



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina distributed Gold Medals among meritorious graduates at the second convocation ceremony of the Islamic University in Kushtia yesterday. — PID photo

2nd convocation of Islamic University held Our education has no link with tradition: Prof Anisuzzaman

KUSHTIA, Dec 5: Noted educationist Anisuzzaman today said that though our education system, imported from abroad, was in conformity with modern civilisation, it had no links with our national tradition as well as hopes and aspirations of the country's common man, reports BSS.

The colonial rulers imported this system directly from abroad, planted it on our soil, and propagated it through a language which is alien to us, he said while addressing the Second Convocation of the Islamic University as "Convocation Speaker."

In his thought-provoking speech, Prof Anisuzzaman of Dhaka University, who has 40 years of dwell on various aspects of the colonial education system and pointed out some common ills that have crippled our total education arena.

He said it was also ironical that this colonial education system have created some personalities who have enriched the nation through their contribution in various fields of national life but, he regretted, in the post-colonial era such personalities were rarely created.

rooms of their beloved resident students.

Prof Anisuzzaman said that excess students' pressure in the higher seats of learning also causes deterioration of educational standard. In the face of increasing pressure, the authorities are some times compelled to recruit such teachers whose ability is not above question. Their dedication to the profession and search for wisdom are less than their enthusiasm towards fortune hunting. They are exploiting their professional identity to make fortunes by delivering speeches at coaching centres or involving themselves in consultancy services.

Prof Anisuzzaman also said, in the western world the teachers have full accountability but it is lacking in our country. At lower tiers, there is some system of signing the attendance book but there is no such obligation at the higher level.

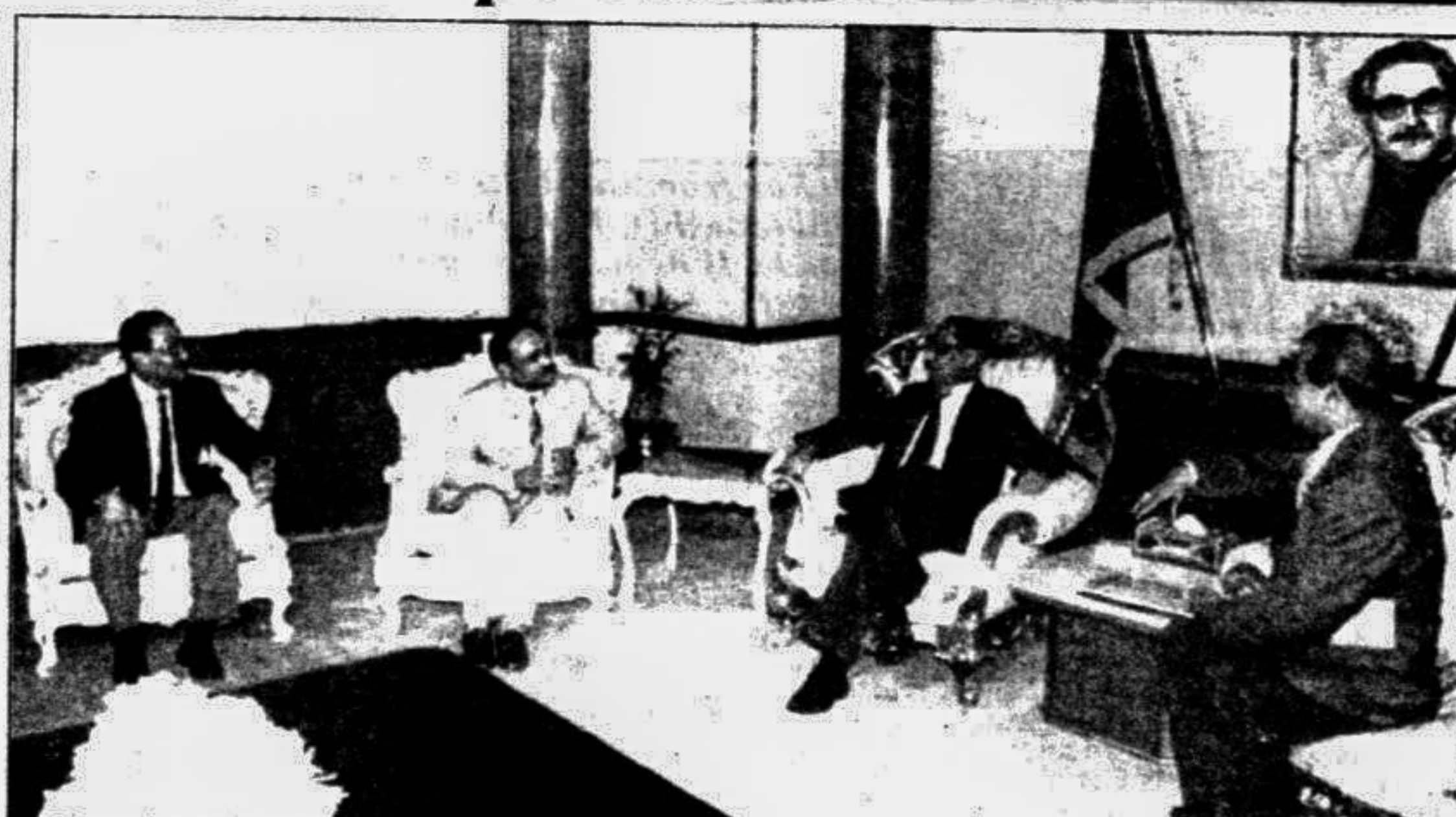
He said that in foreign countries even students are required to provide evaluation reports about their teachers to the institutions' authorities, which are taken into consideration seriously. But such a venture is likely to bring trouble for the students in our country.

Stressing the need for introduction of mother tongue at all levels of education, including higher education, Prof Anisuzzaman said, during Pakistani period the nation fought for introduction of Bangla language in all spheres of national life. But after achieving independence we became thoroughly confused, becoming inclined to English. Education through a foreign language generates memorisation-based education

that helps only in obtaining certificates, he observed.

Prof Anisuzzaman said the middle class, which once was ready to shed blood for their mother tongue, has today become interested in giving its off-springs education in English and sending them abroad. We may have a 'thirst' for learning English as an alternative language but it must not be at the cost of our mother tongue. After recognition of Ekushey February as the International Mother Language Day, perhaps we may exert a new push towards our mother tongue and utilise this opportunity for introducing Bangla as medium of our national education, he suggested.

Turning to the Islamic University, Prof Anisuzzaman said this institution has set a brilliant and commendable example that both religious education and general education can go together. He also suggested thinking over introduction of studies on other religions in this university so that it can be turned into a seat of education in all religions.



A delegation of Greater Mymensingh Cultural Forum, led by chairman of Poet Nazrul University Trust and State Minister for Land Alhaj Rashed Mosharraf, called on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at the Bangabhaban yesterday. — PID photo

Khaleda visits injured BNP activist at DMCH

By Staff Correspondent

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday evening visited injured party activist Raisul Islam Chaudhary at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Chaudhary, general secretary of unit No. 20 of Ward No. 56 received serious head injury in the police attack at Naya Paltan during the hartal hour. He is now in a critical condition, said a press release.

She passed sometime with the injured party activist and inquired about his treatment.

City BNP convenor Sadek Hossain Khoka MP, Nazimuddin Alam MP, Major (Retd) Abdul Mannan, Lutfuzzaman Babar, Abdus Salam and Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan accompanied the BNP chairperson.

Meanwhile, BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday visited party MP Abdul Mannan Talukder, Jatiyatabadi Tanit Dal general secretary Humayun Islam Khan and Moshaddek Ali at South Asian Hospital.

The leaders were wounded allegedly in attacks of Awami League terrorists while returning from a party programme at Belkuchi thana under Sirajganj.

Work on WASA sewerage project suspended

Work on a storm sewerage project of WASA designed to remove problem of water logging in and around the Prime Minister's Secretariat remained suspended due to harassment by local musclemen and extortionists, reports UNB.

In a written complaint Executive Engineer of WASA A K M A. Abdul Hamid informed Tejgaon police on November 3 that its workers and employees engaged for the work were beaten and forced to abandon the site by a group of armed terrorists.

The WASA official sought to ensure security of its employees and unhindered progress of the work for its completion on schedule.

Officials said the project financed by the World Bank covering Shahinbagh and Nakhla-para areas was taken up to overcome serious water and sewerage logging problem in and around the Prime Minister's Secretariat.

WASA will take up the matter with higher authorities to ensure security and unhindered progress of the work, the officials said.

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JU programmes to mark Int'l Mother Language Day

Jahangirnagar University

(JU) has chalked out an elaborate programme to mark the first International Mother Language Day, to be observed in recognition of the country's Ekushey February on Tuesday.

A colourful rally will be brought out from the Registrar's Building at 3 pm, which will end at the university Central Shaheed Minar after parading the campus.

Later a discussion meeting and cultural programme will be held at the Shaheed Minar premises at 4 pm.

Chhatra Moitri founding anniversary today

By DU Correspondent

Bangladesh Chhatra Moitri (BCM), a student organisation based on anti-colonialism and fundamentalism, will observe its 19th founding anniversary on the Dhaka University campus today.

The left-leaning BCM has chalked out various programmes to observe the anniversary. The programmes include hoisting of the organisational flag at its office and placing of wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar in the morning and a discussion meeting at DUCSU cafeteria on December 10.

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Martyr's of the Liberation War

The freedom fighters of Narsingdi

NARSINGDI, Dec 5: Although 28 years have passed since the end of our Liberation War, many people of this district still nurse the bitter memories of the atrocities of the brutal Pak forces, their acts of arson, loot and rape. In their orgy violence the occupation army massacred thousands of innocent people, plundered their wealth and raped their womenfolk, reports BSS.

Anjana Rani living in a hut near Sirampur Bazar under Raipura thana still cannot wipe out from her mind the brutalities of the occupation army and the harm they had done to her family. On May 10, 1971, some Pakistani soldiers entered her house and dragged away her teenage daughter Bina to Sirampur Bazar camp where they killed her. They then killed her father, Anjana Rani, who is now 55-years old, can never forget what 1971 did to her.

Though unarmed and untrained, the heroic people of Narsingdi resisted the onslaughts of the brutal Pak soldiers with bravery. During the bloody encounters with people from all walks of life forged solid unity to resist the soldiers. Many people were killed. Around 15 mass graves in the

town are a stark reminder of the genocide unleashed by the invading army.

The Pakistani forces brutally killed hundreds of innocent people at several points of the town, especially around the telephone exchange, crematorium area, Shilmandi, Tara pond in Madhabdi and Khate-Hara Bridge areas.

The freedom fighters of the district fought courageously. Their confidence were elevated when several thousand members of the EPR, Ansars and Police forces from Dhaka joined the local people on March 29. A company of Bengal Regiment under the leadership of Captain Saigol also reached the district town on March 31. The freedom fighters set up camps at different places including Dak Banglow, Aljan Jute Mills, Bagbari and Palbari areas. The local people provided all necessary support to them as best as they could.

The Pakistani forces raided the camps of freedom fighters and killed people randomly on April 4. Thirteen people were killed at a time in 'Mach Bazar' (fish market) area. A few days after the incident, the freedom fighters encountered the Pak forces in Bagbari and Palbari areas. Many were killed including Sirajuddin, Mir Imdadul

Haq, Imanuddin, Abdul Mannan, Abdul Hamid Bhuiyan, Akhtar Hossain, Shamsul Huda Bachhu, Abul Hasem Miah, Tara Mastar, Mannan Bhuiyan, Goyesh Ali Mastar, Bazur Rahman and Abed Ahmed Proddan during the encounter.

Subedar Abul Bashar, Montajuddin, Abdus Salam, Abdul Haq and Abdul Bari were killed in another encounter on the bank of the river Arial Khan of Mikhuthi area under Belabo thana of the district. Thirty-five others were also killed in a brushfire by the occupation forces at the same place. The Pakistani army let loose a reign of terror and massacre in Raipura, Palash and Shilpur thanas of the district. Around twenty people were buried in each mass grave at Raipura thana complex pond, College Road, Rail Line area and Palashthali union of Mehtakanda Rail Station. Mass graves were also found in front of Padmalochon High School of Goyeshpur and Jindard village under Palash thana, Shonkhola village, Putia Bazar and Ghasirdia Primary School under Shilpur thana.

The surviving people of Narsingdi still nurse the horrific memories of the war they fought to win.



The mazar of Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardy lay strewn with wreaths yesterday, on his 36th death anniversary. — Star photo

DB police arrests 4 with Phensidyl in Comilla

COMILLA, Dec 5: In a special drive, Detective Branch of police have arrested four people, including three women, along with 182 bottles of Phensidyl from the Dhaka-Chittagong highway, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, a team of DB police led by its inspector Moshataque Ahmed detained some waiting passengers at Zorkaran in Sadar thana on December 1 and recovered the smuggled Phensidyl hidden inside their clothes and handbags.

The arrested were identified as Yunus Mia, Sufia Khatun, Zarina Khatun and Noor Jahan. All of them hailed from Cox's Bazar district, police said.

A case was filed with the police in this regard.

Dadabhai's death condoled

By Staff Correspondent

More organisations have issued condolence messages to mourn the death of country's renowned juvenile litterateur and founder of Kochi Kanchar Mela Rokonzuzaman Khan Dadabhai.

President of Bangladesh Chambers of Industries (BCI) Khondakar Mosharraf Hossain in a condolence letter yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of Dadabhai and said that the country has lost a prolific child litterateur, intellectual and journalist of the country in his death.

He conveyed his heart felt sympathy to the family members of Dadabhai.

Bangladesh Law Association (BLA) also expressed profound

shock at the death of Dadabhai. In a condolence message, the BLA said that the nation would always remember Dadabhai for his pioneering role in the democratic, social and cultural movement of the country.

Other organisations which condoled the death of Rokonzuzaman Khan were Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum and Jatiya Mohila Sangstha.

Dadabhai died of a heart attack on Friday.

BSS adds from Chittagong: Leaders of Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) and Chittagong Press Club have expressed deep shock at the death of journalist Rokonzuzaman Dadabhai.

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