



Former Advisor to the World Bank Osman Faruk formally joined BNP yesterday. Picture shows party chairperson Khaleda Zia receiving bouquet from him at her 29 Minto Road official residence on the occasion. — Star photo

63 held on various charges in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Oct 22: Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) arrested 63 miscreants on various charges from different parts of the city during past 24 hours ending six pm today.

Double Mooring police arrested Ferjo, 23, Badal, 30, Bachchu, 22, and Belal Hossein, 23, from Dewanhat overbridge area and recovered from their possession one boostergun and eight cartridges.

Kotwali police arrested Moklesur Rahman, 21, from Molisun College hostel gate and recovered from his possession one light gun and one cartridge.

Death condoled

Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury has expressed deep shock at the death of elderly politician and former member of the parliament Chowdhury Harun-ur-Rashid, reports UNB.

In a message of condolence today, the minister said at his death, the nation has lost a progressive politician.

She said his contribution in all democratic movements including Language Movement and Liberation War will be remembered forever.

The minister prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসআইসির পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Khulna Newsprint Mills Ltd, Town Khalishpur, Khulna invites sealed quotation under 2 (two) envelope system against International Tender Enquiry No. KNM/PD(F)-23/2000 dated 03-10-2000 for purchase of Bearings on C&F Mongla liner term basis under Cash Foreign Exchange. The quotation will be received within 11:00 AM on 29-11-2000 in the office of the Sr. General Manager (Purchase), BCIC, Dhaka and Addl. Chief Manager (Purchase), KNM Ltd, Khulna which shall be opened immediately thereafter. Tender documents shall be available on payment of Tk 200.00 (two hundred) per set (non-refundable) from 1) KNM Ltd, Khulna 2) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka & 3) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. Earnest Money is Tk 1% of the total quoted C&F (C) value. No tender documents shall be sold on the date of opening. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

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Addl Chief Manager
(Purchase)
for Managing Director

ড্রেডিং কর্পোরেশন অব বাংলাদেশ

প্রধান কার্যালয়

টিসিবি ভবন, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা
নং-টিসিবি/বি/গজর/৮/টেলার/২০০০ তারিখ: ২২-১০-২০০০ ইং
টিসিবি কর্তৃক আশ্রয়ন বাস্তবায়ন প্রকল্পের ৪টি সেনা ফরমেশনে

৭০৪.৫০ ঘনফুট উন্নতমানের চেরাই করা গর্জন কাঠ সরবরাহেরে
জন পুনঃ দরপত্র আহ্বান প্রসংগে

ড্রেডিং কর্পোরেশন অব বাংলাদেশ (টিসিবি) কর্তৃক আশ্রয়ন বাস্তবায়ন সংস্থা (আবাস) এর ৪টি সেনা ফরমেশনে চেরাই-কৃত উন্নতমানের গৰ্জন কাঠ পরিবহনের সরবরাহ দেয়ার লক্ষ্যে প্রত্যু ও বাস্তু অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন সরবরাহকারী/অভিজ্ঞানের নিকট থেকে পুনঃ দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। কাঠের সাইজ ও বিতরণিত বিবরণ দরপত্র সিভিলে উল্লেখ করা হচ্ছে।

প্রতিস্টো দরপত্র সিভিলের মূল্য টাঙ ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) (অফেরতমোগ্য) পরিমাণের সুবিধা সোনালী বাকে, টিসিবি ভবন শাখা, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা, টিসিবি অফিস, টিসিবি ভবন, বন্দর টিলা চৰ্কাধা ও টিসিবি, আশ্রয়ন অফিস, টিসিবি ভবন, ২১-২২, কেন্দ্রিক বা/এ, খুলনা হতে প্রতি কার্যালয়ের অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ক্রয় করা যাবে।

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দরদাতারে সকল সেনা ফরমেশনের সম্পূর্ণ কাঠ সরবরাহ করার জন্য দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। দরপত্র উন্নৰ্ত্ত দর অবস্থার অধৰা প্রাপ্তির মানে না হলে দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। কোন কারণ প্রদর্শন ব্যাতিক্রমে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা টিসিবি কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করে।

ফজলুল করিম খান

উদ্ধৃতন কার্যনির্বাচী (বি/গজর-২)

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Metropolitan Constitution has no clear provision to safeguard women's rights

Workshop on implementation of CEDAW convention in the country told

By Staff Correspondent

The Constitution asserts gender equality but there is no definite provision in it to safeguard the fundamental rights of women in the country. Also the Constitution is silent regarding private law of citizens, thus widening the discrimination against women prevailing in the society.

Barrister Anurul Islam pointed out the above at a day-long workshop "Constitution and Legal Provisions of Bangladesh in Implementing CEDAW: A Comparative Study" organised by Steps Towards Development at the auditorium of the IDB Bhaban in the city yesterday.

"Although Article 27 and 28 of the Constitution asserts gender equality, this is the equality of participation in public affairs of the state. But nowhere in the Constitution is there any direct provision in the Constitution to safeguard fundamental human rights of women," Barrister Anurul Islam said.

Minister for Agriculture Motia Chowdhury attended the workshop as chief guest.

The workshop was divided

into two sessions. Speakers at the first session "CEDAW and Constitution and Legal Provisions of Bangladesh" included Joint Secretary of Ministry of Law and Parliamentary Affairs Anwarul Haque, Barrister Anurul Islam and member and former chairperson of the UN CEDAW Committee Salma Khan. Justice KM Sobhan was the moderator.

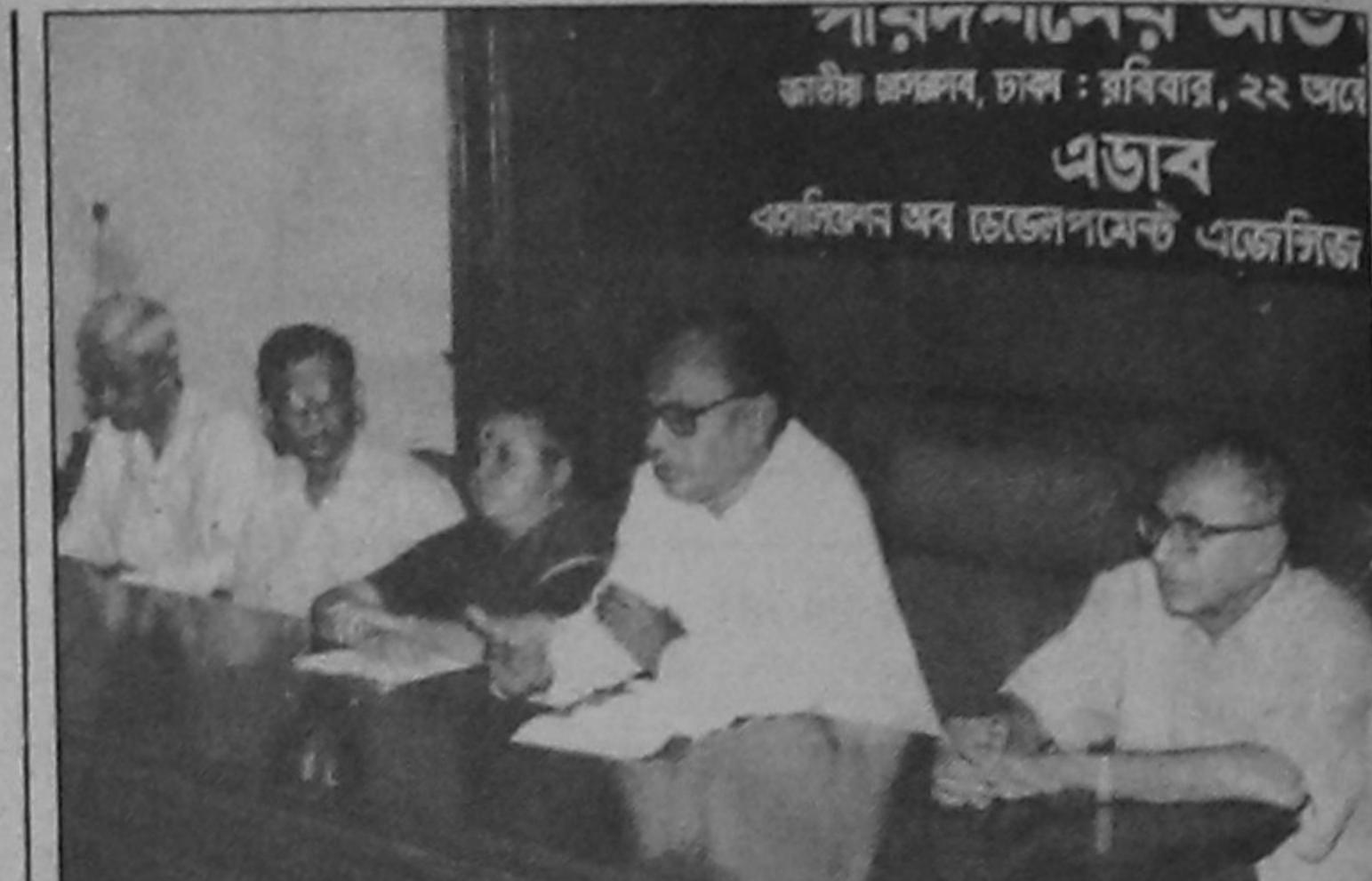
Speakers in the second session "National Activities in Implementing CEDAW Government and NGO Initiatives" included former director and Joint Secretary of the Directorate of Women Nilufar Begum, former vice-president and founder member of Women for Women Rowshan Jahan and Researcher of Ain-O-Salish Kendra Nilufar Martin. Gender and Governance consultant of British Council Farah Kabir was the moderator of this panel.

"Article 4 of the CEDAW Convention states that no temporal special benefit-provision for any backward community of the country will be considered as discriminatory. Article 28 of the Constitution of Bangladesh echoes this very principle," Agriculture Minister Motia Chowdhury said in her speech.

"The government has undertaken schemes like reservation of ten per cent seats for women in the Parliament, introduction of quotas in government services as positive discrimination for women, direct election at reserved seats at local government bodies, appointment of sixty per cent women teachers at Primary schools and taking special measures for women's education," the minister said.

The participants made recommendations for mobilisation of rural poor women and ensuring dignity of female garments workers, family law reforms and lifting of the reservations on the CEDAW convention that still exists.

Convention on Elimination of All Kinds of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) is a complete guide for establishing women's human right and government should take immediate measures to lift the restrictions on article 2 and article 16(1c) of the convention, they said.



Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) held a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday on the outcome of a meeting of ADAB representatives with the local administration, bar council and press club members at Laxmipur Circuit House on Saturday.

Govt urged to restore normalcy in Laxmipur

Chairperson of the Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) Kushi Kabir yesterday expressed grave concern over the prevailing law and order situation in Laxmipur district reports BSS.

"The government especially the Home Minister should immediately intervene to bring back normalcy," she said at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club.

Kushi Kabir was speaking on the outcome of a meeting of ADAB representatives with local administration, bar council and press club members on the situation in the district held at Laxmipur circuit house on Saturday.

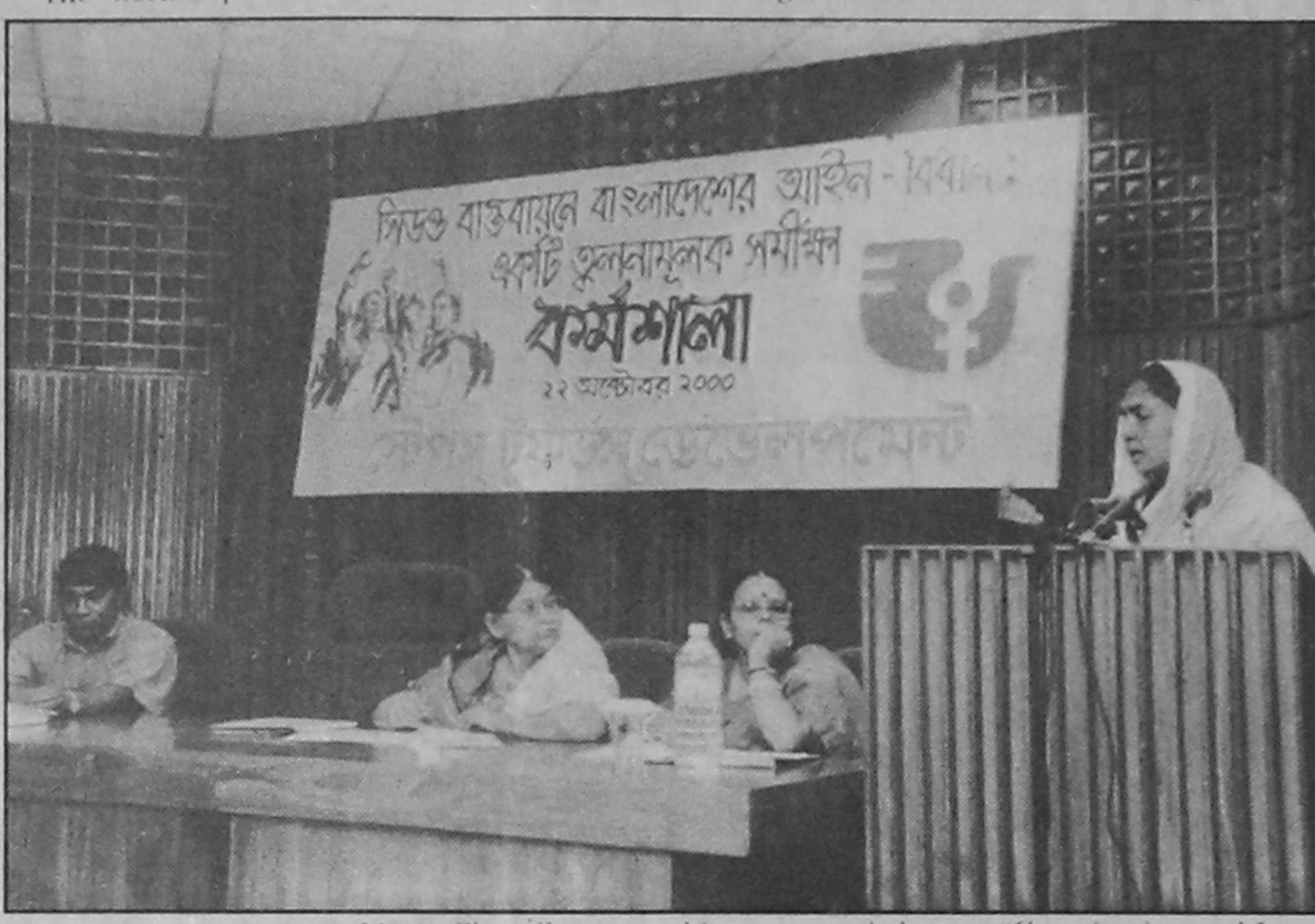
The ADAB team members including Justice K M Sobhan,

Volkswagen rally on Nov 25

The second grand Volkswagen rally will be brought out on November 25, reports UNB.

The colourful rally organised by the Volkswagen Club of Bangladesh will be brought out from Manik Miah Avenue at 10am and will end at the Martyrs Memorial in Savar. Some 50 VW Beetles are likely to participate in the rally.

A seven-member Coordination Committee of VW Club of Bangladesh has been formed to make the programme a success.



Minister for agriculture Motia Chowdhury speaking at a workshop on "Constitution and Legal Provisions of Bangladesh in Implementing CEDAW: A Comparative Study" organised by Steps Towards Development at the IDB Bhaban auditorium in the city yesterday.

CHANGE OF NAME

The name of "The Foundation for Promotion of Education and Research" (Registration Nos. under the Joint Stock Companies and Firms is S-1471(31)92 dated 13-5-92 and under the NGO Bureau is 698 dated 15 April 1993), 12 Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka-1213, has been changed as "The North South University Foundation" on approval of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms on 01 June 1997.

Cancel appointment of 37 travel agents: ARTAB

CHITTAGONG, Oct 22: Asociation of Registered Travel Agencies in Bangladesh (ARTAB) yesterday called upon the government to cancel appointment of 37 new travel agents for Unrash and Non-ballottee Hajis, a press release of ARTAB said, reports BSS.

The Executives Committee of ARTAB at a meeting at its central office at KC Dey Road,

demanded the restoration of old system under which all travel agencies were allowed to procure air tickets and complete other formalities for Non-ballottee Hajis.

The ARTAB meeting called for taking into consideration the loss and sufferings of the old travel agencies because of appointment of 37 new agents.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Moulvibazar

Telephone: 52245

Tender Invitation Notice

1. Tender Notice No-5(five) EE R&H, Road Division, Moulvibazar 2000-2001.

2. Name of work : Work of supply of stonechips singles P-gravels, brick etc for routine repairing work of different roads under Moulvibazar Road Division during 2000-2001 fiscal year.

3. Head of expenditure : Taka 8,13,748/00
4. Estimated cost : 16,275/00
5. Authority to approve estimate : Superintending Engineer, R&H, Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet.
6. Time for completion of work : 45 days (forty-five days).

7. Offices in which tender will be sold : 1) Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division Moulvibazar/Hobiganj/Sylhet/Sunamganj/Procurement (Civil) Division, Dhaka/Planning & Design Division, Comilla.

8. Offices in which tender will be received : 2) Sub Divisional Engineer, R&H, Road Sub-Division, Moulvibazar/Kulaura/Srimongal, Mechanical Sub-Division, Moulvibazar.

9. Offices in which tender will be received : 3) Additional Chief Engineer, R&H, Comilla Zone, Comilla.

10. Last date of selling tender : 31/10/2000Eng/16/7/1407Bang till office hours.

11. Date and time of receiving tender : 1/11/2000Eng/17/7/1407Bang till 12:30 PM.

12. Specific time and date for opening tender : 5/11/2000Eng/21/7/1407Bang at 12:45 PM.

13. Date and time of lottery to be held : 8/11/2000Eng/24/7/1407Bang at 12:45 PM in the office chamber of the undersigned.

14. Eligibility of contractor : "A" to "D" general category contractors.

Abul Bashir Mohiuddin Ahmad
Executive Engineer, R&H
Road Division, Moulvibazar.

Tender Invitation Notice by R&H Department

1. Tender Notice No : 04/MWD/2000-2001

2. Name of work : Work of supply of spare parts for self-starter of 110 HP capacity Daf Engine of utility type 2 (developed) Ferry No 12 and 16 (Model No-DNTD-620) of Jamalpur Ferry Ghat under Workshop Division (R&H), Mymensingh during 2000-2001 fiscal year.