

'Division among Bangladeshis ends with repeal of Vested Property Act'

BSS, Dhaka

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzaq yesterday said the policy of creating divisions among the Bangladeshis came to an end with the passage of the Enemy (Vested) Property Return Bill-2001 in the Jatiya Sangsad.

Joining the Liberation War against the divide and rule policy of the English and Punjabis at the call of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Bangladeshis earned independence and they would go with that single identity," he said.

The minister said this in his inaugural speech to the two-day Fifth Triennial National Conference of Bangladesh Hindu, Buddhist, Christian Oikya Parishad at the Paltan Maidan in the city.

Presided over by one of the presidents of the Parishad Major General (Retd) C R Dutta, Bir Udam, the conference was addressed by State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed, State Minister for Land Affairs Rashed Mosharraf and State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Satish Chandra Ray as special guests.

It was also addressed by Chairman of Muktiyoddha Sanghati Parishad Lt. Col. Shaokot Ali, MP, Jatiya Party pension member G M Kader, MP eminent freedom fighter Syed Hassan Imam,

Communist Party of Bangladesh leader Mujahedul Islam Selim, ADAB Chairperson Khushi Kabir, journalist Shahriar Kabir, Gano Forum leader Pangko Bhattacharya, Roushan Jahan Sathi, former MP Promod Mankin and general secretary of the Oikya Parishad Prof Nim Chandra Bhownik.

Abdur Razzaq said: "Pakistani strongman Ayub Khan divided the Bangladeshis, slapping the inhuman Enemy Property Act in 1965". The Bangladeshis irrespective of religions, castes and creed fought for the repeal of the 'black law' for long.

Expressing his hope to build the country as a happy, prosperous and healthy nation, Razzaq said the unity must be in line with the Liberation War ethos.

Prof Abu Sayeed said military ruler General Zia had banished secularism from the country's constitution without taking public opinion into consideration.

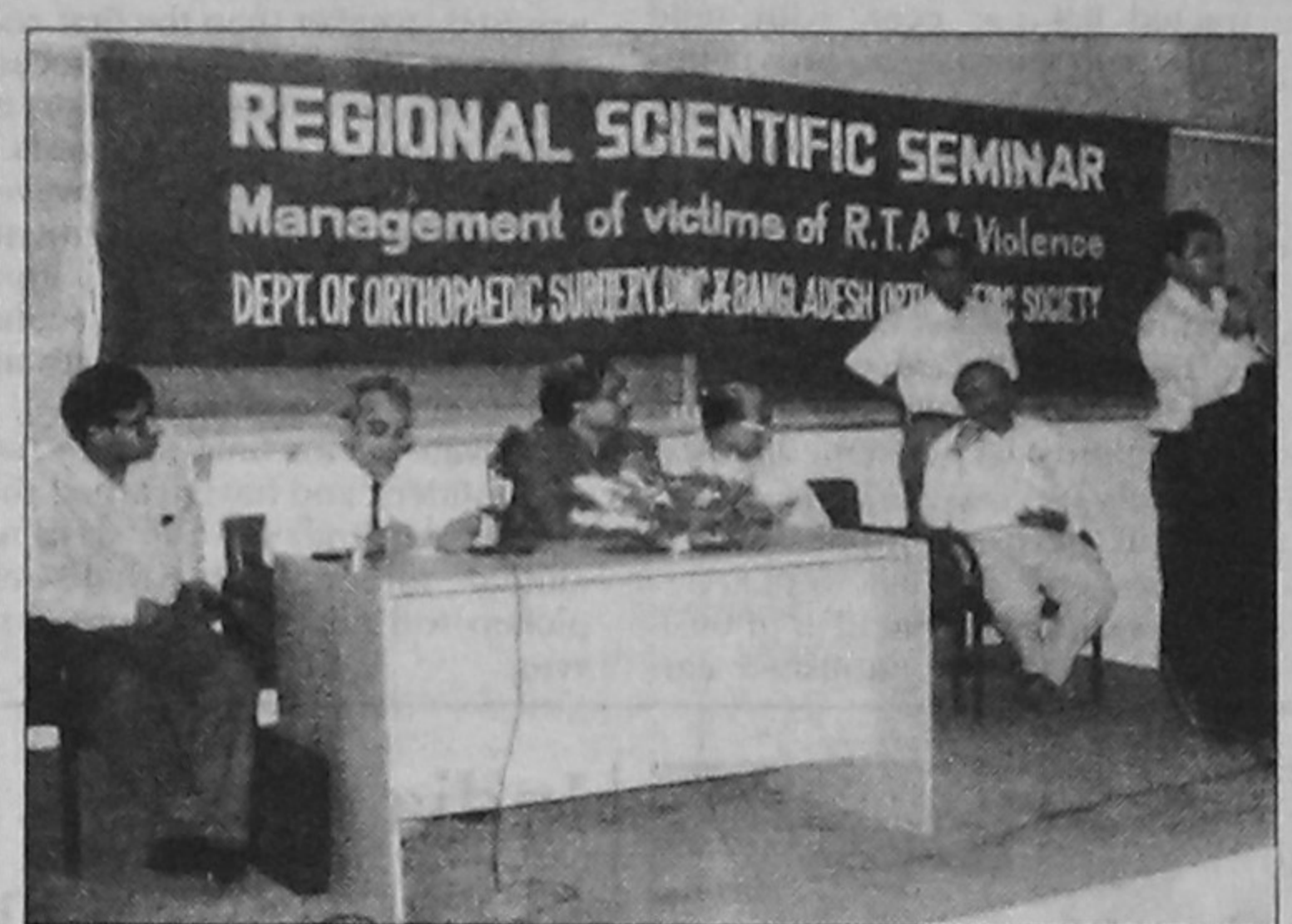
He said the country was divided and turned into a 'mini-Pakistan' after the hideous massacre of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman along with most of his family members in 1975.

"Our identity as Bangladeshis is recognised by history, and as long as the world exists, so long will be identity," he said.

He said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the daughter of the Ban-



Kazi Rafiqul Alam, Executive Director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission speaking at a discussion meeting held in the city yesterday to mark World No Tobacco Day. The discussion was organised by Ahsania Mission Drug Prevention and Control Programme (AMIK) and Law and Society-Bangladesh.



Bangladesh Orthopaedic Society in association with the Orthopaedic Department of Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday organised a seminar on "Management of Victims of Traffic Accidents and Violence" in the city yesterday.



Chairman of TIB Board of Trustees Prof. Khan Sarwar Murshid speaking as the chief guest at a seminar on "The role of civil society in curbing corruption and Transparency International Bangladesh" in Mymensingh yesterday. The programme was organized by the Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC), Mymensingh. Sadar.

Govt, NGOs to jointly observe Environment Day

UNB, Dhaka

Like previous years, the government and the NGOs will jointly observe the International Environment Day across the country on June 5.



Justice Mostafa Kamal, former Chief Justice, addressing the biennial conference of Lions Club International at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

Little change in day temperature is expected over the country, Met office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 34.3 degree Celsius was recorded at Rangamati and the lowest 20.5 degree Celsius at Rajshahi and Ishwardi.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:40 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11 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	32.5	21.6	91	58
Chittagong	32.8	26.5	68	75
Rajshahi	31.5	20.5	78	73
Khulna	31.4	22.0	--	--
Barisal	28.5	24.5	96	83
Sylhet	33.7	25.2	94	60
Cox's Bazar	33.7	25.0	75	72

DRU celebrates 6th founding anniversary

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka Reporters' Unity celebrated its 6th founding anniversary yesterday with a call to observe May 26 every year as "Reporters Day".

On the occasion DRU held a reunion at its office. Past and present office bearers of the organization as well as a good number of reporters attended the function.

DRU's founding president Shafiqul Kabir, former presidents Azmal Hossain Khadem and Shahjahan Sardar and former general secretaries Saiful Amin and Mahidul Islam Itau addressed the ceremony chaired by its acting president Anil Bashir.

The function was also addressed by DRU general secretary Motaher Hossain Masum, joint general secretary Saleh Shibly, publication secretary Pathik Saha, cultural secretary Shaban Mahmud and former office bearers Shawkat Hossain Masum, Monir Hossain Liton and Shahed Chowdhury.

5 get DU Dean Award '98-'99

UNB, Dhaka

Three teachers and two students of Dhaka University have received 'Arts Faculty Dean Award 1998-99' for their outstanding performance.

Prof Shahjahan Mia of Philosophy, Prof Parveen Hasan of Islamic History and Culture and Assistant Prof Geeti Ara Nasrin of Mass Communication and Journalism department were awarded for their research works in respective fields.

Besides, M Shahidul Islam of English department and Naifra Khan of Linguistic department were given the Dean Award for their best combined results in Bangla and English foundation courses examinations.

DHAKA TODAY

Seminar

Government Coalition will hold a seminar on "Democracy and Poverty: A Missing Link." Venue: CIDRAP auditorium, Chameli House, 17, Tophkhana Road. Time: 9.30 am.

Art exhibition

The fourth solo art exhibition of Rezaul Karim opens. Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts. Time: 4.00 pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

BISS seminar

Bangladesh Institute of International and strategic studies will hold a two-day long seminar on "Bangladesh-Southeast Asian Relations". Venue: BISS auditorium, 1/46 Elephant Road. Time: 9.30 am.

Symposium

The American Center will hold a symposium on NGO management techniques. Venue: CIDRAP auditorium, Chameli House, 17 Tophkhana Road. Time: 10.00am-4.00 pm.

Discussion meeting

Nagorik Forum will hold a discussion meeting on "Border aggression and the subversive role of Awami government". Venue: VIP lounge of National Press Club. Time: 3.30 pm.

STOCK

TODAY'S TRADED ISSUES MAY 26, 2001									
DSE			CSE			Financial Performance			
Company	FMV (Tk.)	Price	Company	FMV (Tk.)	Price	Last AGM	EPS	DPS	
AB Bank Ltd.	10005	263.75	0.47	265.00	58600	271.50	7.31	253.00	2885
AB Bank Ltd.	10005	190.00	-1.04	191.00	100	2511.00	9.11	---	---
AB Bank Ltd.	10005	288.75	-6.50	314.00	3935	295.00	3.99	360.00	155
IFCI Bank Ltd.	10005	307.00	-3.50	314.00	77	311.00	-0.56	314.00	67
IFCI Bank Ltd.	10005	305.00	-4.76	320.00	37600	319.75	-0.70	322.00	14580
Pubali Bank Ltd.	10005	95.00	1.42	96.00	210	115.00	Not	Traded	---
Pubali Bank Ltd.	10005	185.00	-7.50	200.00	3584	186.00	Not	Traded	---
Rupali Bank Ltd.	10005	321.75	4.72	307.25	6250	---	---	---	---
Utkal Bank Ltd.	10005	399.50	-2.80	411.00	900	410.00	10.22	372.00	450
Al Baraka Bank Ltd.	10005	590.00	1.80	1350.00	13	---	---	---	---
IDLC Ltd.	10005	370.00	1.80	500.00	320	490.00	Not	Traded	---
United Leasing Co. Ltd.	10005	625.00	-1.26	633.00	40	---	---	---	---
United Leasing Co. Ltd.	10005	276.50	-4.20	277.75	10850	280.00	3.64	275.00	500
Al Arifin Islamic Bank	10005	772.25	-4.00	1847.25	1335	1035.00	-1.08	1855.00	145
Prime Bank Ltd.	10005	399.50	-2.80	411.00	900	410.00	10.22	372.00	450
Southeast Bank Ltd.	10005	368.00	-2.50	373.75	63450	375.00	-4.86	378.25	22500
Dhaka Bank Ltd.	10005	352.50	-2.80	360.00	11000	281.00	-0.11	237.50	42750
N C Bank Ltd.	10005	225.00	-4.81	239.00	76000	237.25	-0.11	237.50	42750
Social Investment Bank	10005	370.00	-1.42	1870.00	95	---	---	---	---
Dhaka Bank Ltd.	10005	397.50	-3.34	411.25	7950	---	---	---	---
INVESTMENT									
4th ICB Mutual Fund	10005	381.00	-1.06	377.00	20	320.00	Not	Traded	---
1st ICB Mutual Fund	10005	160.00	-4.76	168.00	110	150.00	Not	Traded	---
8th ICB Mutual Fund	10005	144.75	-2.12	141.75	350	132.00	Not	Traded	---
1st ICB Mutual Fund	10005	87.00	-1.75	85.50	9240	88.00	6.02	83.00	80
AIMS First	12500	1.22	11.91	1.095375000	---	1.21	10.00	1.102525000	---
ENGINEERING									
Afrah Automobiles Ltd.	10005	238.75	-0.93	241.00	795	235.00	Not	Traded	---
Afrah Automobiles Ltd.	10005	310.50	3.16	301.00	2145	321.00	Not	Traded	---
Olympic Industries Ltd.	10005	542.25	-2.14	548.50	13180	540.00	Not	Traded	---
Bangladesh Lamps Ltd.	10005	510.25	-0.46	507.00	600	500.00	Not	Traded	---
Eastern Cables Ltd.	10005	149.50	-1.48	151.75	13740	151.50	-0.33	152.00	260
Singer Bangladesh Ltd.	10005	304.25	-1.03	329.00	640	330.00	3.17	320.00	100
BD. Autocare Ltd.	10005	25.75	-1.98	25.25	150	25.00	Not	Traded	---
Quorum Drycells Ltd.	10005	72.40	-4.67	21.40	51950	22.40	3.70	21.60	57500
National Tubes Ltd.	10005	30.00	0.00	30.00	200	29.25	Not	Traded	---
BD. Thai Aluminium Ltd.	10005	201.25	-0.37	200.50	7310	200.00	Not	Traded	---
BEMCO Ltd.	10005	27.00	-8.47	29.50	50	---	---	---	---
Anwar Galvanizing Ltd.	10005	165.75	-2.50	170.00	2400	148.00	Not	Traded	---
Kay & Que (BD) Ltd.	10005	131.00	-0.77	130.00	1800	107.50	Not	Traded	---
Wesder Land Toys Ltd.	10005	87.00	-1.75	85.50	9240	88.00	6.02	83.00	80
Rangpur Foundry Ltd.	10005	24.00	2.05	24.40	126500	24.00	0.40	24.80	28500
FOOD & ALLIED									
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	10005	58.00	-1.02	58.00	400	58.00	Not	Traded	---
Apar Foods Ltd.	10005	414.00	-0.85	415.00	1650	420.00	0.00	420.00	20
Food Industries Ltd.	10005	56.25	-0.44	56.00	2435	55.00	Not	Traded	---
BATCO	10005	430.00	0.00	430.00	5	---	---	---	---
BATBCL	10005	106.00	0.57	105.40	32600	107.00	1.90	105.00	100
Chaitany Dairy & Food Ltd.	10005	80.75	2.22	79.00	1400	---	---	---	---
Dhaka Fisheries Ltd.	10005	72.00	9.99	66.00	80	70.00	Not	Traded	---
Bengal Biscuits Ltd.	10005	76.50	4.79	73.00	1140	75.00	Not	Traded	---
Meghna Shrimp	10005	46.00	1.66	45.25	2160	45.50	1.12	44.50	190
Raspi In (bd) Ltd.	10005	132.00	0.57	131.25	16700	132.50	0.38	132.00	1980
AMCL (Pvt) Ltd.	10005	12.50	2.46	12.20	41250	12.50	1.63	12.30	39500
Dhaka Fisheries Ltd.	10005	42.75	1.16	41.675	6180	42.75	1.61	42.00	100
Meghna Vegetable	10005	76.50	4.79	73.00	1140	75.00	Not	Traded	---
Rahimco Food Corp.	10005	46.50	1.09	46.00	400	42.25	Not	Traded	---
Gul Food Ltd.	10005	38.50	-0.45	38.75	400	37.00	Not	Traded	---
Musa Food Ind. Ltd.	10005	68.00	-1.45	69.00	1900	75.00	Not	Traded	---
Carchilaba Aqua.	10005	53.25	-1.30	54.00	2500	54.50	1.87	53.50	400
Bonac Seafoods Ltd.	10005	10.50	0.00	10.50	32500	10.50	Not	Traded	---
Fu-Wang Food Ind.	10005	10.00	0.40	10.40	117000	10.40	0.00	10.40	19500
Meghna PET Industries	10005	13.00	6.56	12.20	36600	---	---	---	---
FUEL & POWER									
BDCL (BD) Ltd.	10005	105.20	1.15	104.00	2450	101.00	Not	Traded	---
Bangladesh Welding	10005	7.40	1.37	7.30	34000	7.50	5.63	7.10	11000
JUTE									
Northern Jute Ltd.	10005	9.00	6.45	9.30	1800	---	---	---	---
Salt Carpet Ltd.	10005	2.40	4.35	2.30	2800	---	---	---	---
TEXTILE									
Ashraf Textile Ltd.	10005	10.50	0.00	10.50	5000	10.00	0.95	10.50	22400
Quamam Silk Mills Ltd.	10005	6.90	6.15	6.50	1100	---	---	---	---
Saham Textile Ltd.	10005	93.25	-1.32	94.50	4530	96.50	3.49	93.25	760
Modern Dyeing	10005	60.00	0.00	60.00	930	---	---	---	---
Green Garments Ltd.	10005	64.00	-9.00	Not	---	---	---	---	---
Tajlun Spinning Mills Ltd.	10005	94.00	4.44	90.00	520	---	---	---	---
Tajlun Spinning Mills Ltd.	10005	39.50	-5.95	42.00	870	38.25	Not	Traded	---
Padma Textile Mills Ltd.	10005	250.00	-0.10	250.25	3080	230.00	Not	Traded	---
Apex Spinning Mills Ltd.	10005	155.00	1.47	152.75	480	146.00	Not	Traded	---
Benetton Knitting Ltd.	10005	147.00	5.00	140.00	620	175.00	Not	Traded	---
Dynamic Textile	10005	91.25	1.96	89.50	26600	93.50	1.36	92.25	20500
Mihun Knitting	10005	112.25	-2.14	116.75	1470	---	---	---	---
Mita Textile Ltd.	10005	64.50	0.39	64.25	1460	65.00	3.17	63.00	100
BD Dyeing & Finis. Ltd.	10005	143.00	-0.53	142.75	1500	140.25	Not	Traded	---
Deeta Mills Ltd.	10005	64.75	-0.77	65.25	8240	64.00	0.26	65.75	1240
Apex Weaving & Finis.	10005	91.25	7.35	95.00	10550	92.50	1.03	90.75	9550

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