

ity in the light of the decisions

taken at the global conference

on climate change, the message

Baroness Amos assured that

Lord Swinfen added to the

In her reply, Baroness Amos

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Bangladesh.

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Hasna Moudud presented the

Ahsan in his speech quoted

from the Holy Quran and said

no religion other than Islam

nar as the chief guest and added

that women are the preserver

and creator of all generation

and have a high degree of re-

sponsibility which cannot be

sentation termed violence

against women as a "social

'Self-sufficiency

in cement

production

by 2000'

The country will attain self-

sufficiency in cement produc-

tion by the year 2000 with es-

tablishment of five more ce-

At present 11 cement indus-

tries, including one in public

sector, are producing 1.4 mil-

lion tons of cement per year

against the annual total de-

This was revealed at a day-

long seminar on "Prospects of

Cement Industries in

Bangladesh" at a hotel yester-

day. Commerce and Industries

Minister Tofail Ahmed inaugu-

Govt always

tried to cooperate

with opposition,

says Zillur

and Cooperatives Minister Zil-

lur Rahman has said that ef-

forts were always being pursued

to maintain congenial atmo-

sphere to mutual cooperation,

tolerance and democratic dis-

position with the opposition

a cross section of people at Hol-

ludia Union ground at a meet-

ing organised by Raozan Thana

Development Parishad on Fri-

Nat'l Institute

of Mental Health

to be constructed

soon in city

tary Affairs Minister Abdul

Matin Khasru yesterday said

that the government is consti-

tutionally obliged to protect the

human rights of the mentally

retarded patients, along with

under the dynamic leadership

of Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina is committed to ensur-

ing health for all by the year

2000," he said while addressing

a symposium on "Human Rights

and Mental Health" as chief

guest at CIRDAP auditorium in

Bangladesh Association of Psy-

chiatrists Mohammad Abdus

Sobhan, the function was ad-

dressed, among others, by Prof

Mohammad Nazmul Ahsan, Dr

Kazi A Hamid, Prof Headayetul

Islam, Dr Shamim Matin

Chowdhury, Advocate Abdul

Baset Majumder, Chairman of

Bangladesh Bar Council Barris-

ter Amirul Islam and Bar

Council leader Advocate Abdus

Salam Talukder. The sympo-

sium was organised jointly by Bangladesh Bar Council and

Bangladesh Association of Psy-

National Institute of Mental

Health will be constructed soon

in Dhaka at a cost of Tk 35

crore. He said the government

alone cannot do everything,

rather the government and

non-government organisation should work together for pro-

tection of the rights of the

more important is implementa-

tion of the law than making of

The minister said what is

mentally retarded persons.

Abdul Matin Khasru said a

Presided over by president of

"The present government

others, reports BSS.

the city.

chiatrists.

Law, Justice and Parliamen-

The minister was addressing

party, reports BSS.

CHITTAGONG, Nov 21: LGRD

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ment industries, reports UNB.

Hasna Moudud in her pre-

He was addressing the semi-

has given women a status.

National Professor Syed Ali

keynote paper.

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A delegation of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR) called on Prime Min--PID photo ister Sheikh Hasina at Gonobhaban yesterday.

Call to break silence against repression on women, children

By Staff Correspondent



National Professor Syed Ali Ahsan addressing a seminar on 'Eradication of violence against women and children' organised by Zonta International District XXV at a local hotel yesterday.

wound" and said these days violence against women has become a common and widespread social evil.

"Repression on women has always existed but never so crude, violent and exposed like an open social wound," she said.

The discussants put forward the view that time has come for breaking the silence through

mass awareness They urged all law enforcing agencies to punish women and child abusers publicly to set an example.

Sarwari Rahman in her presidential speech urged the media to highlight the criminal act and the offender instead of the victim.

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VID LILINGE

Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan addressing a seminar titled 'Wis-

dom of importing hybrid rice seeds: Bangladesh scenario'

at the National Press Club yesterday. The seminar was

organised by the Agriculturists Association of Bangladesh

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3090, 3097. SEMINAR ON 'Autumn open air WISDOM OF IMPORTING HYBRID RICE SEEDS BANGLADESH SCENARIO debating' programme VAMUE: NATIONAL PRESS CLUB held at DU

By DU Correspondent Dhaka University Debating Society (DUDS) organised a programme titled 'Autumn open air debating at the Shoparjita Swadhinata premises on the Dhaka University campus yesterday evening.

The programme was dedicated to Naren Biswas, a teacher of the university who is now in a critical condition at hospital. The DUDS also urged the government to ensure proper reatment of Naren Biswas.

Indefinite transport strike begins in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 21: Trucks, buses and auto-tempos have stopped plying on the inter-district routes from here as a sequel to a clash between motor and tempo workers here on November 19, reports APB.

Regular inter-district passengers have been suffering untold miseries owing to this indefinite strike.

Police sources said that local people had requested the tempo drivers to suspend their operation along the Sirajganj-Kazipur section only. The tempo drivers, however, had keep their operation undisturbed on the first day.

This angered the motor workers, who broke 12 tempos along various routes. The tempo workers, in retaliation, broke three buses, which sparked off fresh rounds of clashes. A number of workers from both sides received injuries

At this stage movement of tempos and buses got stopped for an indefinite period. Efforts for solving the prob-

lem at a joint meeting of the local administration and tempo and bus owners ended in vain.

Trainee docs demand increased allowances

Tarun Chikitsayk Sangram Parishad (Young Doctors Movement Parishad), an organisation of internee and young doctors, yesterday demanded increased allowances for the internees keeping conformity with the new pay scale and appointment of more doctors in the government hospitals.

Co-chairmen of the organisation Dr S M Akamal Ali Golap and Dr Nurul Anwar and General Secretary Dr Hayat Mahamud Russel in a statement said in spite of repeated assurance the authorities did not implement its various demands.

The other demands of the organisation include fixation of minimum salary of the young doctors in the clinics, supply of adequate materials including drugs in the hospital, solution of accommodation problems of the internee doctors and introduction of effective system to ensure proper utilisation of

The leaders requested all the members of the central committee to attend a meeting to be held at the radiology gallery of Dhaka Medical College Hospital at 11 am on November 23.

PM's 'no hartal' call figures prominently in NY daily

ICMAB results

Bangladesh has published the results of the ICMAB examina-

tion held in August at Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi, Comilla and Abu Dhabi (UAE)

centres, says a press release yes-

of the students who have com-

pleted different levels in the ex-

amination are given below:

pleted-6 (Six)

The names and roll numbers

Level-V (Final) Course Com-

Abdullah Al Mahmud (1007)

Md Murtoba Ali (1035), Sayed

Golam Ahammad (1371), Ran-

jan Kumar Nandy (1498), Md

Mizanur Rahman (1644), Mo-hammed Rafiqul Alam (2874).

Roll Nos 6 (Six): 1007, 1495, 1498, 1574, 1865, 2901.

Completed Roll Nos 27 (Twenty

Seven): 1003, 1024, 1088, 1107

1261, 1271, 1322, 1402, 1472

1494, 1574, 1576, 1601, 1652

1713, 1718, 1751, 1807, 1831

2013, 2021, 2084, 2088, 2094, 2955, 3046, 3058.

Completed Roll Nos 50 (Fifty): 1246, 1271, 1322, 1412, 1457,

1466, 1472, 1485, 1491, 1494, 1512, 1513, 1528, 1554, 1565,

1566, 1591, 1605, 1610, 1652

1733, 1749, 1751, 1818, 1831

1870, 1873, 1882, 1899, 1947

1957, 1988, 1990, 2005, 2084

2117, 2121, 2122, 2898, 3042

pleted Roll Nos 139 (One hun-

dred thirty-nine): 1034, 1246,

1275, 1280, 1380, 1488, 1497

1517, 1523, 1529, 1542, 1595

1603, 1621, 1623, 1627, 1648

1659, 1660, 1668, 1690, 1703

1722, 1726, 1746, 1747, 1749,

1758, 1771, 1772, 1778, 1787,

1788, 1799, 1801, 1836, 1849

1878, 1879, 1901, 1906, 1911

1924, 1934, 1945, 1947, 1951

1957, 1960, 1963, 1965, 1968,

1970, 1974, 1979, 1983, 1984

2010, 2028, 2035, 2055, 2062,

2068, 2076, 2080, 2081, 2092,

2101, 2109, 2117, 2120, 2124,

2125, 2128, 2129, 2144, 2157,

2162, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2171,

2173, 2175, 2176, 2180, 2182,

2185, 2195, 2197, 2220, 2247,

2249, 2255, 2256, 2272, 2273,

2301, 2313, 2340, 2401, 2405,

2409, 2412, 2413, 2415, 2422

2445, 2451, 2460, 2478, 2485,

2514, 2524, 2530, 2533, 2564,

2607, 2639, 2645, 2725, 2787,

2788, 2792, 2911, 2912, 2940,

2957, 2970, 2995, 3018, 3070,

3078, 3079, 3080, 3084, 3087,

Level-1 (Intermediate) Com-

3061, 3067, 3068, 3072, 3077.

, 1692, 1696, 1713, 1718

Level-II (Intermediate)

Level-IV (Final) Completed

Level-III (Intermediate)

The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of

> Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's recent declaration of "no hartal" in future and holding of next general elections in the year 2000 got prominent coverage in the Journal of Commerce, a business daily published from New York, reports BSS.

> An article published on Friday's (Nov 20) issue of the daily said, "Bangladesh is taking steps to end recurrent nationwide strikes that have been damaging to the economy and frightening to foreign investors.'

Gordan Platt in his story headlined "Bangladesh Seeks to End Strikes to save its Economy", touched upon reaction of the chamber leaders on the Prime Minister's unilateral proposal on strike, leader of the opposition Begum Khaleda Zia's meeting with diplomats and comments of State Minister for Information on the issue.

Quoting Bangladesh mission in New York, Platt wrote that "The government believes that by shunning hartals (strikes), it will be able to attract more foreign investments," a message

The article said "The latest two-day stoppage occurred earlier this month, when opposition leaders protested the verdict in the trial of those charged with the murder of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the country's first prime minister and most of his family."

In announcing the date of the next general elections, Sheikh Hasina the Prime Minister said. "We want to begin our journey in the new millennium with new hopes and aspirations under a new government," the paper reported.



A solo presentation by renowned Tagore Song artiste Saadi Mohammad at the National Museum auditorium yesterday organised by 'Sabobrati', a cultural organisation. The programme was organised to generate funds for rehabilitation of the flood affected people.

-Star photo

Fake Major held

CHUADANGA, Nov 21: Police arrested a man here yesterday who introduced himself as an officer in the army, reports

Ashabul Huq (37), son of Mobarak Mondal of village Putimari in Alamdanga thana, introduced himself as a major and asked the police to bring him to the border.

Gazipur PWD Division, Gazipur

Tender Notice (2nd Call)

18/98-99.

Providing palasiding and earth fill-

ing around the international pond at Tongi Fire Service and Civil Defence Station in the Dist. of Gazipur during the year 1998-99.

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Office of the undersigned including

all Executive Engineers' offices

under Savar PWD Circle, Dhaka.

During office hours up to 7/12/98.

Up to 12:00 Noon on 8/12/98 and

will be opened on the same day at

: Category applicable as per

financial limit of approved enlisted

contractor of Public Works

Tk. 6,05,248/-

: Tk. 12,105/-Earnest money : 30 (thirty) days from the date of Time allowed for issue of work order. completion of

Price of tender schedule

Tender No

Name of work

Estimated cost

Place of selling & receiving of the

tender Last date of selling Date of receiving & opening of

tender 10. Eligibility of contractors/firms

compete in the tenders

Department. 1. To compete in the tender pre-conditions, terms and conditions with special terms and conditions along with

relevant informations are laid in the tender schedule which may be seen accordingly. 12. The undersigned reserves the right to reject or accept any

12:15 PM.

or all of the tenders without assigning any reason.

Md Rafiqul Islam Executive Engineer,

DFP-24292-17/11 G-2604

Gazipur PWD Division, Gazipur.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer Dhaka Public Works Division No-4 15, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka

Auction Notice

No-165/1998-99

It is for information of the members of the public that sealed tenders are invited from enlisted contractors/ contractors' firms, solvent traders for sale of old goods of the following buildings under Public Works Division No-4, Dhaka. Tenders will be received till 12:00 Noon on 2/12/98 by the office of the undersigned, Dhaka Public Works Division No-3, Medical College Public Works Division and Eden Building Public Works Division and will be opened the same day at 12:15 PM before the tenderers present

Name of work

DFP-24293-17/11/98

pucca shed no 14 fallen in the layout of the proposed construction of Bangladesh Supreme Court annex building; sale in auction on the basis of as and where it is (Survey report no-11 H/C dated 8/2/98). (2) Removal by demolishing existing semipucca shed no. 15 fallen in the layout of the proposed construction of Bangladesh Supreme Court annex building; sale in auction on the basis of as and where it is (Survey report no-12 H/C dated 8/02/98). (3) Removal by demoslishing existing semipucca shed no. 16 fallen in the layout of the proposed construction of Bangladesh Supreme Court annex building; sale in auction as and where it is basis (Survey report no. 10 H/C dated 5/2/98.)

(1) Removal by demolishing existing semi-

Participants in tender will have to write the total cost of each tender in words and figures separately in the place fixed in the tender schedule and 10% (ten per cent) of the quoted cost as the security money in the form of BD/Pay Order for any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Dhaka Public Works Division No-4, Dhaka, will have to be deposited with the tender for each work. Otherwise

tender will be regarded as rejected. Terms and conditions in auction notice, rules and regulations can be obtained free of cost from the office of the undersigned, Executive Engineer, Public Works Division-3/ Eden Building Public Work Division/Medical College Public Works Division and the Sub-Divisional Officer of this division.

> Md Akhtarul Alam **Executive Engineer** Dhaka Public Works Division, No 4, Dhaka Phone No-9557108.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board Office of the Director, Procurement, Telephone

No DP/F-4/IT/98-99/191 Subject: Telephone Exchanges at 77 (seventy-seven) thanas in Bangladesh on Turn-key Basis.

international bonafide manufacturers/suppliers for this invitation in the national dailies. No tender

separate sealed envelops one for "Technical" and other for "Price". Bids security must be enclosed with the

in presence of bidders/their representatives (if like to equivalent foreign currency must be enclosed with the will not accure any interest. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

DFP-24265-17/11

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Mir Mozammel Haque

Exchange Building, Gulshan, Dhaka-1212 Dated: 15.11.1998 International Tender Notice for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Digital Switching Equipment, Battery, Power Plant and Operator Board etc for Replacement of Magneto/CB/Auto Exchanges by Small (200-500) Lines Digital

International Tender Notice

Sealed (by gala) tenders are hereby invited from supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Digital Switching Equipment, Battery, Power Plant and Operator Board etc. for Replacement of Magneto/ CB/Auto Exchanges by Small (200-500) Lines Digital Telephone Exchanges at 77 (seventy-seven) Thanas in Bangladesh on Turn-key Basis. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased from the office of the Director, Procurement, by any interested eligible bidder or his representative on submission of a written application in their official pad and on payment of non-refundable Taka 5,000 (five thousand) on all working days after seven days from the date of publication of schedule/document will be sold on the date of opening of tender. No tender document will be sold by post.

The bidder whose offered model is field proven in PSTN of manufacturer's own country and at least 4 (four) other foreign countries is eligible to participate

in this tender. Bids must be submitted in two envelope system, under this procedure bids must be submitted in two

technical offer. Bids will be received on 11.01.99 up to 14-00 hours (BST) and opened at 14-10 hours (BST) on the same date be present), in the office of Director, Procurement, Telephone Exchange Building, Gulshan, Dhaka-1212. Earnest money/bid bond amounting to Tk 1 (one) crore or technical offer. This bid bonds shall be issued by scheduled bank in Bangladesh and should be valid for 30 days beyond the validity of the bid. The bid bond

Dy Director (Foreign Procurement)

Phone: 880-2-2887599 Fax: 880-2-883899

Mauritius donates Tk 24 lakh for flood victims

The government of Indian Ocean island state Mauritius has donated 50,000 US dollars (over Taka 24 lakh) for the flood affected people o Bangladesh, official sources said, reports BSS.

The Mauritius High Commissioner to the United Kingdom Sir Satcam Boolell, QC handed over a cheque for that amount to A H Mahmood Ali, Bangladesh High Commissioner to UK at the later's office in London on Friday.

In a letter sent on the occasion, the Mauritius government said "though this contribution is only a token effort, we wish your country all the best in coping with the calamity and for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the devastated areas, a message received in the city yesterday said.

High Commissioner Ali conveyed thanks and appreciation of the government and people of Bangladesh to the government and people of Mauritius for their kind gesture.

PP Altaf Hossain's death condoled

State Minister for Jute A K Faezul Huq yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of Public Prosecutor of Dhaka Advocate Altaf Hossain, reports

for Vindod Dasgupta's

-Star photo

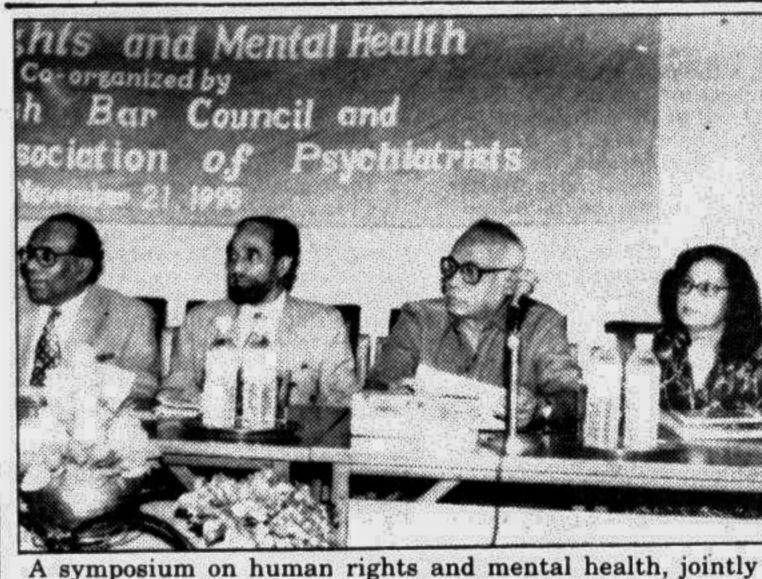
Renowned journalist and writer Vinod Dasgupta, 68, is seriously ill and undergoing treatment under supervision of Dr Mohsin at Kidney Hospital at Kalabagan in the city, reports

Leading intellectuals, writers and journalists of the country in a joint statement yesterday urged the government to meet the expenses of his treatment as his family cannot support it any more.

The signatories of the statement included Begum Sufia Kamal, Prof Kabir Chowdhury Prof Sardar Fazlul Karim, singers Kalim Sharafi and Sanjida Khatun, poet Shamsur Rahman, Prof Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir, writers Syed Shamsul Haq, Rahat Khan, Dr Anwara Syed Haq and Imdadul Haq Milon, Prof Muntasir Mamun, journalists Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and Shahriar Kabir, actor Ramendu Majumdar, and architect Rabiul Hus-

Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee in a statement also made similar appeal to the government.

Vinod Das Gupta, a senior sub-editor of recently defunct Bangladesh Times, has been involved in the county's progressive movement for a long time and is also the founder member of the Nirmul Committee.



organised by the Bangladesh Bar Council and the Association of Psychiatrists, was held at the CIRDAP audito--Star photo rium yesterday.

Appeal to govt treatment