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JSD calls for state recognition of Mar 2

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) yesterday called for state recognition of the March 2, 1971 as the National Flag Day to mark the hoisting of the national flag, reports BSS.

Speaking at a rally at Ramna Batamul in the city, JSD leaders and left leaning scholars said the recognition was needed for the sake of the history of the independence struggle and saving it from distortion.

JSD chief and Fisheries and Livestock Minister A S M Abdur Rab hoisted the national flag in line with the decision of the "Swadhin Bangla Nucleus," Bangladesh Liberation Force and student groups for the first time in capacity of the general secretary of the then Bangladesh Chhatra League.

Speaking on the occasion, Rab said no single person deserved the credit for the event 29 years ago as it reflected the aspirations and dreams of the Bengali nation.

"I performed my duties, which was vested upon me in line with the decision of the Swadhin Bangla nucleus, the BLF and student groups," he said.

The JSD president recalled the contribution of the then youth leaders including Swapna Kumar Chowdhury, Abdur Razzaq and Kazi Aref Ahmed. He said the new generation must know the background of the liberation war for building a developed nation.

"A lot has been written on the incidents between March 25 and December 16, 1971, but the new generation know little about the background of the war, which is required for building a developed nation," he said.

JSD leader Nur-e-Alam Jiku said everybody who played role in the process of the independence must get his or her due recognition for the sake of the history.

Mainuddin Khan Badal said since the historic period flag had been treated as the symbol of pride of a nation.

This flag was hoisted for the first time on this day and this is why the event is so important," he said.

Shirin Akhtar said the nine-month liberation war was not a sudden or isolated incident, rather it was the outcome of a long process, in which March 2 was a significant event.

Prof. Abul Kashem Fazlul Haq said the partial projection of history demoralises nation, "de-politicise" the politics and pave the way for foreign interference in the national life.

Syed Zafar Sazzad said the JSD was the lone organisation to observe the day "as if the event is the property of the party."

"Such phenomenon paves the way for distortion of history," he said.

JSD general secretary Hasanul Haq Inu, among others, spoke on the occasion.

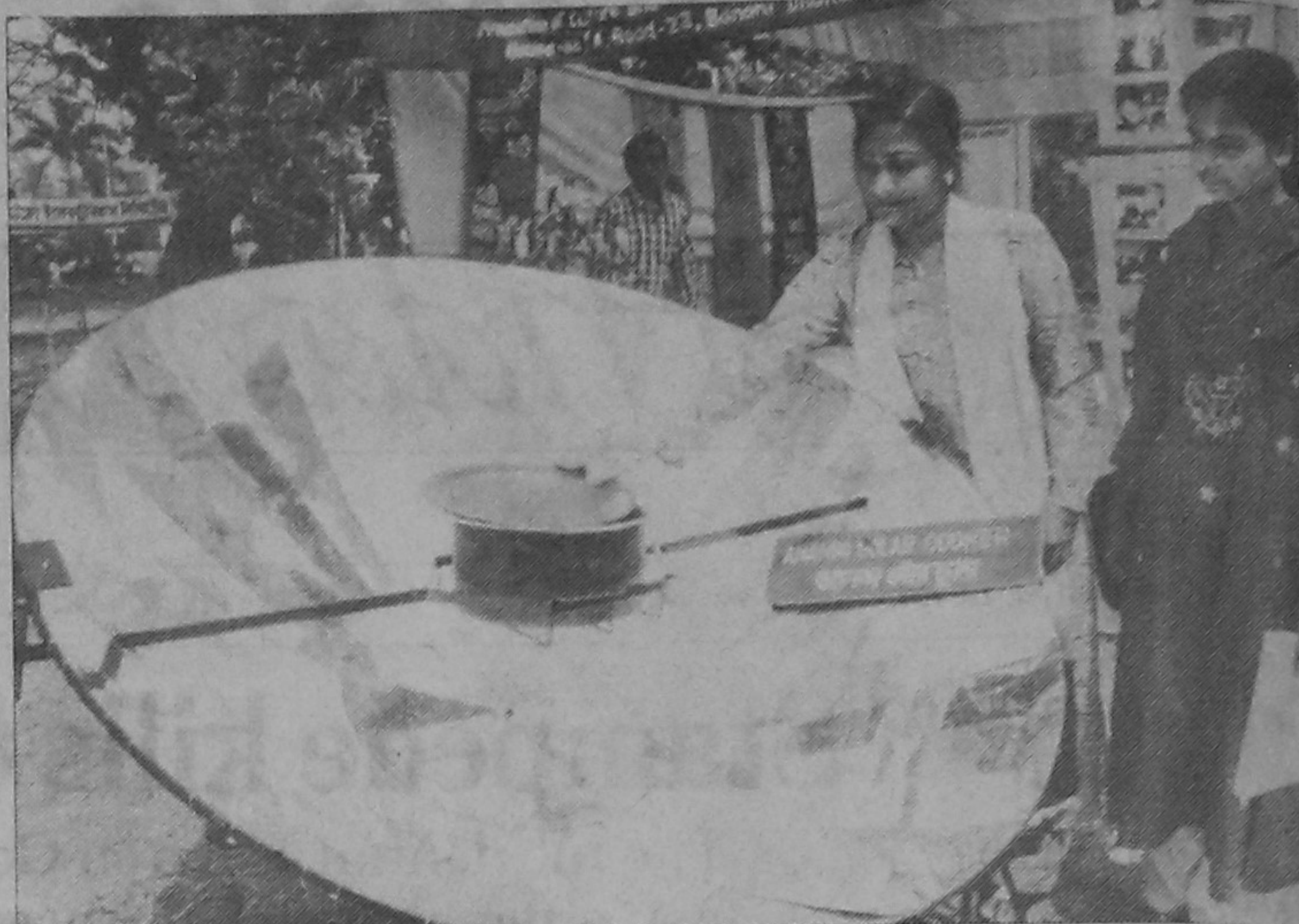
President, PM greet Moroccan King, Prime Minister

President Shahabuddin Ahmad and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have greeted their Moroccan counterparts on the occasion of its National Day, reports UNB.

In his message to King Mohammed Bin Al-Hasan, the President hoped that the existing excellent bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries would further be strengthened in the years to come.

He wished him good health and long life, and continued peace, progress and prosperity of the people of Morocco.

In her message to Moroccan Prime Abdurrahmane El Yousoufi, Hasina said the friendly ties between the two countries would continue to grow from strength to strength in the years ahead to the mutual benefits of the two peoples.



The National Exhibition of Solar Technology began at the Energy Park at Dhaka University yesterday.

Solar tech exhibition Innovative items on display

The three-day long National Exhibition on Solar Technology began at the Energy Park area on the Dhaka University campus yesterday with a variety of interesting and innovative items on display.

Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of the university inaugurated the exhibition in the morning. Some ten organisations both public and private are taking part in the show.

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) displayed its services under a project named 'Sustainable Rural Energy Project'. The service includes power supply in rural areas through a solar AC and DC system.

Talking to The Daily Star, Ruhul Amin, Assistant Engineer of LGED informed that the LGED applied Solar Centralised AC System at Jhenidah for the first time in country under technical assistance from Rahimafrooz. The service provides power supply to 50 shops at a bazar.

The system has gained much popularity in the rural area as it is an easier method to use than diesel generators and cost-effective as well. We charge only Tk. 4 for usage of a lamp for every four hours," he said.

He also said, "Our next target is to supply power in the Chittagong Hill Tracts area for the tribal people."

Rahimafrooz Batteries Ltd. a private company also displayed different solar technology based products which is locally developed. The products include Decentralised Home Lighting system which can cover three lamps at a time as well as a B/W television, solar DC fan, solar refrigerator with capacity of 50 litres designed especially for rural health complexes.

Abed Akhter, an M.Phil student of the university and member of Saura-Shakti Sanity has innovated a solar

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A S M Abdur Rab, Minister for Fisheries and Livestock and president, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) speaking at a discussion meeting at Ramna Batamul to mark the anniversary of the first hoisting of national flag yesterday.

Tajul Islam made pro-VC of JU

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University, appointed eminent economist Prof Tajul Islam as the Pro-Vice Chancellor of the university for four years' term, reports UNB.

Prof Islam was the Dean of Social Science Faculty and Chairman of Economics Department, said a press release of Jahangirnagar University.

TOEFL on March 31

In case of Eid-ul-Azha falling on March 17, the TOEFL Test, scheduled for March, will be shifted to March 31, a USIS release said yesterday, reports BSS.

According to the release, there will be no change in the March administration of TOEFL Test if Eid occurs before or after March 17 and Test venues remain the same.

British HC, Rafiq discuss investment prospect

British High Commissioner Dr David Carter in a meeting with State Minister for Energy Prof Rafiqul Islam yesterday discussed matters of business interest, including investment prospects, reports UNB.

Deputy High Commissioner Stephen Turner was also present on the occasion.

They discussed matters relating to mutual interests, particularly focusing on British investment and cooperation in energy and agriculture sectors.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H Road Division, Hobiganj, Telephone: 53269

Tender Invitation Notice

1. Tender Notice No : 16(sixteen)/Executive Engineer, R&H, Hobiganj Road Division, 1999-2000.
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6. Eligibility of contractors : 'A' to 'E' general category.
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8. Authority to approve estimate : Superintending Engineer, R&H, Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet.
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NB: The estimate of the work has not been approved. The rate of work and schedule may be changed after the approval of the estimate.

Md Sharfuddin Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Hobiganj DFP-4762-29/2/2000 G-392

Housewife attempts suicide in the city

By Staff Correspondent
A housewife was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday with burn injuries all over her body.

The woman was identified as Jugma Rani Das, wife of Suren Das, a victim of Ganakuti Hazratbagh area. She allegedly attempted suicide by setting fire on herself after pouring kerosene oil all over herself at about 4:30 pm.

Her relatives however could say why.

'Edn of girls most significant in transformation of society'

The founder Executive Director of BRAC Fazle Hasan Abed has said that in terms of long-term societal transformation, not a single intervention will be as significant as the promotion of education of girls in the thousands of villages across Bangladesh, says a press release.

People from all corners of society must be mobilised to see the necessity of educating their daughters, he said.
Abed was speaking as a keynote speaker at the World Bank Girls Education Event in Washington on Tuesday evening. The main objective of the event was to recognize the bank staff who have worked effectively to bring about significant improvement in girls education.

Abed also said that BRAC had sought not only to provide primary education to more than one million girls in Bangladesh but has also been a pioneer in a mass mobilisation that has involved the government, civil society, community leaders and, most importantly, the parents and teachers of the girls themselves.
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