

Seminar told
HIV carriers
need legal
support

UNB, Dhaka

Speakers at a seminar yesterday stressed the need for institutional and legal support to HIV/AIDS carriers.

"Institutional protection of human rights could help a lot to assuage the onslaught of the epidemic and give people judicious relief," said Law Secretary Afzal Hossain Khan speaking as chief guest.

The seminar was arranged to mark the World AIDS Day yesterday.

International Development of Human Rights in Bangladesh (IDHRB) in association with Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Ministry organised the seminar on "The legal system on break the silence and social barriers".

UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan spoke at the function as special guest. Other speakers were IDHRB Project Coordinator KM Haque Kaiser, UNDP Senior Program Officer Dr Nazmus Shadig, CAAP Executive Director Dr Halida Halum and HIV/AIDS and Sexual Behaviour Independent Consultant Joachim Victor Gomej.

Ganomukti Andolon
protests govt
move

Dr Mohammad Selim, president, and Akbar Mazid, secretary, of Mukti Juddho Ganomukti Andolon has resented the government initiative to drop out the name of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from school textbooks, says a press release.

In a joint statement, they alleged that the present BNP-Jamaat alliance government hatched a conspiracy to distort the history of Liberation War by tarnishing the image of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the architect of the Bengali nation.

Any attempt to distort the history and dis honour the Father of the Nation by the anti-liberation groups will not be tolerated, they warned.

They called upon all pro-liberation and democratic forces to resist all conspiracies against Bangabandhu and the history of Liberation War.

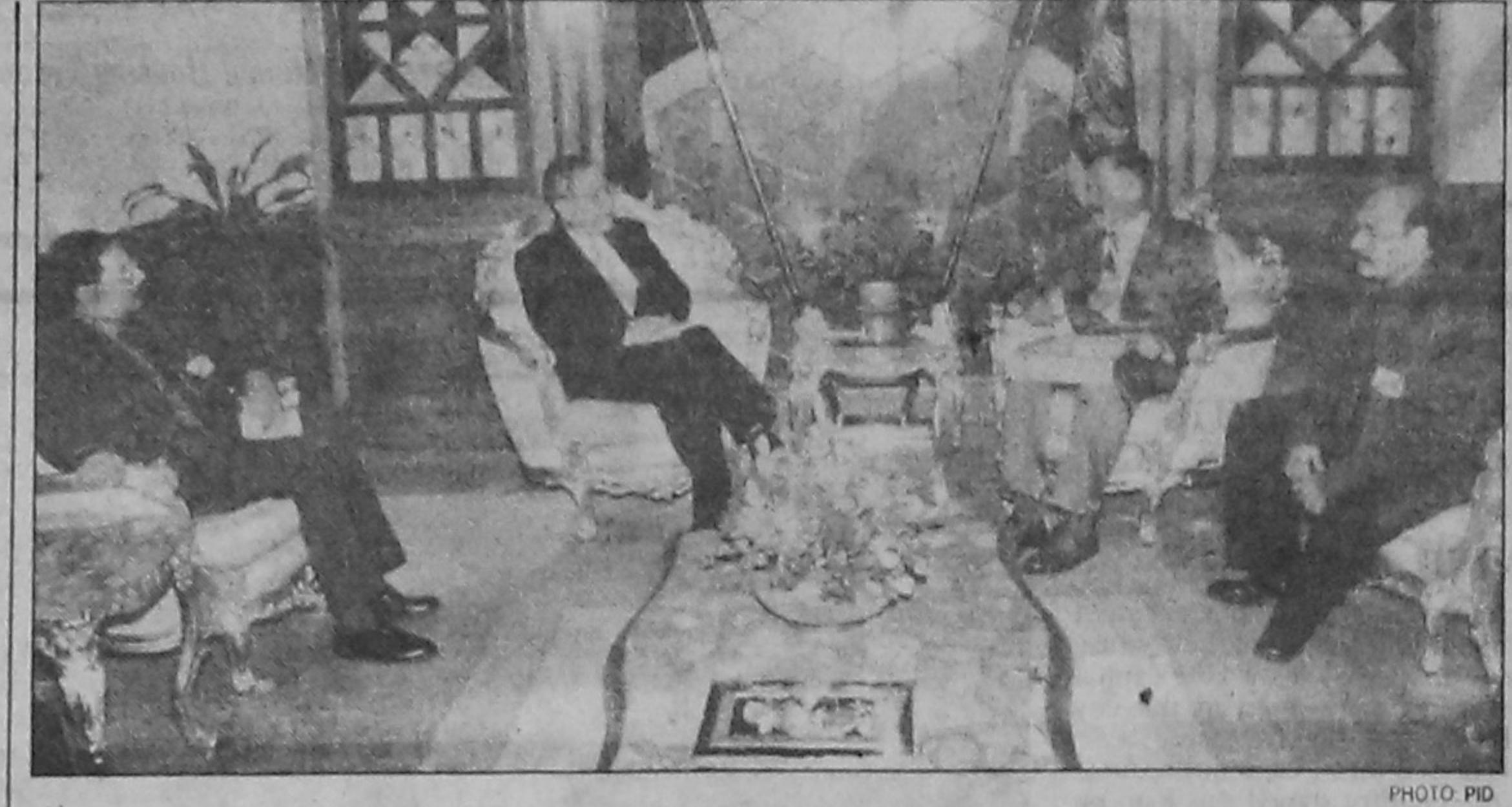


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A delegation of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society led by its chairman Maj Gen (retd) Z A Khan called on President A Q M Badruddoza Choudhury at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Reactivate Red Crescent Society: President

UNB, Dhaka

President Prof AQM Badruddoza Choudhury has said Bangladesh Red Crescent Society should be reactivated to make it more useful to the needy people.

The President said this when a five-member delegation of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, led by its chairman Major General (retd) Z A Khan met him at Bangabhaban yesterday.

President Chowdhury, who is also the ex-officio president of the society, said the society should take appropriate steps in properly managing its estate property and run the organisation from its own source of income.

He said the society officials should visit Red Crescent installations throughout the country and evaluate their activities, find out the problems and suggest solutions.

The members of the delegation apprised the President of the overall activities and financial position of the society.

They requested the President to inaugurate the annual general meeting of the society to be held in the last week of this month.

Other members of the delegation were Prof Gazi Abdul Huq, Dr Fazlul Kabir, MA Jalil and Khondokar Abdus Salam.



Health Directorate and UNDP brought out a colourful procession in the city yesterday to mark the World AIDS Day.

President condoles
death of George
Harrison

UNB, Dhaka

President Prof AQM Badruddoza Choudhury has expressed his deep shock at the death of eminent singer George Harrison.

In a message of condolence, President Chowdhury recalled the contribution of late George Harrison for the country's war of liberation in 1971.

George Harrison organised "Concert for Bangladesh" for raising funds for Bangladesh and mobilise international public opinion in favour of Bangladesh liberation war.

The President said that the people of independent Bangladesh consider him as their beloved man who felt for them in 1971 during their days of agony and distress.

The Liberation War Museum authorities also expressed deep shock at the death of eminent British singer George Harrison, lead guitarist of the "Beatles".

Showing respect to late Harrison, the Liberation War Museum will hold a video show on the "Concert for Bangladesh" at 3pm on December 5 at the museum auditorium.

Sammitilo Sangskritik Jote yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of renowned singer George Harrison.

"We have lost a friend of Bangladesh who helped the country during its hard time," it said in a statement yesterday.

Obituary

Mir Sanau Huq Khandker, former Joint Chief Economist of Planning Commission, died yesterday at the age of 64, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, two sons and a daughter to mourn his death.

His quirkwani will be held at his residence at 13/1, Road 4A, West Dhanmondi, Dhaka after Asr prayers on December 4.

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Al Amin, a disabled freedom fighter, died at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD) yesterday morning at the age of 50.

Amin is survived by his wife, one son, four daughters and a host of relatives and admirers.

Dhaka-Tokyo cooperation in electronic media discussed

BSS, Dhaka

Information Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan has discussed the possibilities of cooperation between the electronic media of Bangladesh and Japan's NHK.

The minister's meeting with the president of Japanese electronic media NHK in Tokyo covered possibilities of cooperation in different fields, including educational TV programmes and strengthening FM capabilities of Bangladesh Radio, according to a message received in the city yesterday.

Dr Khan also visited the studios and other facilities, including the Bangla Section of NHK.

Dr Khan went to Japan to attend the "Afro-Asian Parliamentarian Meeting on Development Cooperation and Partnership" and the "Third Annual Conference on Combating Corruption in Asia-Pacific."

The minister also paid a courtesy call on the Speaker of Japanese House of Representatives

Tamisuke Watanuki at his residence on the day and discussed matters of mutual interest.

The Speaker congratulated Prime Minister Khaleda Zia on her election victory and appreciated her role in leading her party to victory in the last general elections.

He also congratulated Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar on his election as the Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad.

Dr Khan said the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries would be celebrated next year and stressed the need for greater interaction between parliamentarians of the two countries.

He also said that the Bangladesh side of the Parliamentary Friendship Association with Japan would be reconstituted.

The Speaker assured him of all support regarding the Parliamentary Friendship Associations in strengthening the relations and understanding between the two nations.

DHAKA TODAY

General meeting

Sylhet Division Development Council will hold its general meeting, installation ceremony of its newly elected executive committee, and a reception to students who have passed SSC and HSC exams. Venue: Osman Memorial Hall. Time: 11.00am.

Kay Kraft exhibition

Kay Kraft organises an Eid Exhibition and launches its Web Site www.kaykraft.com. Venue: WVA Auditorium, House-20, Road-27, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.30 pm.

CA exams rescheduled

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the CA Inter, Final & Professional examinations scheduled for November 26 & December 2 will now be held on December 6 for Auditing-II (CA Final, Group-II) and other examinations on December 8, says a press release.

Time & venues of the examinations will remain unchanged.

Khurshid Jahan Haq visits Red Crescent Hospital in Dinajpur

Minister for Women and Children Affairs Khurshid Jahan Haq has expressed dissatisfaction with the dilapidated condition of Dinajpur Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Red Crescent Hospital, says a press release.

The minister expressed her discontent while visiting the hospital on Thursday.

Chairman of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society Major Gen (retd) ZA Khan who was also visiting the hospital assured the minister of full-fledged functioning of the hospital by the first week of January 2002.

The hospital has not been operating since March, the release added.

Members of the Managing Board of the hospital MA Jalil and Begum Shahida Rahman, Secretary General Ali Hassan Quoreshi and Chief of the Health Division Dr Mahiuddin Chowdhury accompanied them.

WEATHER TODAY

Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places in Rajshahi division and the regions of Mymensingh and Tangail during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the period, Met Office said, adding that light to moderate fog may cover the river basins and the coastal belt in the morning.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 29.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Chittagong and Teknaf and the lowest of 11.2 degree at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5.11 pm today and rises at 6.26 am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in the divisional headquarters yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	25.9	14.0
Chittagong	29.0	15.7
Rajshahi	25.8	12.0
Khulna	27.8	16.7
Barisal	27.0	15.2
Sylhet	27.0	15.2
Cox's Bazar	28.0	16.8

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IFC Bank Ltd.	100/5	308.25	-4.93	324.25	5	308.25	Not Traded	—	05/07/99	23.3	—	Delta Millers Ltd.	100/20	41.00	-2.38	42.00	120	26/11/00	4.54	5.00	54.00	100/20	26/12/00	4.50	5.00
Islami Bank BD Ltd.	100/1	2746.75	0.53	2732.25	160	2730.00	Not Traded	—	02/08/01	356	25.00	Apex Weaving & Finis.	100/50	65.25	-1.14	66.00	50	65/00	Not Traded	—	20/09/01	11.4	5.00	5.00	
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