BNP out to create anarchy, Manju

arty leader and Communications Minister Anwar Hossain Manju yesterday regretted the failures of the politicians to strengthen the democracy in the country. reports UNB.

Speaking on the thanks-giving motion to the President for his inaugural speech in Parliament, he criticised the main opposition BNP for destabilising the situation by calling fre-

When we are fighting against poverty, they (BNP) are out to create anarchy by calling hartal. Do they want change of power in a democratic way," he posed a question and expressed doubt about their intention.

Manju called upon the people to remain alert about the position activities.

"What people want is not their concern, they want to impose their will upon the people, he added. Instead of helping streng-

then parliamentary democracy, a culture of boycotting Parliament is being established. He regretted even afte so many years of independence the

country still depend on foreign "If we fail to raise GDP by 7 to 8 per cent, political unrest will intensify," he cautioned

and called upon all to work together to advance the nation. He said present anarchic situation was created as the plunderers of national wealth were allowed to go unpunished. "They are trying to reintroduce politics of conspiracy in the country.

Russel, she says again

By Staff Correspondent Victim of the TSC assault case of December 31 night yesterday identified a Dhaka Uni-

versity student leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League -- Fazlul Hug Russel as the main accused. The testing and identification parade of the accused by the victim was conducted in front of a Metropolitan Magistrate, Kazi Meraj Hussain, in

the custody of the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate. Four people -- Fazlul Huq Russel, Khan Mesbahul Alam Tutul -- DU students and BCL leaders, along with Mamun and Mokhtar, book sellers of Nilkhet area, who were arrested in connection with the case, were produced before the court for identification of the accused

by the victim. The victim identified only Russel as the accused of her assault, sources present during the identification said.

Mamun and Mokhtar had been claiming to have saved the victim on the night of the inci-

'Comprehensive plan can accelerate CHT development'

ATHARAKCHARA, Rangamati. Jan 30: A comprehensive programme with credit facilities and logistic supports can sustain peace and accelerate development in the picturesque Chittagong Hill Tracts region, reports BSS.

Provision of food items including pure drinking water and arrangement of alternative job opportunities and gainful economic activities are the other imperatives to lasting peace and sustainable development in the CHT region which had witnessed insurgent activities over the last two decades.

As the people started normal life anew in the inaccessible hilly villages of the CHT region following the signing of the landmark peace treaty in 1997, a 20-year long spell nightmare had ended. The historic peace accord with the tribal rebels has opened up a new vista for sustainable development in the hitherto untapped CHT region. Everyone from the Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Development Council, Ching Kew Rouza to ordinary tribal and non-tribal people harbour the same sentiment. Before the ceasefire. life in Chittagong hill tracts was a hell. Now with the peace accord, insurgent activities have stopped and restric-

Health and Family Welfare

Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim

Selim urged all yesterday to

work with concerted efforts for

building a leprosy-free

guest at a seminar on 'Leprosy-

free Bangladesh - Our com-

mitment' on the occasion of

the seminar was presided over

by Director-General of Health

Services Prof A B M Ahsanul-

lah. Health Secretary Sayeed

Alamgir Farruk Chowdhury

and representative of World

Health Organisation (WHO) Dr

Health Care and Disease Con-

out the key-note paper.

plexes in the country.

trol Prof Zakir Hussain read

to eradicate leprosy, the health

minister said the government

has been providing free medi-

care to the patients through 625

leprosy treatment centres in-

cluding 460 thana health com-

the government is implement-

ing a scheme to establish 13,500

community clinics in the rural

areas for ensuring better health

He also told the seminar that

Highlighting different steps

W Hardjo Tanajo spoke on the

Line Director of Primary

Held at NIPSOM auditorium.

He was speaking as chief

Bangladesh. reports BSS.

World Leprosy Day.

tions on free movements have been withdrawn. Anyone can now come here for a visit.

As a result, donor countries and international development agencies like the World Bank UNDP, Danida, UNICEF and UNESCO are evincing keen interests in the development of CHT with various schemes.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has already finalised a programme for rural and social development in the three hill districts, Ching Kew Rouza said.

Rouza suggested that any development programme in CHT region must be based on community participation.

"We never hoped that we would be able to comeback to our homestead and rebuild our houses and live here in peace and security," Headman of Atharakchara Mauza, Sashanka Shekar Chakma, 68, told a group of journalists who visited the area recently. Atharakchara, a semi-plain area under Longadu Thana of Rangamati Hill District, was one of the worst-hit areas of the 20-year long insurgency since

Hema Ranjan Chakma, 65. Headman of neighbouring BagaChatar Mauza, said we

The seminar was told that

1,36,000 leprosy patients have

so far been cured and 35,000

gaged in the detection of leprosy

patients and their proper

patients has come down to less

than one person per ten thou-

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The Medical Board yesterday

advised Chief Election Com-

missioner Muhammad Abu

Hena complete rest, reports

the Board yesterday checked up

Abu Hena and suggested that he

might go abroad for better

in a Bangkok hospital in De-

cember last year. He was rushed

tal where physicians examined

him from Jan 12 to 20 as his

condition worsened, said a

press release.

to the Combine Military Hospi-

Headed by Prof M A Majid.

Abu Hena was operated upon

At present the rate of leprosy

trained field workers are en-

Seminar on Leprosy-free

Bangladesh'

treatment.

need a comprehensive development programme backed by easy credit facilities to bring about a balanced uplift for the sake of sustaining peace and tranquillity in the CHT region.

The Chairman of Atharakchara Union Parishad, Ujjal Kanti Chakma identified construction of the 25-kilometre long road connecting Longadu with the national road network as the number one priority demand of the people. The headmen pleaded for the functioning of the land commission for disposing of the tenancy rights among the tribal and non-tribal population. There are 738 Chakma and 200 Bengalee families in the Atharakchara Mauza.

The settlers depend on cultivation, fishing and trading for their livelihood. Among the Chakma families, half of them depend on Jhum cultivation while others on wood and bamboo cutting, and farming activities. Madan Mohan Chakma, the Headman of Mainimukh Mouza under Longado Thana hailed the peace accord. He, however, suggested proper settlement and rehabilitation of the affected families to remove misgivings as being created by vested quarters.

Freedom Fighter Journalists Command floated

A new organisation named "Freedom Fighter Journalists' Command" has been formed to uphold the memory of the liberation war and carry forward the spirit of democracy, said a press release yesterday, reports

A 15-member committe of the organisation was formed at a meeting of freedom fighter journalists at the National Press Club on Thursday with Saleh Chowdhury in the chair.

Shamsuddin Ahmed Peara of Bangladesh Observer and Salimullah Selim of New Nation have been made commander and deputy commander of the committee. Other members are: Ferdous Ahmed Quoreshi of Daily Desh Bangla, Masood Ahmed Rumi and Haroon Habib of BSS, Shafiqur Rahman and Akram Hossain Khan of Ittefaq, Mohammad Abdul Khaleq (Janakantha), Abu Taher of daily Ajker Awaz, Swapan Dasgupta of Matribhumi, Abu Musa Muhammad Hasan and Manik Roy of Independent, Tarun Tapan Chakraborti of Bangladesh Observer and Freelancers Saleh Chowdhury, Golam Mohiuddin Khan, Monwar Ahmed and Subhas Chandra Badal.

Calcutta book fair 'Bangla should be used increasingly'

CALCUTTA, Jan 30: Speakers at a discussion at a book fair here said yesterday international recognition of February 21st means Bangalees should do more to honour their mother

tongue, reports BSS. They said Bangla should be increasingly used in administrative affairs as well as in practical life.

Deputy High Commissioner Humayun Kabir presented the key-note paper on "Significance of Ekushey February and International Mother Language Day on the Bangladesh Day of the

Former Vice Chancellor of Rabindra Bharati University Pabitra Sarkar, Prof Dr Jyotirmoy Ghose, Director of Bangladesh Shishu Academy Golam Kibria and journalists Baby Moudud took part in the discussion.

Press councilor Abu Tayeb gave the address of welcome. Director of Jatiya Grantha Kendra Paniruddin Haider

chaired the discussion. Pabitra Sarkar said, "Our pride and love for Bangla has increased because Bangladesh.

The deputy high commissioner in his paper observed that the publishers should build up formal communications jointly for creating markets for Bagla publications.

ADAB condoles death of SR Paul

Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) has condoled the death of Sabita Ranjan Paul, an internationally reputed lawyer of the Supreme Court.

In a condolence message yesterday, President Dr Kazi Farook Ahmed and Director Shamsul Huda expressed their deep shock at his death and said S R Paul was a personality to be followed by all generations.

They said he did not compromise to any immoral act during his long professional

Advocate S R Paul died of heart disease and other complications at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) on Friday at the age of 90.



Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held today at 6 pm at Sonargaon Hotel, says a press release. Members are requested to attend the meeting on time.

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Student bodies condemn Public Safety Act

By DU Correspondent

Different student organisa tions, except ruling partybacked Bangladesh Chhatra League, staged demonstration on the Dhaka University campus yesterday to protest against the Public Safety Act.

The student bodies brought out separate processions and held rallies on the campus and chanted slogans against the Act, which they said would be

used against the opposition.
Opposition BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) brought out its procession from the Madhu's Canteen and held a rally at the main entrance of the Arts Building.

The JCD leaders at their rally termed the Act as "black law" and condemned the ruling party for approving the law.

They said that the existing law is enough to check crimes and maintaining law and order if it is implemented properly and neutrally alleging that the new law was enacted with a view to only harassing the opposition leaders and workers. Presided over by Manir Hossain, the rally was addressed, among others, by Tariqul Islam Bani. A B M Mosharraf Hossain. M A Hossain Razu, Forhad Hossain Azad, Mostafizul Islam Mamun and Shahidul Islam

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Left-leaning Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya and Bangladesh Chhatra Federation also brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus to protest against the Act.

Only the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) came up with appraising voice to newly approved Act

The BCL leaders and workers brought out their procession also from the Madhu's Canteen and held a rally in front of DUCSU Building in support of the Act.

Addressing the rally the BCL leaders congratulated the present government for approving the Act, which they said, would be helpful for checking the law and order of the country.
They said that the law would

not be harmful for the people of the country rather be it would help the purpose of maintain-ing law and order situation as well as to safeguard the life and property of the people.

The BCL leaders also said

that the law would help the courts to strengthening administration and foil the conspiracy against public interest.

In a statement, leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra Union termed the new law as "black law" and demanded of the government to withdraw it.



The 3-day-long 25th National Council of Bangladesh Girl Guides Association ends in the city yesterday. A 23-member executive committee was also elected at the council for three years. Incumbent National Commissioner Rehana Banu was reelected unopposed.

Hasina asks party MPs to prepare for next polls

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has reportedly asked her parliamentary deputies yesterday to prepare for next gen-

eral elections. She gave the instructions at a meeting of Awami League Parliamentary Party at Sangsad Bhaban in the afternoon after the prorogation of the winter session of parlia-

"Although the voting is due next year, her expression and indications suggest that par-liamentary polls might be held anytime ahead of the schedule," an insider of the meeting told

Hasina, also president of ruling Awami League, asked her party MPs to ready their respective constituencies for facing the electoral fray. She advised them not to be complacent, rather work hard for development and welfare of the people in their areas.

When an MP wanted to know about the Upazila Parishad elections, Hasina replied reluctantly that it would be held

About the contentious Public Safety Act that was, passed in parliament yesterday, the prime minister asked them to convince the people about the necessity of the new legislation to deal with criminals and ensure peace, security and unhindered economic development.

She also urged the MPs to mobilise public opinion against hartal and ensure normal life and day-to-day business with the help of local administrations and people.

Giving directive about local development works, Hasina asked them to implement development projects in their constituencies in coordination with respective ministers.

Prize bond draw today

The 18th draw of 100 taka prize bond will be held at the Divisional Commissioner's Office in the city today, reports

There are 46 prizes in each series of prize bond, said an official handout.

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January 30, 2000

Corrigendum to Tender Notice

Due to unavoidable circumstances the date of receiving of tender for the construction of Staff Quarters, BOU at Gazipur vide Tender No BOU/E&C/2000/(Civil)-01 dated January 02, 2000 published in The Daily Star & The Daily Janakantha dated 06-01-2000 & 07-01-2000 respectively is hereby shifted to February 07, 2000.

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