



Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists held a roundtable discussion on "Press Freedom and Security of Journalists" at the National Press Club yesterday. Picture shows (from L to R) Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, Altaf Mahmud, Bazlur Rahman, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, A B M Musa and Akhter Ahmed Khan.

Build resistance against attacks on journalists

Speakers tell BFUJ roundtable

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a roundtable on "Press Freedom and Security of Journalists" yesterday called for building a resistance against the terrorists who are attacking journalists with the motive to destroy democracy.

They said that the freedom of press is under threat because of continued attacks on journalists in different parts of the country.

The Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) organised the discussion at the Jatiya Press Club to mark the World Press Freedom Day.

They called upon all sections of society to come forward to resist the evil attempt of terrorists to save journalists in the interest of civil society and democracy.

Chaired by BFUJ president Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, the discussion was addressed by journalist A B M Musa, editor of Sangbad Bazlur Rahman, Prof of Department of Journalism of Dhaka University Dr Shakhawat Ali Khan,

former foreign secretary Mohiuddin Ahmed, chief editor and managing director of BSS Haroon Habib, BFUJ vice-president Amirul Momenin and secretary general Akhter Ahmed Khan, journalist Shafiqur Rahman, DUJ president Altaf Mahmud and secretary Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, BFUJ joint secretary Shah Alamgir, BFUJ leader Yasin Ahmed, former IGP Dr Enamul Haq and director of Muktiuddha Museum Akbar Chowdhury.

Musa said the attacks on journalists came directly from the ruling autocrats and now the attacks came from the terrorists patronised by political parties.

He urged the newsmen to build a movement unitedly to face such heinous attacks.

Musa thanked those who helped journalist Tipu for his treatment and urged the government to take stern action against those who attacked journalist Probrir Sikder.

Bazlur Rahman said the police

always blame political pressure for their failure in arresting the terrorists.

If the political pressure is really a factor then why police has failed to arrest Mufti Hannan, the main suspect in the planting of bomb at the venue of the Prime Minister's rally at Kotlatalpa, he asked.

In fact, Rahman said, there was a lack of commitment of police to their profession.

Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury urged all concerned to protect journalists from terrorism with a view to institutionalising democracy.

Haroon Habib said the government alone cannot be held responsible for the incidents of terrorism which are being committed in the country.

Both the ruling and opposition parties have equal responsibility to resist terrorism, he added.

Expressing concern at the frequent attacks on journalists, he said newsmen in the rural areas were the worst victims.

Duaripara residents demand arrest of attackers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The residents of Duaripara, Palali, yesterday demanded arrest and exemplary punishment of Al-Amin Sikder and the members of his gang who carried out the attack on the local people and terrorised the neighbourhood on April 23 and 24.

They were speaking at a press conference at Duaripara bazaar in the morning which was attended by wounded freedom fighter Amir Hossain Mollah, Rafiqul Islam Monir, Belal Uddin, Abdul Kader Fakir, Satter Mollah and Jalil Hossain Mollah.

Al-Amin and his gang made an attempt to abduct and kill freedom fighter Amir Hossain on April 23. He, however, was rescued by the members of Ainuddin and Fajnuessa Waqf estate.

The local people alleged that Al-Amin has been trying to evict some of the residents of the estate at gunpoint since he was made general secretary of the estate six months ago.

He and his gang have been engaged in extortion for a long time and made fortune by selling the plots of the estate, they alleged.

They said Amir Hossain was the target of the gang as he protested their activities.

The situation in the area is now virtually normal as police were deployed in and around the area. But the local people fear that the gang will attack them again once the police pull out.

They urged the Home Minister to set up a police camp in the area

to ensure their security.

They also urged the waqf authorities to distribute the land among the permanent settlers. They suggested forming a managing committee with local residents in this regard.

Qulkhwani



Qulkhwani of late Kulsum Begum will be held today (Friday) at House No. 8, Road No. 6, Banani-Block "C" after Asr prayer, says a press release.

Kulsum Begum, wife of late Delwar Hossain Khan, died in Dhaka two days ago at the age of 84. She is the mother of late Nurul Momen Khan, a secretary to the government and mother-in-law of A.R. Khandker, ex-Inspector General of Police.

She is survived by four sons and three daughters. Friends, relations and admirers are requested to attend the qulkhwani and pray for her departed soul.



Chairman of Partex Group M A Hashem inaugurating the Partex Furniture Gallery in the city yesterday.

Arena Multimedia launches 'Dual Diploma' course

DU CORRESPONDENT

Arena Multimedia, a division of Apteck Bangladesh Limited (ABL), launched a 'Dual Diploma' course on multimedia and web engineering yesterday.

The new course will simultaneously offer two diplomas - 'Advanced Diploma in Multimedia' and 'Professional Diploma in Web Engineering', the officials of the organisation told a press conference in the city yesterday.

"Divided in five semesters, the modules have been planned in such a way that the entire course will be completed in two and a half years, while the fees of the course is Tk one lakh and five thousand only," they said.

The course is a combination of multimedia applications and web technologies and offers career possibilities in high profile industries such as the web page designing, animation industry, entertainment, advertising, print and publishing.

Arena, the biggest multimedia and web training institute in Asia according to a market survey, has already established 220 centres in six countries. And the Apteck, a US based IT education institute, has 2159 centres in 42 countries.

In the last two years, the software industry across the globe grew by 65 per cent, while the multimedia segment alone grew by 90 per cent, the organisers said.

Among others, Amitava Ghosh, managing director of Apteck Bangladesh Limited, Farhad Hussain and Brig (ret) Md Zakir Hossain addressed the launching ceremony.

Partex Furniture Gallery opens

Partex Furniture Industries Ltd of the Partex Group family inaugurated its sales centre "Partex Furniture Gallery" at Monipurpara yesterday, says a press release.

Chairman of Partex Group M A Hashem inaugurated the gallery.

The gallery has announced a 10 per cent discount on all items for the month of May to mark the inauguration of the centre.

Vice Chairman of the group Aziz Al Kaiser, Managing Director (Complex-2) Aziz Al Mahmood and Director Sultana Hashem also were present on the occasion.

DHAKA TODAY

Launching ceremony

Dawn Corporation will launch Automatic Hygiene and Odour Control System dispenser by Technical Concepts of USA. Venue: Golden Chimney Restaurant, Sonar Tori Tower, 12 Sonargang Road, Bangla Motor. Time: 2:30 pm.

Launching ceremony

The launching ceremony of LINC IT in Bangladesh will be held. Venue: BRAC Centre Inn Auditorium. Time: 4:30 pm.

Art exhibition

The 6th solo painting exhibition of Abu Selim will be inaugurated. Venue: Drik Gallery. Time: 5:00 pm.

Film Show

Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will screen La Haine by Mathieu Kassovitz and

Vatel by Roland Joffe. Venue: Auditorium of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road. Time: 10:30 am and 6:00 pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

DRU procession

Dhaka Reporters' unity will bring out a procession to protest the rising attacks on journalism. Venue: From DRU premises at 8/4A Tophkana Road. Time: 2:00 pm.

Launching ceremony

Sound Touch will hold the launching ceremony of a music CD titled Nadi boys jai written by Prof Abu Sayeed. Venue: Panda Garden, Mohakhali. Time: 5:00 pm.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and a few places over Sylhet and Khulna divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Little change in day temperature is expected over the country during the period. Met Offices said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Satkhira and the lowest of 19.6 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:32 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:18 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	28.8	24.0	88	84
Chittagong	30.0	23.2	78	79
Rajshahi	28.6	22.6	100	86
Khulna	34.0	26.8	83	79
Barisal	32.5	26.4	87	91
Sylhet	23.0	20.1	100	94
Cox's Bazar	33.2			93

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Company	FV/ML (Tk./No.)	DSE			CSE			Financial Performance			Company	FV/ML (Tk./No.)	DSE					
		Closing	Price Change (%)	Turnover Share	Closing	Price Change (%)	Turnover Share	Last AGM	EPS (Tk.)	DPS (%)			Closing	Price Change (%)	Turnover Share			
AB Bank Ltd.	10005	201.75	-1.59	205.00	12120	200.00	Not Traded	26/10/00	21.6	12.5	Delta Millers Ltd.	10020	57.00	1.33	56.25	120.00		
City Bank Ltd.	10005	199.00	-1.49	202.00	20	120.00	Not Traded	25/11/00	90.1	—	Apex Weaving & Finis.	10005	85.75	4.89	81.75	29600		
IFC Bank Ltd.	10005	253.50	-1.65	257.25	5635	272.00	Not Traded	05/07/99	23.3	—	Dandy Dyeing Ltd.	10050	61.00	1.67	60.00	800		
Islamic Bank Bangladesh Ltd.	10005	1251.15	-75.01	2516.50	610	2505.00	-0.60	24/08/00	18.1	21.0	Beximco Textiles Ltd.	10050	125.00	0.40	124.50	3550		
National Bank Ltd.	10020	266.00	-0.65	267.75	24520	270.00	0.84	26/7/95	316.0	—	BD Zipper Ltd.	10050	64.25	0.39	64.00	400		
Pubali Bank Ltd.	10005	278.00	0.21	252.25	35	115.00	Not Traded	18/11/00	18.3	20.0	Beximco Denims Ltd.	10050	156.00	0.00	156.00	850		
Rupali Bank Ltd.	10010	104.00	-0.73	111.50	600	75.00	Not Traded	11/03/00	12.4	—	Prime Textiles Ltd.	10020	82.00	2.32	82.75	8300		
UCBL	10005	147.25	-1.83	150.00	3860	155.00	Not Traded	15/09/99	15.6	—	M. Hossain Garments Ltd.	10050	39.50	-1.25	40.00	1100		
Utrara Bank Ltd.	10005	291.75	0.86	289.25	760	—	Not Listed	19/12/00	19.0	—	Saikh Knitwear Ltd.	10050	48.50	1.57	47.75	1500		
IDLC Ltd.	10020	470.00	-2.08	480.00	20	480.00	Not Traded	21/05/00	37.3	27.5	Chic Text Ltd.	10050	7.60	-1.30	7.70	60500		
Utrara Finance and Invs.	10050	228.00	0.00	228.00	6000	222.00	-5.53	23/5/00	20.0	20.0	Sreepur Textile Ltd.	10050	40.00	0.63	39.75	10		
Al Arifa Islamic Bank	10005	160.00	-1.97	167.00	395	165.00	-2.25	16/8/00	70.0	21.0	Mono Fabrics Ltd.	10050	70.00	1.08	69.25	3950		
Prime Bank Ltd.	10050	350.50	-1.97	352.00	6200	353.25	Not Traded	07/04/01	72.0	30.0	Seamless Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	10020	110.00	0.00	110.00	200		
Southeast Bank Ltd.	10050	278.75	0.00	278.75	10100	284.24	23.4	27/8/00	435.0	—	Anima Yarn & Dyeing	10050	113.50	-0.22	113.75	1100		
Dhaka Bank Ltd.	10050	257.75	0.10	257.50	3950	281.00	Not Traded	17/09/00	34.3	25.0	H.R. Textile Ltd.	10050	91.75	-0.54	92.25	11450		
N C Bank Ltd.	10050	170.25	-0.21	166.75	25250	179.00	-3.47	17/3/00	214.00	—	Gen Knitwear	10050	35.25	-0.62	37.75	400		
Social Investment Bank Ltd.	10005	1192.00	-0.21	1194.50	205	—	Not Traded	—	—	CMC Kamal Textile Ltd.	10050	90.00	0.56	89.50	50			
ABCL Bank Ltd.	10005	331.25	-0.43	349.75	4250	—	Not Listed	—	—	BD Luggage (Debi)	10020	159.00	0.63	158.00	3700			
											PHARMA & CHEM.							
6th ICB Mutual Fund	10010	151.00	0.33	150.00	30	158.00	5.33	150.00	50	02/11/00	22.4	15.0	Ambee Pharma	10050	45.90	0.00	45.90	1100
8th ICB Mutual Fund	10050	135.00	-7.06	145.25	10	132.00	Not Traded	02/11/00	15.9	12.5	Beximco Pharma	10050	55.60	-0.71	56.00	94400		
1st BSR Mutual Fund	10050	75.50	-0.98	76.25	2200	72.75	Not Traded	—	—	ACI Limited	10050	56.40	-0.18	56.50	14400			
AIMS First	12500	0.93	0.00	0.93	35300	0.93	-1.06	0.94	30000	—	5.29	5.00	Puro Synthetic Ltd.	10050	4.50	9.76	4.10	1480
											ENGINEERING							
Atari Automobiles Ltd.	10005	219.75	1.15	217.25	490	219.00	1.98	214.75	10	14/12/00	18.9	16.0	Reckitt Benckiser (BD) Ltd.	10050	77.00	-2.53	79.00	1750
Aziz Pipes Ltd.	10005	250.25	-1.38	253.75	400	274.00	Not Traded	14/09/00	-3.1	—	Kolmoroh Chemical	10050	133.00	-0.22	134.50	575		
Olympic Industries Ltd.	10005	123.00	1.44	121.25	4950	120.25	Not Traded	09/10/00	-2.5	—	The Ibn Sina	10050	205.00	-0.49	206.00	20		
Bangladesh Lamps Ltd.	10005	470.00	-1.62	477.75	10	480.00	Not Traded	25/09/00	9.11	15.0	Rahman Chemicals	10010	20.00	19.40	16.75	340		
Eastern Cables Ltd.	10005	136.25	-1.27	138.25	920	136.00	-1.63	138.25	350	12/06/00	8.15	10.0	Beximco Polymers Ltd.	10050	266.75	-0.47	265.50	220
Tropi Pipes Ltd.	10005	24.00	-7.59	26.00	66	—	Not Listed	21/12/00	-129	—	National Infusion Ltd.	10010	185.00	0.52	185.00	790		
Mono Staffers Ltd.	10005	260.00	1.96	255.00	20	—	Not Listed	29/11/99	18.2	20.0	Libra Infusions Ltd.	10020	196.00	-4.39	205.00	40		
Singer Bangladesh Ltd.	10005	183.75	-0.53	190.00	190	121.70	Not Traded	27/05/00	64.6	50.0	Orion Infusions Ltd.	10020	134.86	3.17	135.75	36900		
BD Bangladesh Ltd.	10050	130.00	-1.52	132.00	50	—	Not Traded	14/12/99	8.76	10.0	Imam Button Ltd.	10050	115.50	-0.65	116.25	1500		
BD Ancutars Ltd.	10005	24.25	16.87	20.75	1380	23.00	9.52	21.00	1200	30/12/97	11.6	—	Perfume Chemical	10050	49.75	4.19	47.75	3800
Quamem Drycells Ltd.	10010	18.50	-0.54	18.25	44400	18.50	-1.07	18.70	29400	23/12/99	1.11	10.0	J.H. Chemical Ind.	10050	54.25	-1.38	55.00	450
Renwick Japanex Ltd.	10005	25.50	-1.92	26.00	70	—	Not Listed	31/03/01	85.2	35.0	PAPER & PACKAGING							
National Toys Ltd.	10010	500.00	0.00	500.00	70	—	Not Listed	28/09/00	10.2	20.0	Padma Printers Ltd.	10050	6.00	5.26	5.70	700		
BD Thai Aluminium Ltd.	10010	185.00	-0.13	185.25	2670	200.00	Not Traded	08/09/00	14.4	10.0	Sonata Paper Ltd.	10050	6.00	7.14	5.60	390		
Anwar Galvanizing Ltd.	10050	147.25	-3.13	152.00	150	148.00	Not Traded	28/03/00	14.4	10.0	BD. Monosop Paper Plant	10005	70.75	1.43	69.75	7230		
Kay & Q (BD) Ltd.	10005	117.25	0.00	117.25	300	107.50	Not Traded	20/09/00	1.61	—	Paper Processing Ltd.	10010	37.75	3.42	36.50	2700		
Divender Land Toys Ltd.	10010	399.50	-0.32	391.75	399	395.00	Not Traded	14/12/00	4.2	20.0	Map Paper Ltd.	10020	53.00	-0.47	53.25	80		
Rangpur Foundry Ltd.	10050	22.20	-2.63	22.00	206500	22.30	-1.76	22.70	146000	06/07/00	1.39	15.0	Map Paper Enterprises Ltd.	10050	28.00	-0.94	30.25	4880
											SEMI-CONDUCTOR							
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	10050	54.30	0.18	54.20	100	62.00	Not Traded	29/03/00	5.00	42.5	Shinopur Holdings Ltd.	10020	69.50	9.45	63.50	110300		
Apex Foods Ltd.	10005	369.00	0.00	369.00	205	380.00	Not Traded	09/12/00	16.0	10.0	Eastern Housing Ltd.	10020	114.25	0.00	114.25	9600		
Utrara Industries Ltd.	10005	51.00	3.53	49.25	740	46.00	Not Traded	09/10/00	3.25	—	MISCELLANEOUS							
BLTC	10005	400.00	-6.32	427.00	30	—	Not Listed	09/08/00	31.9	27.5	Apex Tannery Ltd.	10005	171.00	0.00	171.00	18990		
BATBCL	10050	104.40	-0.19	104.60	50250	105.00	Not Traded	19/06/00	5.92	40.0	Arif Industries Ltd.	10050	14.00	-1.18	14.60	5350		
Dhaka Vegetable Ltd.	10005	18.50	19.35	15.00	160	—	Not Listed	24/10/00	-7.5	—	Bata Shoe Ltd.	10010	121.20	-0.33	121.60	1200		
Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills	10050	44.00	7.32	41.00	1400	—	Not Listed	05/03/00	-8.8	—	GQ Ball Pen Inc. Ltd.	10050	25.60	-0.26	25.80	1550		
Tejgaon Dairy & Food Ltd.	10010	82.00	-4.93	86.25	200	—	Not Listed	30/12/99	-0.8	—	Mono Ceramics Ltd.	10050	331.00	-0.23	331.75	245		
Chittagong Vegetable	10010	70.00	Not Traded	—	66.00	-0.73	68.50	20	30/12/99	0.8	—	Unison Glass	10005	406.00	Not Traded	—	—	
Beximco Fisheries Ltd.	10020	72.00	1.05	71.25	900	72.00	Not Traded	25/06/00	8.00	5.00	Sashida Glass Ltd.	10050	483.00	0.00	484.50	300		
Bengal Biscuits Ltd.	10020	44.25	1.72	43.50	360	44.00	-0.56	44.25	200	25/06/00	-3.8	5.00	BEXIMCO LTD.					
Megha Shrimp	10020	123.50	0.41	123.00	1700	124.00	0.61	123.25	1760	20/12/00	13.9	15.0	Chittagong Cement	10050	1196.25	-0.42	1201.25	795
Rupali (BD) Ltd.	10050	115.00	0.00	115.00	49500	117.00	0.00	117.00	41500	23/12/00	0.27	—	Texipex Industries Ltd.	10010	29.00	-6.45	31.00	1400
Utrara (Pan)	10010	399.50	-0.32	391.75	399	395.00	Not Traded	14/12/00	4.2	20.0	Apex Footwear Ltd.	10020	198.00	0.72	197.25	1480		
Dhaka Fisheries Ltd.	10050	67.00	0.00	67.00	500	60.00	Not Traded	14/12/00	4.28	—	Confidence Cement	10050	483.00	0.00	484.50	300		
Shampur Sugar Mills	10010	3.50	9.13	3.20	9500	3.50	Not Listed	30/12/00	-15	—	Meghma Cement Ltd.	10050	412.25	0.30	413.50	70500		
Megha Vegetable	10010	46.25	2.21	45.25	800	44.00	Not Traded	18/12/00	-14	—	Lexco Ltd.	10010	110.00	-0.90	111.00	50		
Rahima Food Corp.	10050	38.00	5.56	36.00	2450	32.00	Not Traded	10/10/00	3.11	—	Bengal Fine Ceramic	10050	104.75	3.20	101.50	1550		
Gul Food Ltd.	10050	62.25	-4.23	65.00	650	68.00	Not Traded	10/10/00	3.11	—	Excelsior Shoes Ltd.	10050	27.50	5.77	26.00	1700		
Mono Food Ind.	10050	49.00	2.08	48.00	100	49.00	49.00	49.00	200	10/10/99	0.87	—	Samit Shoes & Engg.	10050	21.00	1.48	20.00	3000
Gul Food Aqua Farms Ltd.	10050	3.50	9.13	3.20	9500	3.50	Not Listed	30/12/00	-15	—	Paragon Leather	10050	38.50	4.05	37.00	16850		
Bionic Seafood Exporters Ltd.	10050	9.70	-1.02	9.90	200500	—	Not Listed	17/08/01	1.73	10.0	Nitoy Cement Ind. Ltd.	10050	273.00	-0.09	273.25	31100		
Fai-Wang Food Ltd.	10050	9.40	0.00	9.40	20000	9.50	-1.04	9.60	4000	10/12/00	0.39	—	Rose Heaven Ball Pen	10050	15.20	0.66	15.10	36500
											FUEL & POWER							
BOC (BD) Ltd.	10050	101.30	0.20	101.60	1300	101.00	-1.94	103.00	100	10/02/01	3.03	40.0	Fu-wang Ceramic	10050	180.50	0.70	179.25	52800
National Quartz Ltd.	10010	18.25	13.00	21.00	440	73.00	Not Traded	30/07/97	11	—	Samit Insurance Ltd.	10050	29.25	0.00	29.25	1400		
Bangladesh Welding	10050	7.00	0.00	7.00	4500	7.10	1.43	7.00	500	12/06/00	0.05	—	Samata Leather	10050	88.20	-0.30	87.75	1450
											JUTE							
Northern Jute Ltd.	10020	9.30	4.49	8.90	7400	—	Not Listed	14/12/00	-5.5	—	Sinohanga Industries Ltd.	10050	22.70	0.00	22.70	2500		
Sulch Carpet Ltd.	10050	2.80	0.00	2.70	48200	—	Not Listed	30/09/98	-13	—	Legacy Footwear Ind.	10050	6.60	3.13	6.40	24800		
											TEXTILE							
Admiral Textile Ltd.	10050	9.70	0.00	9.70	11500	9.08	2.08	9.60	3100	14/12/00	-1.6	—	Miracle Industries Ltd.	10050	13.40	0.00	13.40	7600
Quamem Silk Mills Ltd.	10050	7.60	4.11	7.30	16100	—	Not Listed	29/06/00	0.12	—	Rapiti Chemical Management	10050	14.10	-0.70	14.20	52000		
Saitham Textile Ltd.	10050	82.00	2.18	80.25	3350	81.25	0.31	81.00	150	21/12/00	14.5	7.50	INSURANCE					
Edge Star Textile Mills	10050	5.00	11.54	5.20	7250	5.50	3.77	5.30	3000</									