

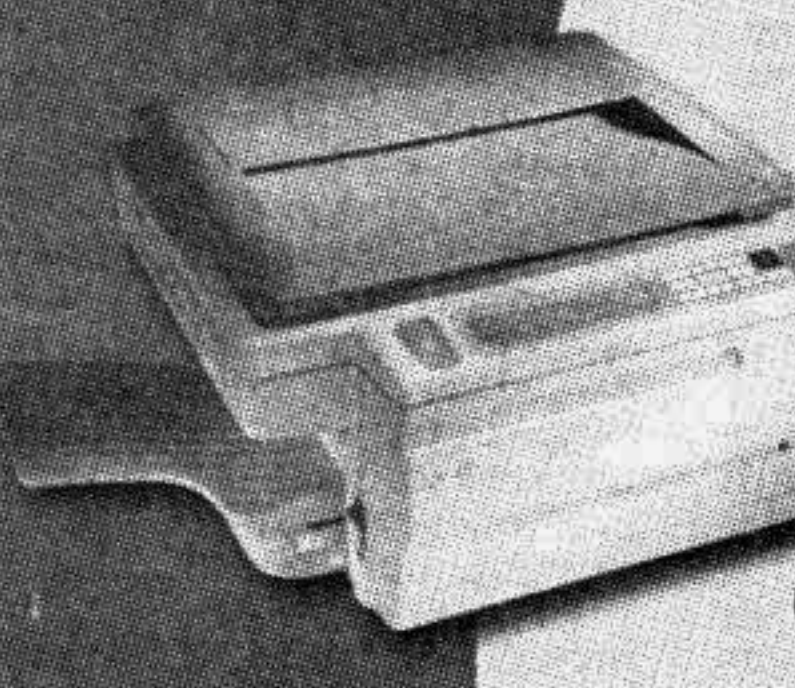
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GCO demands expulsion of rapists from JU

By JU Correspondent

Gonotantik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) of Jahangirnagar University (JU) yesterday demanded the immediate expulsion and cancellation of certificates of the rapists, killers and terrorists, belonging to the university. This was stated at a procession that GCO brought out from the central cafeteria on the campus and ended at the Administrative Building. They also held a rally after the procession.

Addressing the rally, GCO leaders alleged that the university authorities are patronising the rapists, killers and the terrorists who are destabilising the academic atmosphere by turning the campus as their battlefield.

Among others who addressed the rally, were Monishankar Das Gupta, general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) and Ariful Haq, president of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF).

Reiterating their six-point demands including expulsion and cancellation of certificates of the rapists, killers and terrorists, GCO leaders expressed deep concern over the killers' return to the campus and their holding meetings in different student dormitories, and the recent tension created for the beating incidents between two rival groups of Jatityatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), JU unit.

Terming the authorities' steps taken against the killers of BCL leader Ananda as farcical, Monishankar Das Gupta said, "If the authorities' were not patronising the killers, they could not roam freely on

the campus right under the nose of the authorities and police."

Addressing the rally, Ariful Haq said, "Since rival groups of both BCL and JCD are thwarting the congenial education atmosphere of the campus by their terrorist activities, general students demand their immediate expulsion from the university."

GCO, later, submitted a memorandum to the Vice Chancellor in this regard.

Bangladesh hails UNAMET for referendum in East Timor

Bangladesh yesterday congratulated UNAMET (United Nations Assistance Mission in East Timor), the government of Indonesia and the people of East Timor for holding a free, fair and impartial elections on August 30, reports BSS.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad said the Indonesian authorities should be thanked for holding the referendum in which international community had their participation.

As for the outcome of the referendum, Azad expressed the hope that both sides would honour the verdict of the people. Every one has to face reality, he said and added that all should be careful so that overall situation there does not deteriorate.

Over 75 per cent of votes were cast in favour of the independence of East Timor, a former Portuguese colony.

Director General of WHO in city

Director General of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland arrived in the city yesterday to attend the 52nd session of WHO's regional committee for South East Asia, reports BSS.

Health Minister Salahuddin Yusuf received her at the Zia International Airport (ZIA).

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof Dr M Amanullah, Health Secretary MM Reza, Norwegian Ambassador to Bangladesh Hans Fredrik Lehne and WHO representative to Bangladesh Dr Hardjotanejo were also present at the airport.

Brundtland is on her first ever visit to Bangladesh since she took over the charge of the WHO office.

Menon blasts anti-terrorism act

CHITTAGONG, Sept 5: Workers Party leader Rashed Khan Menon said here yesterday that the proposed anti-terrorism act would not curb terrorist activities, rather it might be used to repress the opposition workers, reports BSS.

Addressing a meeting of party leaders and workers, Menon said Awami League while in opposition was against passing this anti-terrorism act. But now they are going to introduce the same law as they are in power, he pointed out.

This kind of law will not bring any benefit for democracy, Menon said.

Presided over by local leader Amrita Barua, the meeting was also addressed by party leaders Bimal Biswas, Shardinu Dastidar, Raza Mia and Advocate Abu Hanif.

'We need unity at all levels'

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak has called upon expatriate Bengalis to unitedly work for the betterment of the nation, according to a message received here, reports BSS.

"The expatriate Bengalis should forge unity sinking their petty differences and contribute their mite to the development of the motherland," Razzak told the 13th annual conference of the Federation of Bangladesh Associations in North America (FOBANA) at the North Atlanta Centre on Saturday. He said we need to have unity at all levels of national life to meet the challenge of the next millennium for the economic development.

Organised by Bangladesh Association of Georgia, the conference was also addressed by State Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture Obaidul Quader, Bangladesh Ambassador to USA RM Shehabuddin.

Army chief to attend PACC-1

Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, Bir Bikram, left city for Singapore Saturday night, reports BSS.

General Mustafiz will take part in the first Pacific Armies Chiefs Conference (PACC-1) and the 23rd Pacific Armies Management Seminar (PAMS-XXIII) at the invitation of General Dennis J Reimer, Chief of Staff, US Army and Major General Lim Chuan Poh, Chief of Singapore Army.

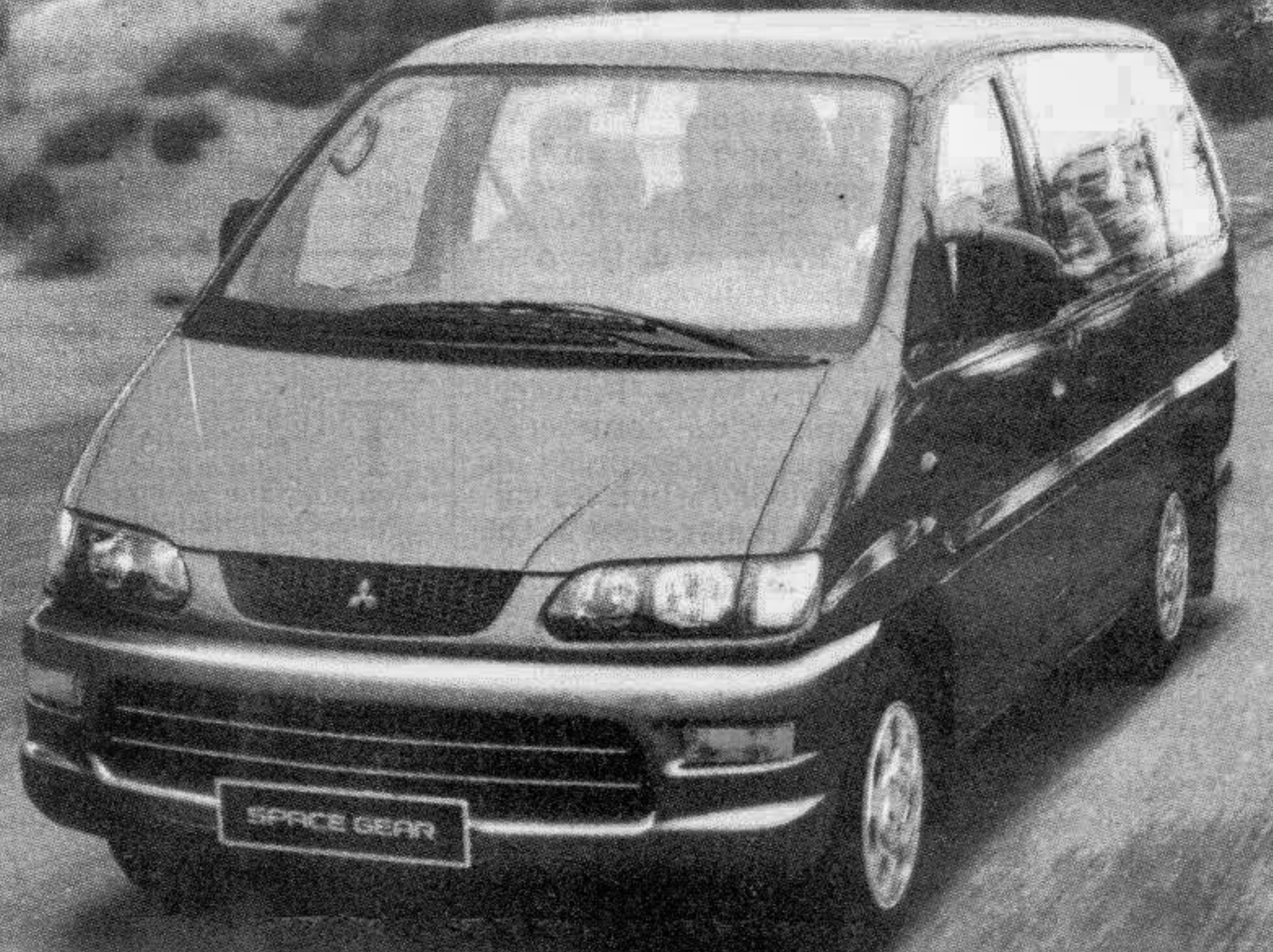
Besides Bangladesh, chiefs of army staff of more than 16 Asian and Pacific countries are taking part in the conference and the seminar being held from yesterday through Thursday in Singapore.

During his stay in Singapore, General Mustafiz will discuss matters of mutual interest with the participating army chiefs of different countries.

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