

## Angry protesters attack home of Inzamam

MULTAN, June 22: About 1,000 people in eastern Punjab province burned effigies of Pakistan's cricket team yesterday bemoaning their loss in last weekend's World Cup final in London, reports AP.

The angry demonstrators marched on the home of Inzamam-ul Haq, one of the cricket world's foremost batsmen. They threw stones at Haq's home in the heart of Multan, breaking windows and causing minor damage, said eyewitnesses.

Demonstrators also blocked traffic for several hours with burning tires and shouts condemning the Pakistani cricket team.

The demonstrators demanded a judicial and military inquiry into Pakistan's humiliating eight wicket loss to Australia on Sunday at Lord's in London.

They shouted accusations of match fixing and bribery, charges that have dogged some members of Pakistan's cricket team.

There have been several demonstrations in cricket-crazy Pakistan since the home team lost its World Cup final. Posters of team captain Wasim Akram have been burned and his effigy burned in his hometown of Lahore, the Punjab provincial capital.

## BNP: 7000

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people during its 3-year rule. Its misrule, repression and oppression manifested their cruelty.

He said government has periled the country's independence, sovereignty and integrity to serve the interest of its alien masters.

"The market has flooded with foreign goods, and drugs narcotics have easy access from across the border," he added.

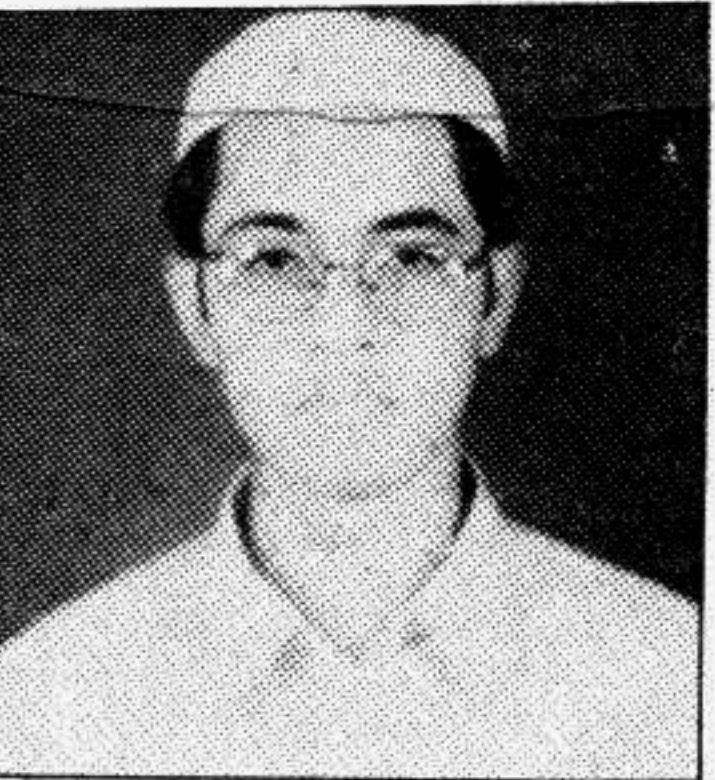
Refuting the government claim of success, the BNP leader said, "the 3-year rule of Awami League was marred by failures, fraud and breaking of commitments to the people."

About repression on his party, Bhuiyan said some 300 leaders and workers of BNP and its front organisations were killed, 10,000 maimed, 11,000 arrested and false cases filed against 40,000 during the Awami League rule.

It backed away from its commitment of annulling the Special Powers Act and granting autonomy to the electronic media, Bhuiyan added.

He said the country was passing through a critical juncture of its history.

Reiterating the demand for mid-term polls, Bhuiyan threatened mass movement if the demand is not accepted.

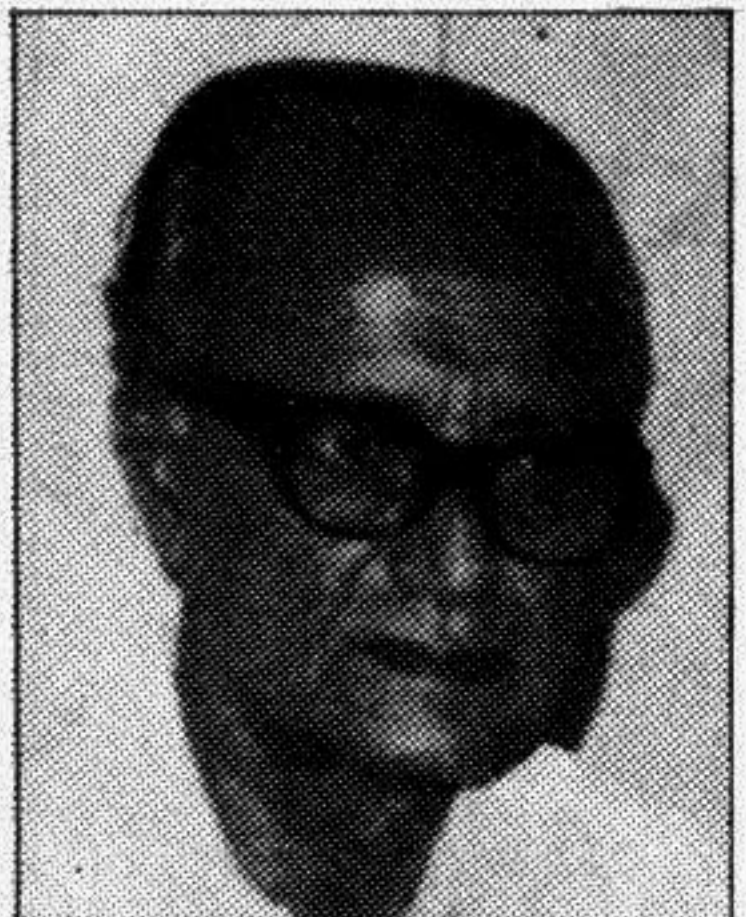


## Roni 2nd in Commerce group

Md Enamul Bashir Roni secured second position on the combined merit list of Commerce group in the SSC examination this year under Dhaka Board. He got 895 marks with letters in eight subjects, says a press release.

A student of Ideal High School and College, Enamul is the only son of Md. Abul Bashir, AGM, Sonali Bank Head Office, and Anzuman Ara Bashir, a housewife.

He wants to study Business Studies in future. He likes to enjoy music and reading books.



## Qulkhawani

Qulkhawani of Abu Ahmed Majumder, former Assistant Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Land Administration, was held at his Pisciculture Housing residence at Mohammadpur yesterday, says a press release.

A large number of friends, relatives and well-wishers attended the qulkhawani.

An ever smiling face, Majumder died of cardiac arrest at Suhrawardi Hospital on Saturday night at the age of 79 and buried at his family graveyard in Feni.

He left behind wife, four sons and two daughters to mourn his death.

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Qulkhawani of Shafiq Alam, former secretary and former Vice Chairman of Jamuna Multi-purpose Bridge Authority, will be held after Asr prayers today, reports UNB.

All relatives friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the milad at the Mosque adjacent to Bag-e-Moneim in Banani, said a press release.



The Chief Minister of West Bengal Jyoti Basu was given honorary membership by Dhaka Club Ltd on Sunday for his invaluable contribution to politics.

## Tofail seeks sugar mills workers' help to carry out privatisation

Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed has sought cooperation from sugar mills workers and employees to carry out privatisation programme, a fixed policy of the government, reports UNB.

"The ultimate goal of privatisation is rapid industrialisation and creation of new jobs," he told a delegation of new office bearers of the Bangladesh Sugar Mills Workers and Employees Federation in the city yesterday.

Federation's president Md Mohidul Islam of Setabganj Sugar Mills and General Secretary Md Ataur Rahman of Natore Sugar Mills Ltd led the delegation.

The minister affirmed the government's commitment to safeguard the legitimate interests of workers and employees while pursuing the programme of privatisation and pay all their dues in the shortest possible time.

He mentioned government's various steps for the develop-

ment and prosperity of country's sugar mills, the lone agro-based large-scale industrial sector in the northwestern part of the country.

But government's steps alone cannot achieve this goal, he said, calling upon workers and employees to work hard to turn sugar mills into viable and profitable concerns again.

Apart from 21 thousand workers, employees and officials of the sugar mills, another 50 lakh people comprising sugarcane growers and their dependents depend on this industry for their livelihood, he observed.

The Minister said the Task Force constituted by the government has already submitted a 70-point report, which would be implemented in phases.

He said the BSFC has already been given necessary directives to this effect. He also sought the cooperation of workers and employees including the federation leaders in smooth implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force.

Tofail said that in this era of free-market economy industries would have to survive through competition.

He reminded that no government could afford to bear the burden of crores of taka losses incurred by different state-owned enterprises.

He urged all concerned to take necessary steps to curtail manpower, minimise the production cost and raise management efficiency in a bid to make the sugar mills profitable.

The Federation leaders assured the minister of their wholehearted cooperation in minimising expenses, including overtime and curtailing the amount of losses with a view making the sugar mills profitable. They also assured the minister of their all-out support for execution of Task Force's report.

Chairman of BSFC A S Salahuddin Ahmed and Secretary A M Abul Momen were also present during the meet.



Finance Minister S A M S Kibria speaking at a roundtable on the proposed budget at the Institute of Engineers yesterday, organised by the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal. — Star photo



Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote brought out a colourful procession in the city yesterday as part of the golden jubilee celebrations of Awami League. — Star photo

## Obituary

Prof. Sakina Azhar Ph.D, former head of the Department of Philosophy, Eden University College and Jagannath University College, and wife of Gazi Azhar Ali, a former Secretary, died on June 17 in Boston USA, says a press release.

Her body will arrive tomorrow by Biman Bangladesh Airlines and her namaz-e-Janaza will be held after Asr prayers at Mohammadpur Iqbal Road Mosque.

Sakina's qulkhawani will be held on Saturday after Asr prayers at 3/7, Asad Avenue, Mohammadpur.

She left behind her husband, two sons, two daughters and host of relatives, friends and well-wishers to mourn her death.

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Secretary of Satsangha Bangladesh Sree Rashbihari Aditya died of a cardiac arrest at his Pakitia village in Tangail yesterday morning. He was 74, reports UNB.

He left behind his wife, two sons, three daughters and thousands of disciples to mourn his death.

Sree Rashbihari established a large number of philanthropic organisations, including health centres, educational institutions and publishing house, for the welfare of the people.

The number of his followers stand at about six lakh, said a press release.

## Weather

### Thundershowers likely

Moderate rain or thundershowers with temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Barisal, Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls is also likely at places over the country during the period, according to Met Office.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Country's highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and the lowest 23.3 degree Celsius at Majdee Court.



Stop N Shop, the first Grand Department Store in the country, was inaugurated by FBCCI president Abdul Awal Mintoo at Dhanmondi Rd No 27 yesterday.

## Dr Razia Khan, Rabeya Khatun receive Laila Samad Award

By Staff Correspondent

Dr Razia Khan Amin, a professor of English at Dhaka University, and writer Rabeya Khatun were awarded the second Laila Samad Award for Literature at a programme at the Ladies Club yesterday.

The award is given out every year in memory of writer and journalist, Laila Samad.

Dr Razia Khan, daughter of Late Tamizuddin Khan, is best known for her novel Bottolar (পান্যশ) written when she was only 18, which created a stir in the literary circles during the late 50s for its modern approach and contemporary style.

Other books written by Dr Razia include Anukalpa, Prati-chitra, Chitra Kabha, Sonali ghasher deshe, Hae Mahajibon, Argus, Cruel April and Draupadi which have been translated into English by the author herself.

Apart from writing novels in both Bengali and English, Dr Razia was also a journalist and worked for The Observer in the beginning of her career. She has received several awards including the Ekushey Padak, Bangla Academy Award (74), Bangladesh Lekhika Sangha Award (84) and Kamar Mustari Award (84).

Rabeya Khatun, former editor of Angana, a women's monthly magazine, has over 60 publications to her credit. These include novels, short stories, research work, travel stories, children's books and memoirs. Her novels include Madhumati, Shaheh Bazar, Ferari Surjya, Shey Ak-Basanta, Mid Summer, Ghatok Ratri and many others.

Bangladesh Radio and Television aired many of her plays including drama serials. She has received many awards including the Ekushey Padak, Bangla Academy Award (73), Nasiruddin Sarna Padak (95), Kabi Jasimuddin Award (94) and Sher-e-Bangla Gold Medal (96) among others.

Among the guests who attended the function were Dr Syed Anwar Hossain, DG of Bangla Academy, Dr Muhammad Muniruzzaman and writers Selina Hussain and Rezia Rahman.

The recipients of the Laila Samad Award have both been made Life Members of the Ladies Club. They received a gold medal and Tk 25000 each for their outstanding contribution to literature.

## JS tidbits

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ried once before, I would like to ask the foreign minister if his recent marriage is a new one or an extension of his previous marriage," the BNP MP said after congratulating the minister.

At this stage, Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury intervened. "It was the foreign minister who has got married, not the finance minister, who has placed the budget. Is it justified that you raise question about the foreign minister while speaking on the budget?"

Jatiya Party MP Wahiduzzaman Sarkar blasted health minister Salahuddin Yusuf for calling his party chief HM Ershad a Bishwabehaya (a blazen per excellence), a title slapped on the former military dictator during the uprising against him.

Sarkar disclosed that Yusuf was living in the residence of his father-in-law, indicating that the health minister himself was an insolent person.

"Bishwabehayas are those who live in their father-in-laws' house," said an angry Sarkar whose demand for expunging the word from the parliament proceedings was ignored by the Chair.

The health minister had called Ershad Bishwabehaya while criticising BNP for allying with the JP in the anti-government agitation.

State minister for land Rashid Mosharrar ridiculed opposition leader Khaleda Zia for being frustrated by Pakistan's defeat on Sunday in the World Cup final.

Quoting press reports, the minister wondered how Khaleda Zia could have been disappointed by the performance of Pakistan which had repressed lakhs of women "including herself during the 1971 War of Liberation." "A reminder of the genocide and repression on women in 71 still gives one the shivers," Mosharrar concluded.

"Awami League has now become a Khai Khai (all consuming) League," was the observation of Syed Manzur Hossain of BNP.

"Performing Roza (fasting) for a long 21 years, the AL is now having everything for If-tar," Hossain said while blaming the ruling party for what he said its practice of grabbing everything.

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## \$60m ADB loan for Secondary Edn Project

The Asian Development Bank yesterday approved a loan of US dollar 60 million for the \$6-million dollar Secondary Education Sector Improvement Project in Bangladesh, a press release of the bank said here, reports BSS.

Some US\$ 34 million of the project would be provided in the form of foreign exchange and approximately US\$ 26 million would come in the form of local currency.

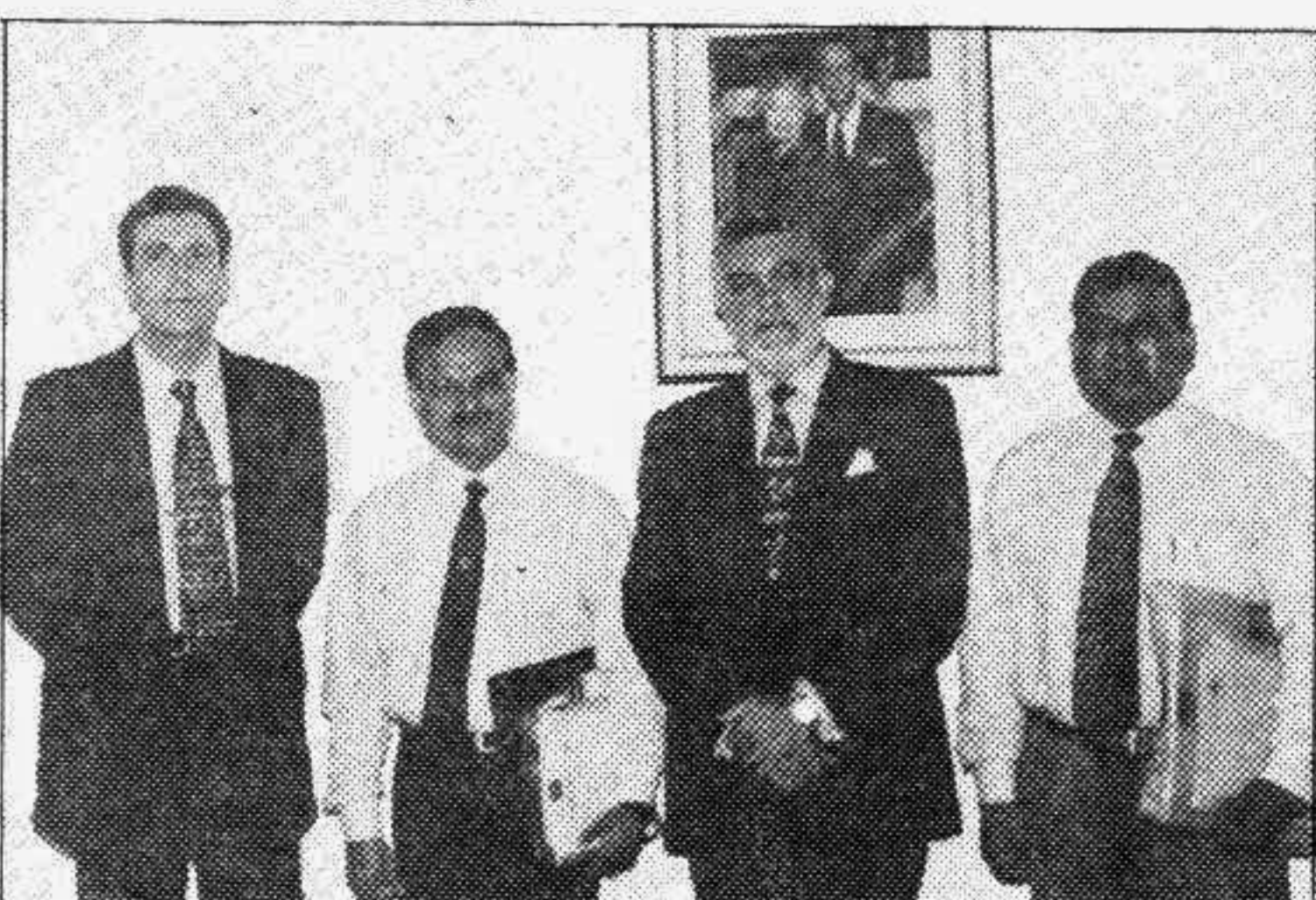
The project will be implemented over a period of six years, to be completed in October, 2005.



BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia offering munajat after milad mahfil organised by Islampur Cloth Traders Association to mark the 18th death anniversary of President Ziaur Rahman. — Star photo



Dr Razia Khan Amin and Rabeya Khatun received the Laila Samad Award for literature at a function at the Ladies Club yesterday.



The British Deputy High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Stephen Turner (3rd from left), presented certificates on behalf of the United Kingdom Immigration Service (UKIS) to Special Superintendent of Police, Muhammed Abdul Hannan (2nd from left), and Inspector of Police, Rownaul Hoque Chowdhury (right), at the British High Commission in Dhaka on Monday.

## DU now violence-free

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more the names of outsiders and terrorists in future," Prof Chowdhury said adding they will be crushed.

The VC also told, the university authorities were determined to maintain the prevailing peaceful atmosphere and sought cooperation from all quarters to further improve the situation.

Prof Azad said violent incidents in the DU have come down to nil at present. Giving a break-up of violence in the country's largest university, he said there were 57 violent incidents, including 27 gunfights, which left one person dead during the period 1993-94.

In 1994-95, there were 72 violent incidents, including 32 gunbattles with four deaths in the university. In 1995-96, there were 50 incidents of gunfight leaving one student dead.

In 1996-97, the number of violent incidents came down to 28, but rose again to 47, including 27 gunfights, which left one killed during the beginning of Awami League rule. But after this the situation began to improve and there were only few untoward incidents of stabbing and beating during the current 1998-99 session.

Proctor of the university Dr AKM Noor-un-Nabi termed the present situation as the best ever in recent times. "The campus is almost violence-free as the frequency of terrorist activities on the campus has reduced."

When asked, an MA (final) year student of Mass Communication and Journalism termed the prevailing campus situation as "comparatively better" than previous years.

Expressing satisfaction over the present campus situation, a woman student of Philosophy Department Suraiya Khatun hoped that the peaceful atmosphere will continue.

While giving his impression, BCL's DU unit leader Sajjad Hossain gave all credit to the government and DU authorities in restoring peace and academic atmosphere in the university.

Though he was not very happy, Sharifuzzaman Sharif,

the organising secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra Union termed the overall campus situation as "comparatively better."

Only JCD leaders came up with a different picture of the prevailing situation. "I don't think that the situation is any better now, rather it is deteriorating day by day," said JCD's DU unit president Manir Hossain and added its a cosmetic peace resulting from a one man show, as activists of JCD were driven out from their respective halls by the armed activists of BCL.

He alleged that the DU authorities did not take initiative to rehabilitate the ousted JCD activists in their respective halls, now guarded by various armed factions of the BCL.

Questioning the "honesty" of police, the JCD leader alleged that police themselves informed selected terrorists over telephone, before raiding the dormitories.

## President

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also misused and many doctors are neglecting their duties," he said.

The President noted that the doctors particularly the experts are reluctant to work at the Upazilla health complexes or district headquarters and, if posted outside Dhaka, they try their best to cancel the transfer order.

The President expressed the hope that the honest endeavours of the doctors would ensure improvement of the health care system and the larger section of the society would be benefited.

Referring to lack of political commitments in the field of family planning the President said our leaders are silent about the family planning programmes. The people would get inspiration if they speak about population control in public rallies instead of hurling abusive language at each other.

The President awarded Ibrahim Memorial Gold Medal to Professor M Q K Talukder, Director and Professor of the Institute of Child and Mother Health (ICMH) at Matuail, Dhaka, for his outstanding service.

## Khaleda

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The former prime minister was critical of the finance minister for his 'untrue' statement in Parliament and wondered how a country could make headway when the exchequer gave wrong information to the nation.

"The minister is providing cooked up statistics to hush up the failure of the government," said the BNP chairperson in an obvious reference to 5.2 per cent GDP growth claimed by the government.

## 2 police officials get UKIS certificates

The British High Commission awarded certificates on behalf of the United Kingdom Immigration Service (UKIS) to two Bangladesh Police officials for their successful participation in a 4-day fact-finding and liaison programme in the United Kingdom earlier this year, says a press release.

The British Deputy High Commissioner, Stephen Turner, presented certificates to Special Superintendent of Police (SSP), Muhammed Abdul Hannan, and Inspector of Police, Mr Rownaul Hoque Chowdhury, at a ceremony at the British High Commission in Dhaka on Monday.

Turner also presented letters of appreciation from the Chief Superintendent of Greater Manchester Police to the two officers who are from Special Branch of Bangladesh Police.

The programme that the officers attended was arranged by the British High Commission, Dhaka, and was aimed at looking at British methods of immigration control and intelligence gathering in immigration and criminal matters. The programme involved visits to key units of the UKIS including the UKIS Carriers Liaison Unit, National Intelligence and National Forgery Sections, as well as to the National Criminal Intelligence Service in London.

## Pari Bibi

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help further in this domain," the ambassador added.

Replying to a question, the ambassador said the Department of Archaeology will monitor the restoration work. "We always encourage the local experts to do the jobs," he said.

Bhuiyan said he was the grant. local experts will restore the ornamental tiles on the tomb. The tiles, to be manufactured locally, would be identical to the original ones.

The director also said move is underway to declare the Lal-bagh Fort a World Heritage Site soon.

was doing to evict encroachers on the western side of the historical fort, officials said that it depended mainly on the policy of the government. One official said Tk one crore was needed for the eviction drive and eventual rehabilitation of the encroachers.

Legend has it that Pari Bibi (real name Iran-Dukth) was the favorite daughter of Nawab Shaista Khan. She died young in 1684 and her father took great pain to import building materials such as black basalt and marble from North India to build the magnificent tomb over her mortal remains. It is the only monument in this region where white marble, black basalt and glazed tiles have been used.

## Fatima

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tion was prevailing in the area. Firoza Akhtar who lost her husband about four years ago resides in the ground floor of her five-storey building along with her brother and his wife. Her two daughters are abroad with their husbands.

Firoza Akhtar while talking with the Daily Star yesterday said that Fatima, her sister Angura and their mother had been residing in the shanty by her building for about a year and half.

Angura had been working at her flat as a part-time maid since her mother left Dhaka in May this year. On Sunday Fatima left her flat about half an hour before the incident. At that time Firoza was watching a cricket match on television.

Suddenly she heard shouting around her building. Her sister-in-law informed her that a number of people were knocking on her window to tell her that there was fire at the shanty behind their building.

They rushed behind the building and found Fatima was burning at a narrow passage leading towards the bathroom of the shanty. Fatima was taken to a clinic at Malibagh and later shifted to DMCH where she succumbed, Firoza Akhtar stated.

Meanwhile, local people yesterday brought out a number of processions protesting the alleged killing of Fatima. One platoon of extra police was deployed around the flat to avoid untoward incidents, police said.