

Metropolitan

Bulgarian envoy
presents credentials
to President

The newly appointed Bulgarian Ambassador to Bangladesh, Edvin Sugarev, presented his credentials to President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Welcoming him, President Shahabuddin recalled with gratitude that Bulgaria was the second country in Europe to recognise the independent Bangladesh.

This historical event laid the foundation of friendship and cooperation between the two countries," he said adding that both Bangladesh and Bulgaria share many common values such as democracy, respect for human dignity and a free market economy.

The ambassador attached great importance to further promotion and expansion of friendly relations and cooperation with Bangladesh.

Closing ceremony
of IEB convention
at Sylhet today

The closing ceremony of the 44th convention of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) will be held at 4.30 pm at the Sylhet Stadium in Sylhet, says a press release.

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia will be present as the chief guest at the ceremony, the release added.



Bulgarian Ambassador in Bangladesh Edvin Sugarev presented his credentials to President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday. — PID photo

170 killed, 43 raped across
country in February

Some 170 people, including 39 women, were murdered and 65 others committed suicide across the country last month, reports UNB.

According to a survey conducted by the Institute of Democratic Rights (IDR), a legal aid human rights organisation, 43 women and minor girls were raped during the period.

It showed that 12 of the victims were gangraped while six were killed after rape.

Seven women were victims of dowry demands and six others of acid throwing. In the dowry-related cases, six housewives were tortured to death and one committed suicide.

The survey revealed that 38 people were kidnapped while two died in jail custody and one in police custody during the period.

Besides, two people were killed by BSF and 148 others in various traffic mishaps.

Lions International
president in city

James E. 'Jim' Ervin, the International President of Lions Clubs International arrived in the city yesterday on a four-day visit to Bangladesh, a press release of the Lions Clubs International said, reports BSS.

During his visit Ervin will place wreaths at National Memorial at Savar.

He will call on the prime minister and visit various lions service projects including Bangladesh Lions Foundation. He will also exchange views with the lion leaders on future service prospects in Bangladesh.

10 selected for
Atish Dipankar
Gold Medal

Atish Dipankar Research Council yesterday announced the name of 10 eminent personalities selected for 'Srijan Atish Dipankar Gold Medal 2000' in recognition of their contributions in their respective fields, reports UNB.

The awardees are: Farid Hossain (Journalism), Murgob Morshed and Abdullah-al-Mamun (Administration), Kazi Abdul Mazid and Muhammad A Ali (Banking), M Abdus Sattar (Crime control), Imdadul Huq Milon (Literature), KAM Shahiduzzaman (Engineering), MA Mannan (Industry) and Mir Marufur Rahman (Medicine).

The Gold Medal will be awarded to them in last week of this month.

US deputy secy
calls on Mannan

Visiting US Deputy Undersecretary on International Relations Andrew James Samet called on Labour and Employment Minister M A Mannan at his secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed matters relating to mutual interest, especially labour related issues.

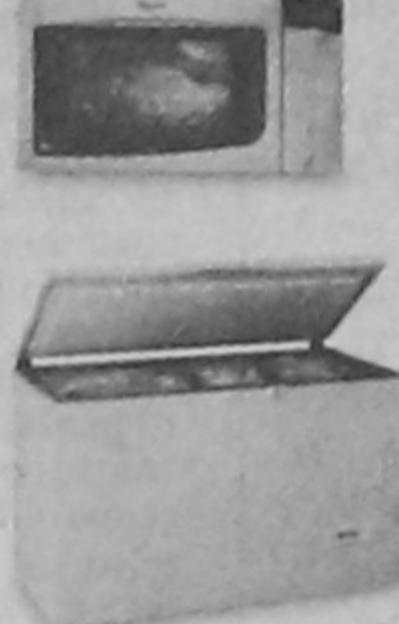
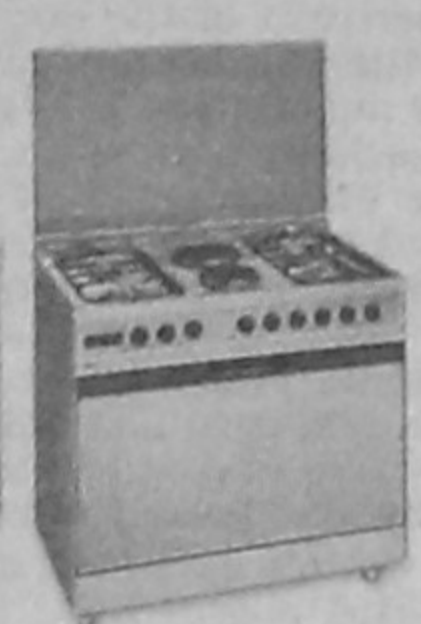
Labour and Employment Secretary Mohammad Sirajul Islam and US Ambassador John C Holzman were present.

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