NEW DELHI, Nov 27: Bangladesh got a special commendation award in the India International Trade Fair '98 which concluded here today, reports BSS.

The chairman of the Indian Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), Yogesh Chandra, handed over the award to Fazlul Ahad. Counsellor (commerce) in the Bangladesh High Com-mission at the concluding function of the two-week fair.

Apart from Bangladesh, 29 other countries took part in the fair displaying some of their exportable items.

Three pavilions represent-ing Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Romania were selected for the award.

The Bangladesh stalls drew large crowds at the fair. Bangladeshi products like Jamdani saree, ceramicware, ceramic stone tableware. melamine tableware, artificial silk flower and prayer and sports caps were put on display at the stalls.

Bengal Fine Ceramics Limited, Classic Melamine Industries Limited, Nalita and Company Limited. Kamrun Katan Saree Ghar, New Dhaka Jamdani Weaving Factory and Alif Cap Garments took part in the

Noapara Zamdani Palli artisans to get bank loan

The flood affected marginal artisans of Noapara Zamdani Palli near Tarabo Bazar in Narayanganj will be provided with loans without any collateral security to rehabilitate the traditional zamdani industry, reports BSS.

A special investment programme has been chalked out by Sonali Bank for this pur-

The programme will start from December 1 through Tarabo branch of the bank.

Fifty zamdani artisans will be financed with a total Tk 10 lakh in the first phase on group basis exclusively from Sonali Bank's own fund, a bank press release said.

Further extension of the programme will be considered on the basis of the success of the collateral security free loans.

Meanwhile, a wide range of investment programme regarding marketing of zamdani and import of dyes and yarns etc is now under the active consideration of Sonali Bank.

Directive to extend facilities to Ctg Port users

CHITTAGONG, Nov 27: Deputy Minister for Shipping Saber Hossain Chowdhury today said that the present government has been implementing various projects for modernization of the Chittagong Port as well as bringing dynamism in the operational activities.

The minister was presiding over a meeting of the heads of all departments of the port at its rest house today.

Reviewing the decisions of the previous meetings Saber Hossain Chowdhury directed the concerned officials to extend all possible cooperation to the port users, an official handout said here. He also directed the port au-

thority to take necessary measures after investigation into the reports of the port activi-

The meeting reviewed the classification of the goods for increasing efficiency of the port workers, determination of the productivity of the port and introduction of the incentive scheme for the port workers. It also decided to strengthen

the security measures of the port for smooth functioning of the daily operational activities, the handout added.

Tk 15cr road maintenance project in CHT

CHITTAGONG, Nov 27: The Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED) will implement a Taka 15.26 crore project for the rural road maintenance programme in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) region during the next three years, reports BSS.

The project has initially started in Bagaichhari thana of Rangamati, Dighinala of Khagrachhari and Rowangchhari of Bandarban hill districts on November 1

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) approved the project last month. LGED officials told BSS yes-

terday that programme will be introduced in 25 thanas of the three hill districts in phases from January 1.

The project is aimed at improving the economic condition of the distressed women in the CHT region.

About 3,850 women will be More donations to PM's Relief Fund

More organisations and individuals at home and abroad yesterday donated over Taka 1.6 lakh and 2,000 US dollars to the Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund for the flood affected people, reports BSS.

Kishalaya Bangladesh School of New England, Boston. USA donated 2000 dollars. Agrabad Badamtali Hawkers Market Samabaya Samity Tk 26,000. Chottagram Rabindra Shilpi Sangstha Tk 20,000, Habiganj Awami League Tk 20,000, Dr Nurul Islam Tk 15,500 , S M Fazlul Haq Tk 10.000, Abu Taleb Chowdhury Tk 10,000 and Chittagong Samaj Kalyan Tran Committee Tk 10,000. Other donors are Kun-

deswari Balika Biddlaya, Serajul Islam Chowdhury, Prof Abu Taher Chowdhury, Nazrul Islam Chowdhury, Babu Monotosh Dhar, Mohammad Ali Chowdhury, teachers and employees of Kuaish Sheikh Mohammad College, Mohammad Ishaq Mia and Md Saidur Rahman Mollah.

Phensidyl seized From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Nov 27: Siddhirganj thana police recovered 170 bottles of Indian phensidyl and arrested one person from a residence at Natun Bazar of Sumilpara under Siddhirganj thana at around 1:30 pm today.

A case has been lodged against the arrested Hannan with the thana in this connection, police said.

benefited from the programme. the sources said.

Food Assistance Committees comprising representatives of the government and non-government organisations (NGOs) has also been constituted in all unions of the region to monitor the programme.

Each distressed woman to be engaged in the programme will get 3.5 kgs of rice and Taka 18 per day.

BILIA team calls on Hasina

A six-member delegation of Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA) led by its chairman Barrister Istiaq Ahmed called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Ganobhaban residence yesterday, reports UNB.

They apprised the Prime Minister about the activities of the organisation and congratulated her for signing the CHT peace accord and for the verdict of Bangabandhu Murder Case.

The delegation members said that human rights was uphold through the verdict of Bangabandhu Murder Case and assured the Prime Minister of all possible help at the international level for bringing back the killers in the country.

The Prime Minister thanked the delegation for their assur-

Open University MBA orientation programme held

Speakers at the orientation session of the first batch students of MBA programme of Bangladesh Open University (BOU) today termed the course "one of the timely, efficient and prudent academic endeavours initiated by BOU," reports BSS.

BOU Vice-Chancellor Prof M Aminul Islam chaired the session. Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof A K Azad Chowdhury and course coordinator Monirul Islam spoke on the occasion. The programme was held at the BOU tutorial centre at Dhaka University.

Prof A K Azad Chowdhury said exceptional and frontierless educational system (of Open University) made BOU popular among the students. The MBA course offered by the BOU provides unique opportunities for enhancing professional skills and newer horizons of learnings, he observed.

Prof M Aminul Islam said that BOU designed the course to meet the requirements of the work-oriented educational pro-



Artist Bijon Chowdhury speaking at a reminiscence session organised by the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy to mark the 50 years of fine art movement in Bangladesh at the academy's gallery in the city yesterday. —Star photo

REHAB seeks govt support to solve habitat problem

By Staff Correspondent Leaders of Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (REHAB) yesterday sought active cooperation from different government bodies to solve the country's habitat

problem. They were speaking at the annual general meeting of the REHAB at a city hotel. Brig (Retd) A H M Abdul Momen. president of REHAB, presided over the meeting. M S Alam, general secretary of the association presented the annual report at the meeting.

Some government offices are yet to cooperate with the Housing Ministry to solve country's habitat problem, REHAB leaders observed.

They expressed their willingness to translate into reality the UN slogan "habitat for all within the year 2000" with active support from the government organisations.

"If it is not possible to solve the housing problem entirely, we would at least try to solve it partially," one REHAB leader

Cyclonic storm destroys 70 pc of aman crops in Barisal

BARISAL, Nov 26: About 70 per cent standing aman crops and 50 per cent of rabi crops were damaged by the Sunday's cyclonic storm in the southern coastal region of the country, farmers and officials said, reports APB.

The damage is estimated to be around Tk 75 crore according to the preliminary figures available at the divisional headquarters.

According to Agricultural Extension Department (AED), the following is the district wise break-up of the damage: Aman and rabi crops on 34,140 hectares in Barisal, 4,990 hectares in Patuakhali, 70,210 hectares in Bhola, 1,10,180 hectares in Pirojpur, 7,375 hectares in Jhalakati and 8,600 hectares in Barguna.

This is going to be a setback for the farmers of the southern coastal region as they also lost crops in the last season due to drought and massive pest attack, locals said.

Obituary

Prof Maolana Nazmul Haq Khan, an Islamic thinker and teacher of Sheikh Borhanuddin Post Graduate College, died at the Holy Family Hospital on Thursday mid night. He was 75. reports UNB.

Late Khan, who was a performer of Tafsir of the Holy Quran in the Bangladesh Betar and television, left behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

He was laid to rest at Shahapur Darga Sharif in Comilla district after Juma prayers.



Family members of Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon placing wreaths at his grave yesterday on the occasion of his 8th death anniversary. -Star photo

Parliamentary team calls on UNGA president

'UN should give priority to issues of LDCs'

UN, he added.

Dr Mohammad Selim. Member of the Parliament and chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. presently in New York to attend the ongoing 53rd regular session of the UN General Assembly called on Dr Didier Opertri, president of the General Assembly, in the latter's office in the UN building on Wednesday, reports BSS.

The role of the General Assembly, Security Council reform, issues relating to the LDCs, and the developing countries also came up in the discussions. Nurul Islam Nahid, Member of the Parliament and of the Bangladesh delegation to the UNGA, was also present, according to a message received in the city During the meeting, Dr Se-

lim told the General Assembly (GA) president that Bangladesh has always actively supported the office of the president of the GA to enable him to be more effective in providing direction to the work of the assembly and also to work as bridge between the member states and the UN Secretariat. The issues of the least developed countries should be given priority by the

LDCs to be held in 2001 Dr Selim thanked for the help and support extended by

In this connection, he re-

ferred to the involvement of

Bangladesh as the coordinator

for the LDCs in the UN in the

third UN conference for the

the GA president in the adoption of a resolution in the plenary session expressing solidarity with the flood affected people of Bangladesh and called upon the world community to provide help and assistance. The Bangladesh parliamen-

tarians drew the attention of Opertri to the important role which they felt the UN could play in mobilising international support in finding a long term solution to the frequent recurrence of devastating floods faced by several countries including Bangladesh.

The president of the General Assembly, who is also the Foreign Minister of Uruguay, expressed his high appreciation of the role of the Bangladesh delegation in the ongoing session of the GA, conveyed his greetings for the government and the people of Bangladesh.

In memory of Rafiqul Islam BNP organises

gayebana janaza By Staff Correspondent

BNP organised a gayebana janaza in memory of Moheshpur thana unit leader Rafiqul Islam, who was killed on Wednesday, at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after the Juma prayers yesterday.

Islam, who was also a UP chairman, was killed by unknown assailants at Moheshpur in Jhenidah district.

BNP leaders including Khandaker Delwar Hossain MP, Tariqul Islam, M Shamsul Islam MP, M K Anwar MP, Abdullah Al Noman, Prof M A Mannan, Nazimuddin Alam MP and a large number workers attended the janaza.

Govt urged to initiate trial process of war criminals of '71

Some 87 lawyers of Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association have demanded of the government to initiate trial process of the war criminals. reports UNB. In a statement yesterday

they welcomed the new initiatives of waging movement for trial of the collaborators and killers of the War of Liberation by the recently formed "Movement for Trial of War Criminals

The signatories also welcomed the steps for holding trial of all political killings. They said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina committed to holding trial of the killers many times when she was in

Jamalpur telephone exchange needs urgent overhauling

the opposition.

JAMALPUR, Nov 27: Jamalpur Telephone Exchange, still reeling under the obsolete analogue system, has been grappled with myriad problems for lack of proper maintenance, affecting telecommunications of the district, reports UNB.

Cross-connection, disruption, noise and malfunctioning were said to have become the common features of the exchange which needed immediate overhauling. The authorities look least

bothered about taking any measures to repair the exchange despite repeated appeals by the local people.

Sajeda returns

Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury returned home yesterday after attending a ministerial conference on Environment in the Egyptian capital, Cairo, reports UNB. The minister led a three-

member Bangladesh delegation at the conference held on November 23 and 24, said an official handout.

Death anniversary of Dr Milan observed

By Staff Correspondent Different socio-political and cultural organisations observed the 8th death anniversary of Shaheed Dr Milan yesterday in a befitting manner.

Different programmes have been arranged to mark the day. Dr Milon, then joint secretary general of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) was gunned down on November 27 in 1990 near TSC of Dhaka University by the hired goons of the autocratic regime.

In observance of the day, leaders and workers of Awami League placed wreaths at the grave of Dr Milon at Dhaka Medical College premises in the morning and offered fateha.

Awami League presidium member Principal Kamruzzaman, Abdul Mannan, Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Nurul Fazal Bulbul, Ashim Kumar Ukil, S M Kamal, Shafi Ahmed and others were present.

BNP leaders and workers also placed wreaths and offered fateha at the grave of Dr Milon vesterday morning.

Among others, BNP joint secretary general Abdullah Al Noman, Amanullah Aman MP Nazimuddin Alam MP, Khairul Kabir Khokon and JCD president Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anney were present.

APB adds: Shaheed Dr Milan Sangsad organised a meet ing at TSC. Sangsad president Dr M A Mazed was in the chair Freedom fighters

rally today A rally of freedom fighters

will be held at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city today demanding trial of all 'war criminals" including Golam Azam, says a press release. Central coordination coun

cil. Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad, has arranged the rally beginning at 4 pm. Freedom fighters and representatives from different professions will address the rally.

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address election campaign meet in Pabna today

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League presidium member Amir Hossain Amu,

now on a visit to Japan, yester-

day said in Tokyo that the ver-

dict of Bangabandhu Murder

Case would set a healthy prece-

dence for institutionalising

democracy and rule of law in

put an end to coups, killings

and conspiracies against elected government," Amu said

while addressing a cross-sec-

tion of Japanese intelligentsia

at a seminar jointly organised by Japan-Bangladesh Commit-tee for Commercial and Eco-

nomic Cooperation (JBCCEC), a

message received in Dhaka

sentation on 'democracy and

development in Bangladesh,'

traced the evolution of democ-

racy beginning with the coura-

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Amu in his hour-long pre-

"It (the verdict) would also

the country, reports BSS.

BNP leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury will address public meeting at Sujanagar in Pabna today as part of election campaign for the party candi-

BNP leader Selim Reza Habib is contesting the by-election in Pabna-2 (Sujanagar-Bera) constituency that fell vacant following the death of ruling party MP Ahmed Tafizuddin Master. The election is scheduled to be held on December 10.

Some other central leaders will also address the meeting. said a press release.

Party sources said BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia is expected to visit the constituency on December 7 or 8. She will also address public meetings there.

Nepal donates lentil for flood-hit people

PANCHAGARH, Nov 27: Nepal has donated 90 tonnes of lentil (masur dal) for the floodaffected people of Bangladesh, reports APB.

First Secretary of Nepalese

embassy in Dhaka, Rishiram,

Gimiri handed over the relief to

Deputy Commissioner of Panchagarh AFM Saiful Islam at Nepal-Bangladesh transit point at Banglabandha Thursday. On behalf of the Ministry of Relief and Disaster Manage-

ment, the deputy commissioner received 32 tonnes of lentil as the first consignment of the Nepalese donation at 11 am. Officials of Nepalese agricul-

ture department, police super of Panchagarh and journalists were present on the occasion.



Kantha' office in Companiganj under Noakhali district recently.

dies at MMCH

young man injured in a clash in the town died at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) today, reports UNB.

Abdur Rahman and his father Abdur Rashid of Gaital

admitted to sadar hospital. Rahman was later shifted to MMCH where he succumbed to

INT launches programme

By Staff Correspondent An income-generating programme of International Net-

sented a paper titled 'Prospects and Problems of Computer in Bangladesh' at the inaugural ceremony.

Danish journalists visit 'Noakhali

Kantha' By Staff Correspondent

A 16-member Danish journalist team held a discussion with conjournalists from Noakhali, Feni and Laxmipur and visited the "Weekly Noakhali Kantha" at Companiganj under the Noakhali district recently, says a press re-

They discussed various issues and concerns regarding the status of local journalism and

circulation, distribution, techniques of news gathering, local on local newspapers.

rak Hossain and Natasha Shaheen of the MMC, Aftab Ahmed of the Weekly Noakhali Kantha and a number of NGO representatives.

The journalist team comprises Troels Aagaard, Henrik Hinchely, Torben Jorgensen, Mette Curdt Christiansen, Flemming Ravnemose, Hans Larsen, Jorgen Laurvig, Henrik Thorndahl Friis, Bennie Namensen, Lisbeth Bredahl, Hans Beck Gregersen, Knud Jacobsen, Lars Kamstrup, Kim Frydenberg Pedersen, Hans Otto and Trine Bjerre Larsen. First Secretary of the Danish Embassy Thomas Bo Petersen also accompanied the team.

Dated: 17-11-98

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education

Shiksha Bhaban (6th floor)

16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000

Appointment Notice

Applications are invited from bonafide Bangladesh nationals for appointment to the undermentioned posts at the project titled "Special Development of Govt College at Old District Headquarters for Post-Graduate Study" under Directorate of Secondary & Higher Secondary Education on purely temporary basis for the project period at pay scale mentioned against post with allowances admissible as per govt rules. SI Name of Number Pay scale Age Educational qualification & experience

Maximum 30 A) Should be graduate (science) passed from recognised Computer 1 (one) 2550-5505/years as on 1st

university. November '98 B) Should know MS Word, Excel, D Base & Foxpro C) Preference will be given to those having working experience

on computer & departmental candidates. Candidate should be minimum class VIII passed. B) Experienced & departmental candidates will be given

Terms & conditions:

Self hand written application in plain paper stating name of candidate, father's/husband's name, date of birth,

permanent address, present address, nationality, educational qualification, experience etc and addressing the

Project Director, Special Development of Govt College at Old District Headquarters for Post-graduate Study, Secondary & Higher Education, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000 should reach the project address by 07-12-98. The undermentioned papers (attested by gazetted officer) should be enclosed with the application:

recent 2 (two) copies passport size photograph; all educational qualification certificates; character certificate from 1st class gazetted officer;

nationality certificate & experience certificate.

Candidates in service should apply through proper channel. In case of tribal candidates, attested copy of certificate from proper authority should be submitted. Name of post should be distinctly superscribed on the envelope.

In matters of appointment, the authority's decision should be treated as final. Govt rules shall be followed in the process of selection & appointment of candidates. The post is purely temporary. Besides, the authority will not bear any responsibility in matters of the appointed staff after conclusion of project tenure. No TA/DA will be admissible for participating in viva voce at Dhaka.

Tofael Ahmed Bhuiyan Assistant Director

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The authority reserves the right to change the pay/pay scale any time as per govt rules.

commitment to ensure food and Amu appreciated the initia-tive of Bangladesh mission in

Movement of 1952 and Awami

League's fight for democracy

against autocracy under the

leadership of Prime Minister

Sheikh Hasina. He also gave an

account of achievements of the

present government and Prime

Minister Sheikh Hasina's

Verdict in Bangabandhu Murder

Case to uphold rule of law: Amu

Tokyo and JBCCEC for their initiatives to hold a business summit in Dhaka next year, for the fifth time in a row. He said such initiative would help strengthen the economy of Bangladesh. He urged the Japanese investors to come forward with large investments, particularly in small and medium size enterprises, as part of relocation of industries with buy-back arraignments. Congenial environment is prevailing in Bangladesh for in-

Injured youth KISHOREGANJ, Nov 27: A

vestment, he told the audience.

area in the town were seriously injured when his cousins attacked them following a dispute over a tubewell on November Both the injured were first

his injuries this morning. Police arrested Chan Mian and Shah Alam, both cousins of Rahman.

income-generating

work Technology (INT), an NGO, was launched at the city's Ishakhan Shopping Complex yesterday, says a press release. Managing Director of INT, Eng. Morshed Boni Amin pre-

human rights situation. They also inquired of the

news issues, impact of news and exerted socio-political pressure The programme arranged by Mass-Line Media Centre (MMC), was attended among others by Kamrul Hasan Monju, Mobar-

Chittagong Port Authority (Store Division)

International Tender Notice Two sheets of sealed tenders are invited by Chittagong Port Authority for importing the following goods from foreign countries from the bonafide manufacturers/local agents of

manufacturers/international suppliers. Tender no and Cost of tender Description of goods Last date of Last date of depositing form (nonrefundable) tender tender 36-FP/98-99 Spare parts of dredged 13.01.99 14.01.99 400/- (four Dated 12.11.98 digger ship (door seal) hundred taka only) FP/98-99 Spare parts of ship MT 300/- (Three Dated 12.11.98 Kandari-2 (Flexible rubber hundred taka

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Tender form can be procured from Controller of Stores/CPA, Chief Accounts and Finance Officer/CPA, Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong and Liaison Office of the port authority at House No 49 C, Road No 4/A, Dhanmondi Residential area Dhaka (Phone No 865492) during office hours on the specific date on the said price. It can be obtained by mail on payment of Tk 15 (fifteen) more.

Sealed tenders will have to be dropped into any of the tender boxes kept at the office of the

Controller of Stores/CPA, Chief Accounts and Finance Officer/CPA, Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong by 11.45 AM on 14.1.99. After collecting tenders from the tender box at Chief Accounts and Finance Officer/CPA, Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong tenders will be opened together with the tenders received from the tender box at Controller of Stores/CPA in this office on 15.1.99 at 2 PM. No tender form will be sold on the days of submitting and opening of tenders. No tenders will be acceptable after the expiry of the stipulated period. Tenderers or their representatives may remain present during the time of opening tender.

Original copy of valid certificate of indenting registration will have to be produced at the time of taking each tender schedule otherwise, tender schedule will not be given. More than one tender of an organisation participating in tender will not be acceptable. The

port authority reserves the right to accept any tender either in full or partially or reject without assigning any reason. DFP-24738-23/11/98 Controller of Stores

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Chittagong Port Authority

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