

# Call to uphold HR at all levels

**BSS, Dhaka**  
Speakers at a discussion on human rights yesterday stressed the need for introspection to uphold human rights at family, social and national levels.  
They said mere framing of laws would not be successful until people became aware of the rights of others and respected those at all levels beginning from the family.  
They were addressing the discussion, 'Introspection in the Establishment of Human Rights and Our Duty,' organised by Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) at the National Press Club in the afternoon.

Chaired by Justice Sultan Hossain Khan, president of BSEHR, the discussion was addressed, by Justice Habibur Rahman, chairman of Press Council Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly, former minister and chairman of Centre for Development Research, Advocate Sigma Huda, secretary general of BSEHR, Chasi Nazrul Islam, film maker, Salma Ali, executive director of Bangladesh Women Lawyers Association and Dr M Basir-uz-Zaman, executive director of UCEP, an NGO.  
Speaking as the chief guest, Justice Habibur Rahman said people earn their rights at birth and the rights must be protected for the establishment of a peaceful society.  
He said widespread violation of human rights in the erstwhile East Pakistan led to the emergence of Bangladesh as people joined hands and put up a strong resistance against the Pakistani rulers for the realisation of their rights.  
Justice Rahman urged the law enforcing agencies, administration and political leaders to uphold human rights that are enshrined in the constitution and guaranteed by all the religions in the world.  
He also emphasised on the role of newspapers, saying a column could be opened in every newspaper for stories relating to human rights.  
Justice Rahman stressed the need for adding pace to the judicial system.  
Dr Shelly said respects for human rights should be instilled in every individual at family level.  
Advocate Sigma Huda in her address of welcome urged all to come forward for the protection of the rights of people.



Bangladesh Hindu Bouddha Christian Oikya Parishad staged a demonstration in the city yesterday protesting attacks on the religious minorities across the country.

# UNESCO Club team meets President

**UNB, Dhaka**  
A seven-member delegation of National Association of UNESCO Club in Bangladesh called on President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury at the Bangabhaban yesterday.  
The delegation members, led by its President Gias Kamal Chowdhury, a journalist, apprised 'Badruddoza Chowdhury of various social welfare activities of the club in Bangladesh.  
They said the club organises seminars on different issues of national importance and holds science exhibition from time to time.  
They told the President that

they have a programme for education of the rural women apart from poverty alleviation activities that include providing sewing machines to the poor rural women.  
The President appreciated their social work saying that they should campaign for making people aware about the internal environment including carpet, air-conditioner and damped buildings which are serious threat to health.  
Club Secretary General Mahbubuddin Chowdhury was also present.  
Another delegation of the Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association also called on the President at the Bangabhaban yesterday.  
The five-member delegation, led by its President Dr M Abdus Shahid, apprised the President of their role in the health sector and said they should be represented in different government medical teams when needed.  
Later in the day, a four-member delegation of Inner Wheel of Rotary Club, led by its international President Carol C Bukanan, met the President at the Bangabhaban.  
The President advised them to initiate a programme to distribute nail cutters and anti-septic soaps to rural and urban poor families to protect them from waterborne diseases.  
The other members of the delegation were Mahmuda Siddiqui, Rosy Ahad and Dilruba Ahmed.

# IEC annual confce held

**BSS, Dhaka**  
The annual conference and prize-giving ceremony of International Education Centre (IEC) was held at the school premises at Uttara yesterday.  
Chairman of IEC management committee and former chairman of Text Book Board Prof Syed Ahmed attended the function as chief guest.  
Principal of the institute Shireen Ahmed, teachers, students and parents were present at the function.  
Shahreen Ahmed, a student of class eight, was adjudged the best student for the year 2001. She was given a crest of the institute.

# Chinese newsmen's team arrives December 30

**BSS, Dhaka**  
A four-member delegation of Chinese journalists from The People's Daily will arrive here on December 30 on a five-day visit to Bangladesh.  
The secretary-general of the daily, Cui Yunxi, a vice-minister level official, will lead the delegation.

# 1275 more arrested

**BSS, Dhaka**  
Police seized 10 firearms, four other weapons and 48 round of bullets in the countrywide operation during the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.  
A total of 1,275 people including 11 listed terrorists were arrested during the period, a police headquarters press release said.  
It said 13 people were arrested in connection with the arms seizure and eight cases were filed against them under the Arms Act.  
Of the arrests, 562 people were rounded up under warrant orders and other 678 held in connection with under-investigation cases, the release added.

## WE MOURN

Mr. Mahmood Alam Beg, a banker, a writer, a poet but above all a life long humanitarian passed away peacefully on the 07-12-2001 at his residence at the age of 72. He left behind three sons, a daughter, five grand children and numerous well-wishers.  
He was born in 1930 in Bengal. His father was a professor of Arabic and his mother a well-read pious woman. He traveled extensively through Europe, America, Africa, Asia and Australia and after a successful career in banking, retired as the Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank. He wrote numerous articles in newspapers and published several books both in Bengali and English. Though most people will remember him for his kindness, honesty and integrity, many will remember him as a person who had a life long devotion to the pursuit of universal humanitarianism.  
**Khurshid A Beg, Zakia Nuruddin, Maher, Irfan Murshid A beg, Farhana Beg, Natasha, Nafis Monica Beg, S M Menhaj I Ali, Atul Mujahid A Beg, Karen Beg**  
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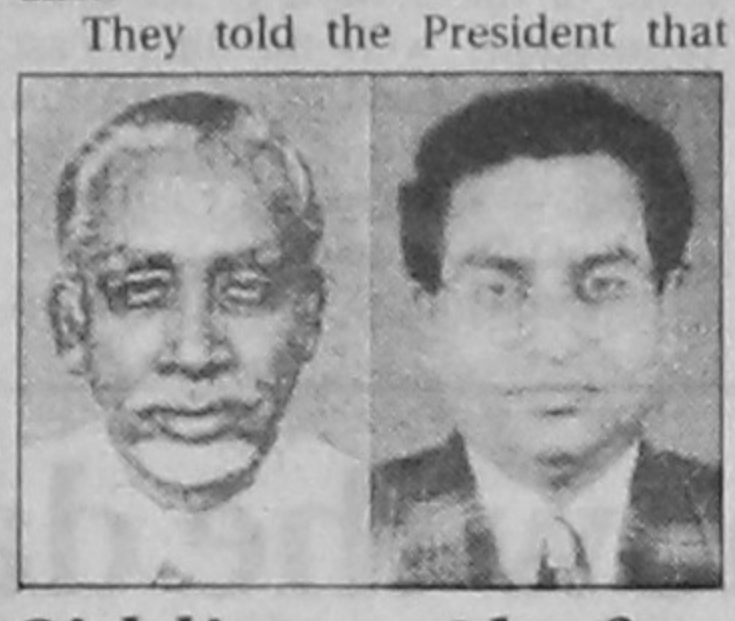
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# Siddique, Altaf elected BCS (Judiciary) Assoc president, secy

**COURT CORRESPONDENT**  
A 40-member central executive committee of Bangladesh Civil Service (Judiciary) Association was formed at its 51<sup>st</sup> annual general meeting at the Osman Memorial Hall auditorium recently.  
Siddiqur Rahman Miah was elected president as ex-officio of Dhaka District and Sessions Judge.  
First Joint District Judge, Dhaka, Altaf Hossain, was elected secretary general with 300 votes. He got the highest vote.  
Miah Mohammad Ali Akbar Azizi, Sheikh Mufizur Rahman, KM Shamsul Alam, Hasina Rousan Jahan, Hosne-Ara-Akhter were elected Joint Secretaries.  
Senior Assistant Judge Syed Kamal Hossain was elected treasurer.  
The election was conducted by Abdul Matin, Joint Secretary of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Ministry and former District and Sessions Judge of Dhaka.



# MA Reza dead

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Former member of parliament advocate MA Reza died of heart attack at the Shikdar Medical College on Sunday. He was 55.  
He is survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter and hosts of admirers.  
Reza was former VP of the Jagannath University College and director of the National Bank Limited.  
He was arrested several times in the 1960s when he was engaged in movement against president Ayub Khan and took part in the War of Liberation directly. He broadcast revolutionary speeches from the Swadheen Bangla Betar Kendra.  
Reza was also founder of the Bhedarganj MA Reza College and president of the Shariatpur Janakalyan Samiti.  
Acting Awami League President Abdus Samad Azad MP, General Secretary Zillur Rahman MP and Presidium Member Abdur Razzak MP yesterday expressed deep condolences on the death of former student leader and freedom fighter.  
In a message, the AL leaders said that MA Reza had a great contribution in the mass uprising of 1969 and War of Liberation in 1971. "We have lost a great freedom fighter and social worker through his death."

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