

President hosts iftar party for orphans

UNB, Dhaka

President Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury hosted an iftar party for orphans and retarded children at Bangabhaban yesterday.

The orphans came from various government and non-government orphanages and orphans managed by the Social Welfare Department.

President Chowdhury welcomed the orphaned boys and girls, enquired about their welfare and wished them a better future.

Social Welfare Minister Ali Hossain Muhammad Mujahid, State Minister for Religious Affairs...

Dinajpur Zila Samity demands Hajj Danesh university be turned into agri varsity

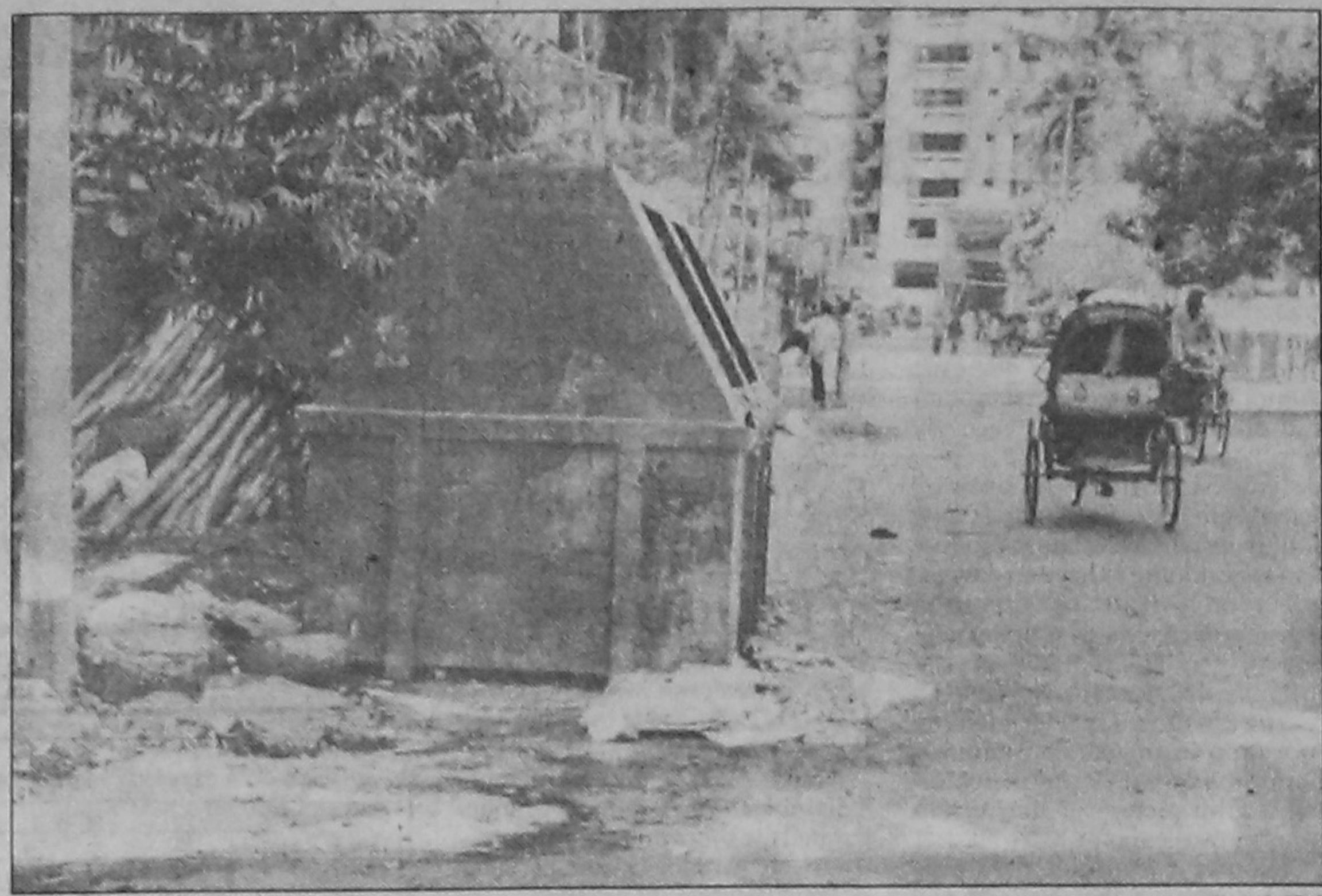
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Greater Dinajpur Zila Samity demanded that Hajj Md Danesh Science and Technology University be turned into a full-fledged agriculture university and a modern science and technology university be set up in Thakurgaon.

The demands came at a meeting of the executive committee of the Samity held at the seminar room of Horticulture Department of Agriculture University in Mymensingh recently.

Presided over by chairman of the Samity Prof. Md Mustafizur Rahman, the meeting was attended by people of the northern districts living in Mymensingh.

They criticised the immediate-past government for converting Hazi Md Danesh Agriculture College into a science and technology university ignoring the long-standing demand of the people who sought to upgrade the college to a full-fledged agriculture university.



Stench emanating from a garbage container at Road No. 13 in Dhanmondi has pervaded the area, posing health hazards to local residents.

JP MP criticises Shahabuddin

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A lone opposition member taking part in the thanks motion yesterday observed that Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed had not only downgraded the party that elevated him to president but also himself through his inaugural speech in the present parliament.

'The president played a partisan role in delivering the controversial speech. He was giving the speech like a representative of a party. And in criticising the party which made him president, he undermined that party and also himself,' Hafizuddin Ahmed told the Jatiya Sangsad.

Rather, the Jatiya Party MP thinks, the president could identify the wrongs of Awami League while in power. But, instead of doing so, he criticised the party which made him president when that party is not in power.

However, the opposition lawmaker still had some words of appreciation for the president, who is no longer in office and has

to savour whatever praises or insults he earned through news reports. 'Still I should thank the president for his speech in which he showed the way of rule of law from terrorism, humanity from repression and economic progress from a ruined economy,' said Hafizuddin.

Jamaat-e-Islami member Maulana Abdul Aziz said terrorism and corruption engulfed the society during the rule of Awami League, but he cautioned that both terrorism and corruption are still increasing in the country.

His speech was a part of the ruling coalition, said the speech of president Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed was a good one, but it could be richer if the issue of torture and killing of Afghan people would have been mentioned.

Ruling BNP members -- Nazir Hossain, Rashiduzzaman, Kazi Rafiqul Islam and Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anny -- also took part in discussion.

Prof Nurul Absar made RU proctor

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The authorities of Rajshahi University (RU) appointed Professor Dr Nurul Absar of Biochemistry and Microbiology Department proctor of the university on November 17.

Earlier on November 15, Professor Azizul Islam resigned as proctor protesting the removal of RU Vice-Chancellor Professor Sajeeedur Rahmaan Khan.

Professor Absar did his M.Sc in Biochemistry from Dhaka University in 1972 and joined Rajshahi University in 1976 as lecturer.

Computer course on Database

ICCT is going to start a project-oriented special computer course on Database programming, says a press release.

IT professionals will conduct the course to develop the project. Knowledge in Visual Basic and MS-Access is essential to join the course.

The course will start on November 25. For further information, interested persons can contact ICCT, 18 Green Road, Tel-9669379.

JP leader Dolon dead

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Veteran Jatiya Party leader Mahbubul Haq Dolon died of prolonged ailment at his Dhanmondi residence yesterday. He was 60.

A presidium member of the Ershad-led JP, Dolon suffered a stroke six months back and remained completely bed-ridden for the last three months.

Mahbubul Haq Dolon, who hailed from Daudkandi of Comilla, left behind his wife, a son, a daughter, a brother, two sisters and host of friends and relations to mourn his death.

A powerful student leader of the 1960s, he took active part in the 11-point movement.

Before becoming the presidium member of the JP, he had served the party as joint secretary as well as its vice president in different periods.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held after Zohr prayers today at Dhanmondi Eidgah Mosque and he will be buried at Azimpur graveyard.



Qulqhwani

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Qulqhwani of ex-MP Advocate Abdul Latif will be held at his residence at 160, Shantinagar in the city after Asr prayers today.

An Awami League leader and freedom fighter, Latif was elected to seventh parliament from Brahmanbaria-5 and died of cancer on Saturday.

Friends, relatives, political colleagues and admirers have been requested to attend the qulqhwani and pray for salvation of the departed soul.



Hawkers have eventually closed in on road-dividers in the city, as sidewalks are already occupied by others.

WEATHER TODAY. No change in temperature. UNB, Dhaka. Light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places over Pabna, Bogra, Jessore, Kushtia, Comilla and Noakhali districts during the next 24 hours till 6pm today.

Night temperature may remain almost unchanged, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 31.3 degree Celsius was recorded at Chittagong and the lowest of 16.7 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5.11 pm today and rises at 6:18 am tomorrow.

Temperature and humidity recorded in major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Cities listed include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

DHAKA TODAY

CPD dialogue

The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) is organising a dialogue on 'Exploring Recent Fertility Behaviour in Bangladesh'. CPD will present a keynote paper prepared under the CPD-UNFPA programme on Population and Sustainable Development. Venue: CIRPAD auditorium. Time: 3:00 pm.

Memorial meeting

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad arranges a meeting in memory of poet Sufia Kamal on the occasion of her second death anniversary. Venue: Central office of a Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, Sufia Kamal Bhaban, 10/B/1, Segun Bagicha. Time: 10:00 am.

Training course

An Educational TV Training Course organised by Worldview International Foundation will begin. Venue: Worldview International Foundation, House-76A, Road 12A, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:00 pm.

Seminar on medicinal plants

Development of Biotechnology and Environmental Conservation Centre (DEBTEC) arranges a seminar on 'Present Status of Medicinal Plant in Bangladesh and its Future Prospects: A Case Study'. Venue: Hotel La Vinci, Karwan Bazar. Time: 3:00 pm.

WVA raffle draw

The raffle draw for WVA International Park was held at Gulshan Shishu Park on Friday, says a press release.

Following are the unclaimed winning numbers:

66, 92, 149, 166, 236, 266, 365, 450, 465, 574, 587, 696, 697, 845, 969, 976, 996, 1191, 1252, 2009, 2013, 2071, 2099, 2155, 2163, 2308, 3602 and 3946.

The winners are requested to contact the WVA office before November 26 or call at 916228.

TODAY'S TRADED ISSUES NOVEMBER 19, 2001

Large table listing traded issues for DSE, CSE, and Financial Performance. Columns include Company, FV/ML (Tk./No), Price, Turnover, etc.

Day's Market - November 19, 2001

Table providing market indicators, DSE and CSE price indices, and turnover leaders. Includes graphs for DSE-Last 30 Days Price Index and CSE-Last 30 Days Price Index.

Non Traded Issues

Table listing non-traded issues for DSE and CSE. Columns include Company, FV/ML (Tk./No), Last Closing Price, etc.