

President, PM greet Mubarak

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday congratulated Egyptian leader Mohammad Hosni Mubarak on his re-election as president of his country, reports BSS.

"The government and people of Bangladesh join me in conveying to your excellency, our sincere greetings and warm felicitations on your re-election as President of the Arab Republic of Egypt. President Shahabuddin said in a message sent to his Egyptian counterpart.

British film show begins Oct 1

A three-day British film show begins at the British Council auditorium on October 1, reports UNB. British Council has organised the film show in collaboration with Liver Brothers Bangladesh Ltd.

Cooperative movement key to development: Zillur

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman yesterday said cooperative movement could play an important role in rural development and in achieving economic emancipation, reports BSS.

"Cooperative movement is the key to achieving overall development of the country and it should be expedited for the economic emancipation," he said. The minister was speaking as chief guest at the 18th annual general meeting of Bangladesh National Rural Development Cooperative Federation in the city.

City Mayor Mohammad Hanif, State Minister for Land Rashed Mosharruf, Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development and Cooperatives, Ahab Ahmed and Director General, Bangladesh Rural Development Board, Abdur Rashid spoke on the occasion. Federation president Ashalata Boidya presided over the meeting.

Zillur said the government was committed to carrying forward all development activities involving the people from all walks of life. "We have to involve the people, specially the rural poor, in the government's uplift programmes for achieving overall development," he added.

The minister said a time-binding cooperative law was being introduced to expedite the movement under the leadership.

JS estimate body discusses DCC's environment projects

A meeting of Parliament's Estimate Committee yesterday discussed various aspects of implementation of the Environment Development Project in the city.

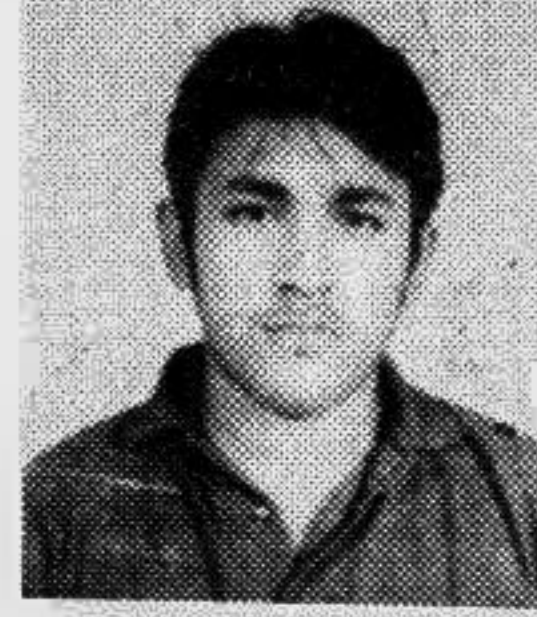
A five-member sub-committee was formed in the meeting with A S M Firoj as its convenor to submit a report on the progress of the project within one month. Other members of the sub-committee are Prof M Abdur Quddus, Dr T I M Fazle Rabbi Chowdhury, Sultan M Mansoor Ahmed and Mohammad Shahjahan.

Dhaka City Corporation is implementing the project for the development of Islambag, Shahidnagar and Rasulpur and Dholaikhal. repair work of garbage carrying trucks and central workshop of the corporation at a cost of over Tk 146 crore.

of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Referring to the demands of the federation, the minister said the government has a plan to waive agri loan up to Tk 5000, considering the economic hardship of the cooperators. He also assured that the cooperative bank, would be upgraded as scheduled bank soon.

Mohammad Hanif underscored the need for setting up cooperative-based mills and factories in the country. "We will be able to eradicate poverty and solve unemployment problem by setting up cooperative-based mills and factories," he said.

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