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**Bangladesh elected president of UNICEF Executive Board**

Bangladesh has become president of UNICEF Executive Board for the year 2000, reports BSS.

Ambassador Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, was made president of the Executive Board of UNICEF for the current year after the elections of the officers of the Bureau held on Monday in New York.

The officers of the Executive Board numbering five who constitute the Bureau are elected by the Board at its first regular session of each year from among members for that year. The five officers — the president and four vice presidents — represent UNICEF's five regional groups with presidency rotating among the groups on an annual basis.

The 36-member Executive Board provides inter-governmental support and supervises the activities of this specialised agency of the world body (UN). The Board, which meets four times a year, gives guidance for the work of its Executive Director, monitors the performance of UNICEF and approves country programmes.

The first meeting of the Executive Board will take place on January 31.

UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy, speaking after the elections, said that the Board would benefit from the leadership and long experience of the Bangladesh Ambassador in the field of development.

Other countries, including India, Denmark, the Netherlands, France, Sudan and Libya, hailed Bangladesh on its election.

The four vice-presidents elected by the Board from four geographical regions are Azerbaijan, Bolivia, the Netherlands and the Sudan.

Bangladesh first became a member of the UNICEF Executive Board for a three-year period beginning 1998. Ambassador Chowdhury is the first Bangladesh Permanent Representative to become president of the Executive Board.

Ambassador Chowdhury has earlier served as Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the five-year review of action of the International Conference on Population and Development. Chairman of the Fifth Committee and Vice President of ECOSOC.

**Press Council report placed in JS**

The Bangladesh Press Council delivered judgements in 11 cases in 1998, according to the 1998 annual report of the Council placed before the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports BSS.

Out of total 20 cases filed with the Council, six were withdrawn by the complainants, the report said.

The annual report was placed by the State Minister for Information, Prof Abu Sayeed, under the 1974 Press Council Act.

Justice Habibur Rahman, Chairman of the Bangladesh Press Council, in his statement in the annual report stressed the need for making the Council more effective and meaningful under the 1974 act by increasing its power to ensure free press.

The chairman pointed out that the 1974 Bangladesh Press Council Act should be amended giving increased power to the Council, as the act does not make it obligatory for newspapers to publish the verdicts of the Council. Many newspapers do not publish the Press Council verdicts in the absence of such power, Justice Rahman said.

**Dhaka keen to increase trade with India, Iran**

Commerce Minister Abdul Jalil yesterday said that Bangladesh believes in 'give-and-take' policy with priority to national development in bilateral trade and investment, reports UNB.

The new commerce minister stated this while talking to Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Dev Mukharjee who said that India is very keen to increase trade and investment with Bangladesh to the mutual benefit.

The Indian diplomat called on the minister at his Sangsad Bhaban office where the trade talk was held.

Jalil said Bangladesh is also interested to increase its volume of trade, especially its exports, to India.

The Indian diplomat told the minister that 'progress is taking place and there is plenty of opportunity for further progress in this regard.'

Mukharjee said that under SAFTA India has reduced duties on 2000 items and among those there are many items which Bangladesh exports to India. He stressed on the implementation of various decisions taken at different times for the development of bilateral trade.

Earlier, Iranian Ambassador to Bangladesh Mohammad Rezaei Nouri also called on the Commerce Minister at his office and talked of strengthening economic interaction between Dhaka and Tehran.

During the meeting Jalil said that there are sectors where both Bangladesh and Iran can work together for the mutual welfare of the two peoples. He stressed on visits of government and private-level delegations identifying the sectors of cooperation.

'Bangladesh is interested to increase its export to Iran,' Jalil told the envoy.

The Iranian diplomat said that his country would provide support for the visit of Bangladeshi businessmen to Iran to identify common sectors of cooperation and Iran would take all-out steps to strengthen trade relations with Dhaka.

He also proposed formation of a joint economic council to increase bilateral trade. The Commerce Minister hailed the proposal and said Bangladesh would provide its support.



Chief Justice Latifur Rahman administering the oath of office to the newly-appointed judge of the Appellate Division of Bangladesh Supreme Court Kazi Ebadul Haq at his office yesterday. — PID photo

**25 arrested in Ctg**

CHITTAGONG, Jan 19: Chittagong Metropolitan Police arrested 25 people including an absconding terrorist from different areas of the city today, reports BSS.

Pahartali police arrested terrorist Moshleh Uddin wanted in connection with four criminal cases, from Feroz Shah colony in the early hours of today.

Moshleh Uddin was involved in toll collection, dacoity and other criminal activities in Alonkar and Kabilyadhan areas.

Other police stations rounded up 24 persons on various charges.

**Bangla Academy painting competition**

Bangla Academy will organise a painting competition for the children on February 7 to mark 'Amar Ekushey', reports UNB.

The competition, titled 'Natural scene of Bangladesh', is split into three age groups — 8, 12 and 15.

Guardians of the interested children have been requested to contact the Deputy Director of the Academy for registration, said a press release.

**Appointment**

Mohammad Masudur Rahman, former director (Marine), took over as the Director General of the Department of Fisheries on Tuesday, reports BSS.

Rahman joined the department as an aquaculturist in 1966 and held many important posts during the last 33 years, an official handout said.

**Workshop on rural dev in CHT on Saturday**

BANBARBAN, Jan 19: A day-long workshop on rural development in the hill district will be held on Saturday, reports UNB.

District Council Chairman Thowang Chue Prue Master will attend the workshop at the Town Hall as chief guest.

A total of 137 representatives from grassroots-level and government officials will take part in the workshop.

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- Versus -

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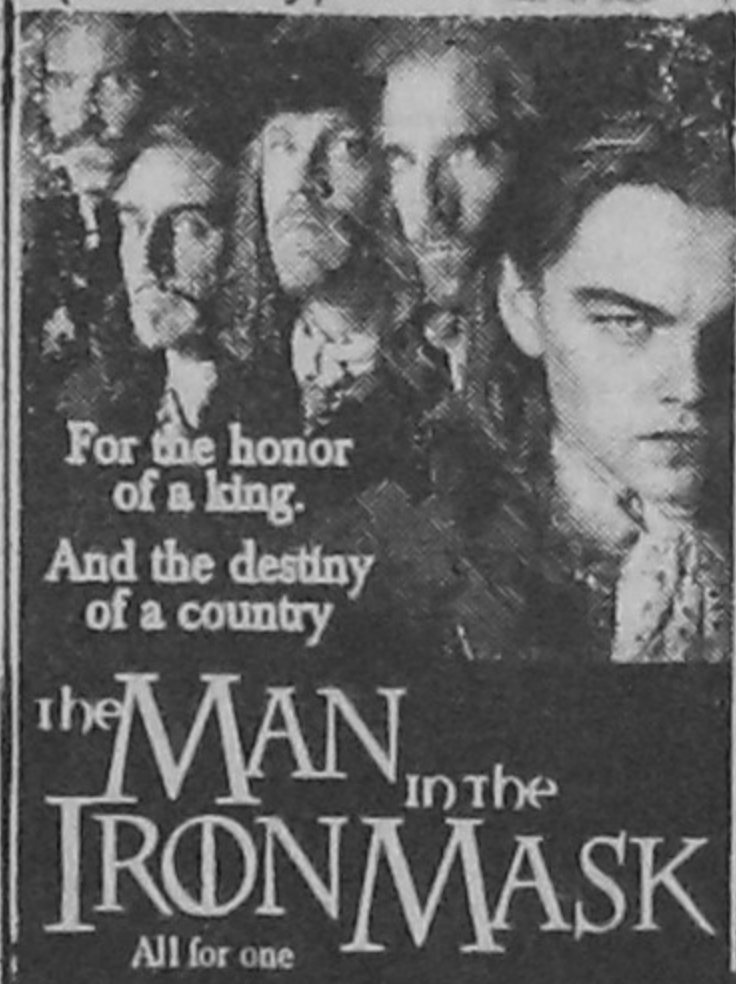
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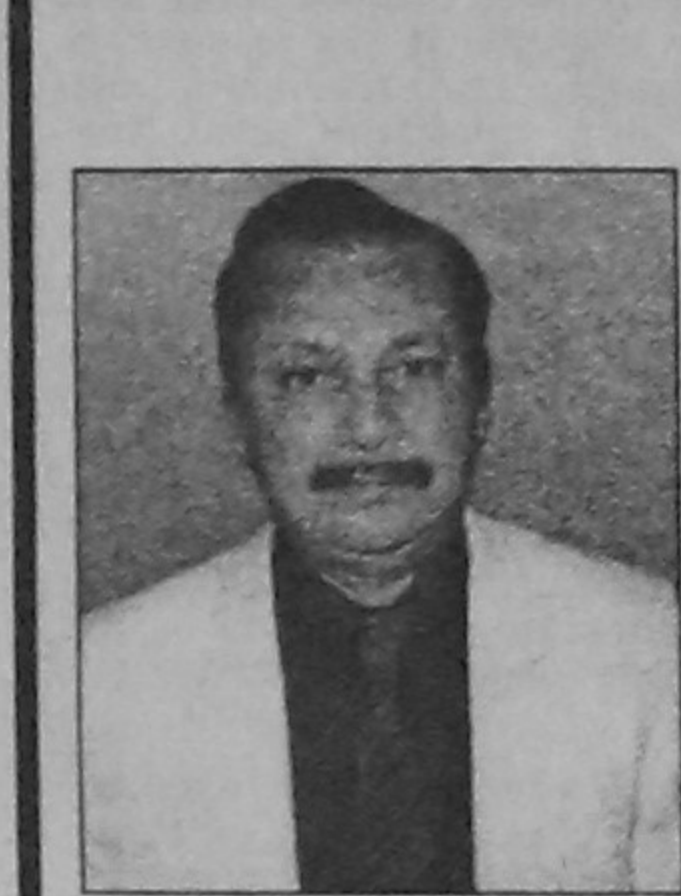
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  - Bids will have to be addressed to Chief, Administration and must comply with all the terms and conditions laid down in the bid papers.
  - Bids will be received up to 11:00 AM on 31-1-2000.
  - Bids will be opened at 12:30 PM on 31-1-2000.
  - UNICEF Bangladesh reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.
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**CHEHLUM of late Morad Waiz tomorrow**



**Chehlum of Late MORAD WAIZ, S/O.** Late Prof. Abu Hena, eminent scholar of the sub-continent and former Treasurer of Dhaka University will be held on Friday, 21st January, 2000 after Asr prayer at his residence at 5/C, Road-13, Sector-3, Uttara, Dhaka.

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