The discussion on the thanks-giving motion on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed's address to the Jatiya Sangsad on January 1 this year started in the House yesterday. reports BSS.

The motion congratulated the president for upholding numerous achievements of the present government since assuming power in 1996.

The participants in the thank-giving motion described the address of the President as a complete document that spoke of the present government's scores of successes in various fields in a short span of time in the backdrop of failures of the past governments.

Earlier the Chief Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Abul Hasnat Abdullah proposed the motion which was supported by Whip Vice-Principal Abdus Shahid on the second day of the current session.

Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury then invited Prof Abdul Mannan of Awami League (Meharpur-1) who at the outset of his speech conveyed his best wishes of the new year. new century and new millennium to all members of Parliament and the nation as well. He also gratefully recalled the memory of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for his relentless leadership to the nation in achieving independence through a nine-month bloody

war in 1971. Prof Mannan also paid rich tributes to Begum Fazilatunnisa Mujib. Abdur Rab Serniabat. four national leaders. Sheikh Fazlul Huq Moni and those who laid down their lives for the cause of this nation. He termed the independence of the country as the greatest ever achievement of Bangalees in

the outgoing millennium. Prof Abdul Mannan, paying his respect to the President for presenting such a list of chronological success of present government in the Jatiya Sangsad, said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had been trying to fullfil her commitments given to the nation before coming to power in 1996.

He listed adoption of policies and their implementation in different sectors, CHT peace accord. Ganges Water Sharing Agreement, UNESCO Peace Award, Ceres Award and conferring of doctoral degrees by different' universities upon Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

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as tremendous achievements of this government.

The Awami League lawmaker also said that the President had aptly mentioned all these successes in his address that also spoke on country's gradual progress to economic emancipation through improvement in law and order. rapid industrialisation, restoration of peace and discipline and upholding the spirit of war of liberation in the coun-

"Memorial towers in the Suhrawardi Udyan, Mulibnagar, Rayerbazar and Tungipara and a complex in Mujibnagar will bear the significance of our hard-earned independence in the centuries to come," he said but regretted the absence of the opposition in the House when the nation was switching over from one century to another.

Haji Mohammad Selim of Awami League from Dhaka bitterly criticised the absence of the opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad saying they were in fact creating disturbances at all spheres instead of playing their role in the nation-building ac-

He said the opposition could better participate in the thanks-giving motion on President's speech to the House to give their valuable aggestions in the greater national interest In the country, he said, they are observing hartals. destroying the state by disregarding law and order like wayward boys.

### Jahangir visits fire affected areas at Keraniganj

State Minister for Textiles AKM Jahangir Hossain yesterday visited the fire affected area of Keranigani thana, reports

Over 100 shops including 50. small electric factories were burnt into ashes in a devastating fire at Aganagar village in Keranigani thana on Tuesday. The state minister talked to

the affected people and assured of all kinds of help to them. On behalf of the local administration, he announced the allocation of 16 kilograms rice and one piece of saree and a

lungi for each fire victim dur-

ing the visit. He called upon all rich people for the area to come forward for the help of fire victims.

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Prof Jannatul Ferdous of Awami League congratulated the president for his speech and said he had in fact impartially mentioned what this government had achieved since 1996.

Treasury bench member from Jamalpur-5 Rezaul Hoq observes that the nation was benefitted in getting the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina under whose acumen the country had been striding ahead towards progress and prosperity.

Hoq mostly concentrated his speech on the problems of his constituency and sought cooperation of different ministries towards their solution.

He demanded introduction of honours course in five subjects in Asheque Mahmud Government College and Government Women College. He also demanded setting up of a youth training centre at Jamalpur to help create job opportunities for the unemployed youths. He. in this context, told the House that more than four lakh youths of Jamalpur district were unemployed.

### Hearing of corruption case against Ershad Mar 12

The First Additional Metropolitan Session's Judge Court of Dhaka yesterday shifted the hearing of a corruption case against former president HM Ershad and former minister of his administration Shafiqul Ghani Swapan to March 12, reports BSS.

Judge Amar Kumar Roy today fixed the date after hearing both the sides.

According to prosecution sources, former president HM Ershad, former Minister Shafiqul Ghani Swapan, former vice-president Barrister Moudud Ahmed and former chairman of RAJUK Abul Basar illegally allotted a piece of land in favour of Hotel Holiday Inn during their rule.

The proceedings of the case against Barrister Moudud Ahmed was stayed by an order of the High Court and the name of former chairman of RAJUK Abul Bashar was dropped after his death.

#### BTV earns Tk 2.15 cr from Eid

programmes Bangladesh Television (BTV) has earned a total amount of Taka 2,14,50,000 as revenue from different programmes made for the hely Eid-ul-Fitr.

BTV also collected revenue of Taka 5.9 crore in December last, an official handout said last night.

# Nikunja Bihari's death condoled

A meeting to condole the death of Nikunja Bihari Nath, Joint Secretary of the Local Government Ministry, was held in the conference room of the ministry yesterday, reports

Nath was stabbed to death by muggers near Jagannath Hall and BUET on Tuesday morning on his way to his Azimpur residence from Kamalapur Railway Station

Officers and employees of the Local Government Division. Rural Development and Ccoperatives Division. Local Government and Engineering Department, Department of Public Health and Engineering, Dhaka City Corporation, Dhaka WASA . National Institute of Local Government. Cooperatives Directorate and Bangladesh Academy for Rural Deve-

lopment attended the meeting. Local Government Minister Zillur Rahman, State Minister for Rural Development and Cooperatives Advocate Rahmat Ali, Local Government Secretary Badiur Rahman, Rural Development and Cooperatives Secretary Amiyangshu Sen. Joint Secretary of the Ministry Karar Mahmudul Hassan and Deputy Secretary Shah Mohammad Mansurul Haque, among others, addressed the

The meeting expressed deep concern and shock at the killing of Nath and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul. It also demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to his killers.

meeting.

The speakers of the meeting recalled different aspects of the

life of Nath and urged the gov-

said all conscious people had been shocked at the killing of such an honest officer like Nikunja Bihari Nath. His killers will be arrested by any means and they must be awarded exemplary punishment for the killing, he added.

ernment to donate Taka five

lakh for his family. They also

urged the government to allow

the members of his family to

reside in government quarters

and provide other necessary

ment Minister Zillur Rahman

In his speech Local Govern-

help for them.

### FEJB biennial general meeting tomorrow.

By Staff Correspondent

The 8th biennial general meeting and election of the Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) will be held at the National Press Club at 10 am tomorrow.

sent as chief guest at the inauchairman Quamrul Islam Chowdhury in the chair.

The FEJB Award '99 will

FEJB general secretary Bakhtiar Rana and treasurer Hasan Hafiz will present their reports in the second session.

## at Ghashiarpara.

Prof Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, a noted educationist and environmentalist. will be pregural function with FEJB

also be distributed among the winners in the inaugural func-



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### वाःलाप्न शतिद्या विষয়क অন্তিজ্ঞাতক সম্মেলন জानुयादि ১৪-১৫, २०००

উদ্বোধনী অধিবেশন ঃ ওসমানী মিলনায়তন। ওক্রবার, জানুয়ারি ১৪, সকাল ১০টা।

সমাপনী অধিবেশন ঃ ওসমানী মিলনায়তন। শুনিবার, জানুয়ারি ১৫, সন্ধ্যা ৬.৩০ মিঃ। প্রধান অতিথি ঃ বিরোধীদলীয় নেত্রী বেগম খালেদা জিয়া

সম্মেলনের অন্যান্য অধিবেশন অনুষ্ঠিত হবে বাংলাদেশ প্রকৌশল ও কারিগরী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের মিলনায়তনে ও বিভিন্ন সম্মেলনের কক্ষে।

অধিবেশন অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। এসব অধিবেশনে দেশী-বিদেশী বিশেষজ্ঞদের প্রায় ১৫০টি প্রবন্ধ উপস্থাপিত হবে।

শনিবার ২.৩০-৪.০০ এবং ৪.৩০- ৬.০০ টায় প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের মিলনায়তনে সাধারণ সভা অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। এসব সভায় দেশের বিভিন্ন রাজনৈতিক দল, ট্রেড ইউনিয়ন, মহিলা সংগঠন, ছাত্র সংগঠন, সাহিত্য ও সাংস্কৃতিক সংগঠন, গবেষণা সংস্থার প্রতিনিধিরা ও বুদ্ধিজীবীরা বাংলাদেশের পরিবেশ বিষয়ে বক্তবা রাখবেন।

সম্মেলনের কারিগরী ও সাধারণ অধিবেশনসমূহ জনসাধারণের জন্য উন্মৃক ।

অফিস বৃহস্পতিবার, জানুয়ারি ১৩, বিকেল ৩-৫টা। তক্রবার, জানুয়ারি ১৪, সকাল ৮.৩০ থেকে ভরু।

সম্মেলনে উপস্থাপনের জন্য প্রবন্ধ প্রেরকদের উপরোক্ত ঠিকানায় সত্র যোগাযোগ করার জন্য অনুরোধ জানানো হচ্ছে।

পরিবেশ রক্ষা শপথ, বাংলাদেশ পরিবেশ (এনভায়রনমেন্ট) নেটওয়ার্ক (BEN), বাংলাদেশ প্রকৌশল ও কারিগরী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, কোয়ালিশন অব এনভায়রনমেন্ট এনজিও'স ও আরো ৭০টি সংগঠন।

Courtesy The Daily Star

### Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, Bir Bikram, receiving the US Pacific Commander in Chief Admiral Dennis C Blair on his arrival at the Zia International Airport yesterday. - ISPR photo JS told

### 486 recruited in Biman during June '96- Jan 4

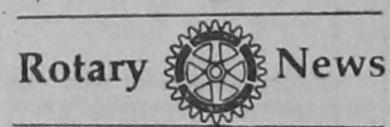
Minister for Works Engineer Mosharraf Hossain yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that 59 officers and 427 employees were recruited in the national airlines during June 1, 1996 and January 4, 2000, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from BNP member Sarwar Jamal Nizam from Chittagong-12 who was absent from the House, the minister said that of the total. 12 officers and 54 employees were recruited from Dhaka dis-

· The minister also told the Jatiya Sangsad that most of the abandoned airstrips have al ready been repaired and new stal ports were built where private stal air services were introduced

Replying to a question by treasury bench lawmaker from Dinajpur M Mostafizur Rahman Fizoo, the minister said Bogra and Khanjahan Ali airports are under construction.

Besides, he said, steps are being taken to repair again the Shamsher Nagar Comilla, Thakurgaon, Lalmonirhat, Tejgaon and Ishawardi stal ports to make them functional.



The regular weekly meeting

### Weekly meeting

of the Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka will be held today at 5:30 pm at the CIRDAP Cafete-

### ria. says a press release. Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

#### IDA Credit No: 3101-BD Request for Expression of Interest

This request for expression of interest follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business No: 495 of 30 September, 1998.

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for Health and Population Program Project (HPPP).

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Package: S-2031

Awareness-building campaign under Advocacy Program: Countrywide campaign in favour of Delayed Marriage. Brief description of the assignment:

a) To develop campaign strategy and module for each of the target groups as mentioned in the Terms of Reference

to carry out a national campaign on "Delayed Marriage" to influence fertility behaviour leading to internalisation of small family norm at community and family levels, and

to obtain feedback and provide reports on the effectiveness of the campaign and contribution for design future Package: S-2032

Awareness-building campaign under the Advocacy Program: Awareness-building campaign to improve continuous rates of contraceptives in 50 low performing thanas. Brief description of the assignment:

To develop campaign strategy and module for each of the target groups as mentioned in the Terms of Reference (TOR),

to carry out a national campaign on "Awareness-building to improve continuation rates of contraceptives in 50 low performing thanas" to influence fertility behaviour 1. by improving contraceptives use rates and by averting irregular practice of contraceptives and dropout practices; 2. by improving service providers attitude with changed behaviour and quality care one-stop service shopping: leading to create an easy market relations among providers and clients for shopping contraceptives and other health facilities, and

to obtain feedback and provide reports on the effectiveness of the campaign and contribution for design future

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Interested consultants may obtain further information and background documents at the address below between 0900 and 1500 hours on all working days. Experiences of interest must be delivered to the same address by 27th February 2000. Dhiraj Kumar Nath

Director General Directorate of Family Planning Azimpur, Dhaka-1205 Phone: 8612323 Fax: 8618341, 8617787.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Health and Population Program Project বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

This is to notify that the opening date of Press Tender No. PD-32.106/99-2000 dated 25.11.99 called by Khulna Newsprint Mills Ltd, Town Khalishpur, Khulna was scheduled on 9.1.2000 which is now shifted to 16.1.2000 at 11:00 AM.

> The venue and other terms & conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged.

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### দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

### नং-मूज्रुण-मिन्श्राती/03/२०००

জরুর ভিত্তিতে কম্পিউটার স্টেশনারী কোগজ, ডিসকেট, টেগ, রিবন ইত্যাদি) ক্রয়ের নিমিত্তে প্রস্তুতকারী/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে সিডিউল অনুযায়ী দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

(১) অগ্রণী ব্যাংক, মুদ্রণ ও মনিহারী বিভাগ, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ভবন নং-২ এর ২য় তলা, ঢাকা হইতে ১৩০০/= (তিনশত) টাকার ব্যাংক ছাফট/পে-অর্ডার (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমা দিয়া টেন্ডার সিডিউল ১৭-০১-২০০০ইং তারিখের মধ্যে যে কোন কার্য দিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সংগ্রহ করিতে হইবে।

সিডিউল সংগ্রহের সময় সংশ্লিষ্ট সরবরাহকারীকে ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র, আয়কর পরিশোধ সনদপত্র এবং ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদপত্রের মূলকপি অবশাই দেখাইতে হইবে। দরপত্রসমূহ উপরোক্ত কার্যালয়ে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাক্সে ১৮-০১-২০০০ইং তারিখ বেলা ২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দাখিল করা যাইবে এবং ঐদিনই বেলা ২.৩০ ঘটিকার সময় দরপত্রদাতাগণের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ থাকেন) খোলা হইবে।

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কর্তৃপক্ষ সর্বনিম্ন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করিতে বাধ্য নহেন এবং কোন প্রকার কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন অথবা সকল অথবা আর্থনিক দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা সংবক্ষণ করেন।

তারিখ -১২/১/২০০০ জিডি-৪০

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আমজাদ আহমেদ চৌধুরী উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক

#### The Commander-in-Chief of the US Pacific Command Admiral Dennis C Blair arrived in the city yesterday on a threeday goodwill visit to Bangladesh, says an ISPR press

He is accompanied by his wife Diane E. Blair and a two member delegation.

C-in-C of US Pacific

Command in city

Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, Bir Bikram, Rasheda Mustafiz and senior military officers received the distinguished guests on their arrival at the Zia International Airport.

The US Ambassador in Bangladesh, John C Holzman, and other US Embassy officials were also present.

### DRU condemns stabbing of Ittefaq newsman

By Staff Correspondent Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) has condemned the stabbing of Shafiqul Kabir, a former DRU president and special correspondent of the daily litefaq, by muggers in the city.

Issuing a joint statement yesterday the DRU president M Anwarul Haq and general secretary Monwarul Islam also demanded immediate arrest of the culprits and exemplary punishment.

In a separate statement the DRU leaders also condemned killing of Saidul Alam, the younger brother of DRU member Waliur Alam, by miscre-

### Terrorist caught by locals in Ctg CHITTAGONG, Jan 12: Peo-

ple of Ghashiarpara at East Sholashahar of Chandgaon thana here caught alleged terrorist Muhammad Selim alias Choraiya Selim and handed him over to Chandgaon Police on Sunday, a press release of Ghashiarpara Mohalla Committee said today, reports BSS. Selim was wanted by

Chandgaon Police in multiple criminal cases. He was nabbed with a firearm while he was prowling Navy seizes goods worth Tk 22 lakh in Chittagong CHITTAGONG, Jan 12

Bangladesh Navy ship Shahjalal during an anti-smuggling. anti-piracy and fishery protection patrol seized smuggled goods and two mechanised boats and held its four member

crew recently, reports BSS. The value of the recovered goods along with two boats is worth about Tk. 22 lakh, an ISPR release said today In another drive BNS Shah-

jalal recovered miscellaneous stolen items along with a mechanised boat and apprehended its four member crew. The stolen goods, mecha-

nised boats and the crew were later handed over to the appropriate authorities for legal action, the release added



### painting exhibition opens tomorrow By Staff Correspondent

The 1st solo painting exhibition of Salma Kaniz Ahmed will be inaugurated at Zainul Gallery of Institute of Fine Arts tomorrow at 10:30 am. Abdur Razzak, Minister of

Water Resources will inaugurate the show as Chief Guest while Prof Bulbon Osman will be present as special guest. Prof Mahmudul Haque, Director of the Institute of Fine Arts, will preside over the ceremony

Some 22 pieces of art by the artist, resident in Ohio USA will be exhibited at the show which will remain open from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm daily until January 19.

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