

**Metropolitan**

**Drop-out of students highest in SSC level**

Education Minister A S H K Sadeq informed Parliament yesterday that the drop-out of students is highest at the secondary level, reports UNB.

In reply to Haji Md Selim (AL), he said the rate of drop-out is 38 per cent at primary level, 43.6 per cent at secondary, 37.8 per cent at higher secondary and 39.6 per cent at higher education level.

The government has taken a number of steps to check drop-outs from the educational institutions, the minister said.

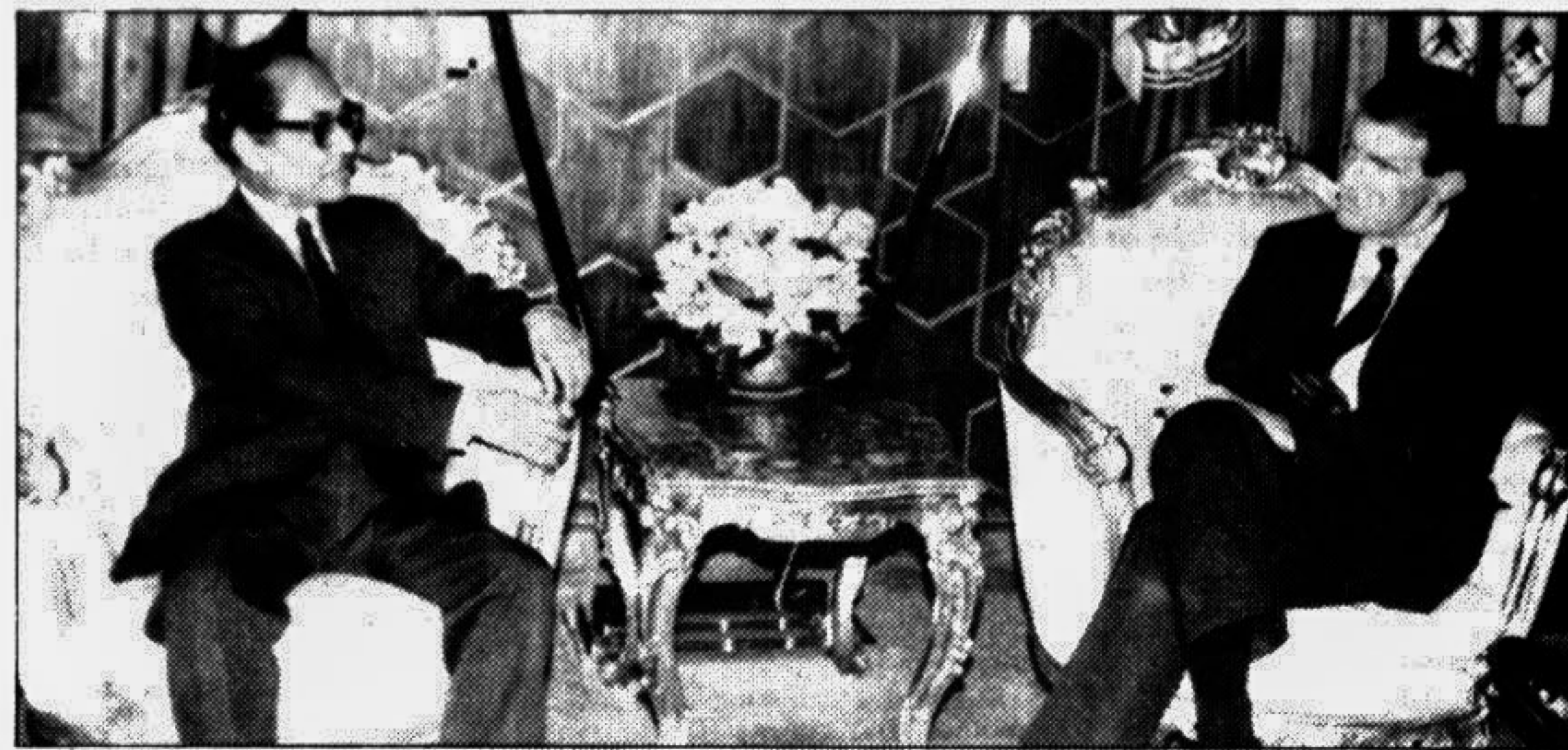
Sadeq said the government has a target to achieve 100 per cent enrollment of school-age

children which is now about 90 per cent.

He said cooperation of guardians and concerted efforts of teachers and education officials were essential to achieve the target.

On another question, the education minister said a total of 1,837 educational institutions have been brought under government coverage of granting money from July 1996 to June 1998.

In reply to Mirza Azam (AL), the minister said the report of the Education Policy Committee will be formally placed in the House soon.



US Ambassador to Bangladesh John C Holzman called on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday. — PID photo

**BBC playwriting competition**

BBC World Service has invited radio play for the sixth International Playwriting Competition 1998 titled "Write Around the World", reports UNB.

The BBC World Service has arranged the competition in collaboration with British Council.

Interested writers, both professional and amateur, have been requested to submit an original radio play to in a trip to London to see their work recorded. The winner will also be given a cash prize of 2000 pounds sterling.

The prize winning plays will be broadcast in English to the world service's 35 million worldwide listeners, said a press release yesterday.

In addition to the overall winner, there are prizes on offer for the best radio play written by someone for whom English is not the first language, and also for the five best regional entries.

All plays, accompanied by a completed entry form, must be submitted by April 30, 1999. Forms may be collected from the British Council, 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka.

**Weather**

**Thundershowers likely**

Moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over the country with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over Barisal, Khulna and Chittagong divisions in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Night temperature may fall by one to two degree Celsius over the country during the period, according to Met Office.

Country's highest temperature 33.5 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 21.6 degrees Celsius at Khulna and Barisal.

The sun sets today at 5.11 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.19 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	23.6	22.2	93	93
Chittagong	33.1	24.5	-	86
Khulna	23.0	21.6	100	100
Rajshahi	25.7	23.6	91	93
Barisal	26.2	21.6	100	97
Sylhet	25.0	22.6	86	91
Cox's Bazar	33.5	24.8	70	74

**Bangladeshi girl wins piano recital competition in Italy**

A 12-year-old Bangladeshi girl, Jihan Anika Rahman, won the prestigious international piano recital competition "Premio Valentino Bucchi 1998" held in Italy recently, reports APB.

The competition was jointly organised by the Valentino Bucchi Foundation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Culture of Italy, according to a message received in the city yesterday.

Anika is the daughter of Dr Atiqur Rahman, an official of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), a specialised agency of the United Nations.

The competition was also participated by youngsters from Russia, Kazakhstan and Macedonia.

**Italian plastic surgery team due Dec 27**

A 7-member team of plastic surgery experts from Interplast, Italy led by Dr Pawla G Morselli will arrive in the city on December 27, a DMCH press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

The team will stay in Dhaka till January 14. The experts will treat complicated cases at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) free of cost.

Those interested to get the service has been requested to enlist their names with the DMCH surgery outdoor from December 1 to December 15 from 10 am to 12 noon.

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**Indian Navy chief arrives**

Admiral Vishnu Bhagwat, Chief of the Naval Staff of India, arrived in the city yesterday on a five-day goodwill visit, reports BSS.

He was accompanied by his wife Niloufer Bhagwat and a two-member delegation of the Indian Navy.

Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Nurul Islam and Begum Saleha Islam received the distinguished guests at the Zia International Airport.

The Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dev Mukharjee and senior officers of the Naval Headquarters were present at the airport.

**Tributes paid to Syed Atiqullah**

Speakers yesterday paid high tributes to the late eminent poet and journalist Syeed Atiqullah and said he was one of the very few intellectuals who had the courage to speak out the truth and always upheld the cause of the people, reports BSS.

They were addressing a condolence meeting organised by the National Press Club here. Presided over by Press Club president Reaz Uddin Ahmed, it was addressed by Press Club general secretary Khondker Manirul Alam, joint secretary Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, former general secretary Shafiqur Rahman, poet Al Mujahidee, poet Fazal Shahabuddin, poet Abu Saleh, Kazim Reza, Amir Khasru Habibur Rahman Chowdhury, Aminur Rahman, Pratiti Devi, Aroma Ghone and Syeed Atiqullah's son Rishi Syeed.

Speakers suggested introduction of an annual award for the journalists after the name of this renowned journalist who never compromised in his career.

They also suggested publication of selected poems of Syeed Atiqullah in English translation to pay tribute to this illustrious but publicity-shy writer.

**N'ganj Press Club distributes relief goods**

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ Nov 22: Narayan Press Club today distributed relief materials among 500 flood-affected families of the adjoining areas of the town.

The relief goods included rice, pulse, oil, sugar, salt, potato, milk, flour, clothes, soap, oral saline and T-shirts.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Qabidul Quader, local MP Shamim Osman, news editor of The Daily Ittefaq Golam Sarwar, Press Club president Habibur Rahman Badal and secretary Manirul Islam, among others, were present during the distribution.

**What's on today . . .**

**Film:** A session of 'contemporary world cinema' will begin. Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society. Today's films: 'Smilla's Sense of Snow' by Bille August (Denmark) and 'The End of Violence' by Wim Wenders (Germany). Time: 4:30 pm and 6:45 pm. Venue: German Cultural Centre, Rd: 9, Dhanmondi.

**Lectures:** On 'Reconstruction of lips — Various procedures and personal experience' by Dr Anjan Kumar Deb of CMH, and on 'Hypertension and its management — An update' by Dr Md Faisal Islam Chowdhury of SSMC. Organiser: Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS). Time: 11 am and 12:10 pm respectively. Venue: BCPS auditorium, Mohakhall.

**Rotary Club meet:** The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 6 pm.

**JS body discusses waqf building construction**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Religious Affairs was held at the Sangsad Bhaban yesterday with chairman of the committee Shah Haduzzaman in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed various aspects to construct the waqf building and advised for taking speedy measures to construct administrative office-commercial building, a Parliament Secretariat press release said.

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