



President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury exchanges greetings with the leaders of the Christian community at a reception at Bangabhaban on the occasion of Christmas yesterday.

## President hosts Christmas reception

UNB, Dhaka

On the occasion of Christmas Day, President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury and Mrs Chowdhury hosted a reception for the members of the Christian community at Bangabhaban yesterday.

State Minister for Religious Affairs Mosharruf Hossain Shahjahan was present.

Besides, Archbishop Michael Rozario, Principal of Ramkrishna Mission Swami Akkharananda, President of Bangladesh Bouddha Krishti Prochar Sangha Reverend Shuddhananda Mohathero, Major General (ret'd) CR Dutta of Hindu-Bouddha Christian Oikya Parishad, chiefs of different

churches, and Christian personalities of different government and non-government schools, colleges, universities and institutions attended the reception.

Ambassadors of Italy, Russia, the Netherlands, France and Sweden, High Commissioner of Britain, and Apostolic Nuncio of Embassy of the Holy See (Vatican) also attended the reception.

Singers sang carol on the occasion.

President B Chowdhury and Mrs Chowdhury welcomed the guests, exchanged X-mas greetings with them and wished them a better future.

Meanwhile, Christmas Day was observed in Narayanjan in com-

memoration of the birth of Jesus Christ with due religious fervour and gaiety.

To mark the occasion The St Paul Church at BB Road at Chashara and Baptist Church at Kalir Bazar Charargop chalked out different programmes separately yesterday morning.

The programmes include recitation from the verses of the holy Bible, singing of Christmas carol, decoration of Christmas Tree and miniature of Jesus Christ and Mother Merry and decoration of Churches with colourful bunting, and cutting and distribution of Christmas Cakes among the devotees.

## Victory Festival-2001 begins tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A four-day long 'Victory Festival-2001' organised by the Sammilito Sangskritik fore, a platform of cultural organisations, begins on the Dhaka University campus tomorrow.

Deputy Chief Commander of the Liberation War, Air Vice Marshal (Rtd) AK Khandakar will inaugurate the festival at 4:30 pm at the Central Shaheed Minar. The inaugural function will be presided over by the president of the Jote Ramendu Majumder.

Beside the Central Shaheed Minar, the cultural programmes of the festival will be held simultaneously at the premises of the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) and the Institute of Fine Arts from December 26 to 29.

Four stages will be set up for different programmes of the festival.

Movies on the Liberation War will be screened at TSC stage.

Dramas will be staged at the stage of the TSC Games Room where documents and photographs on the Liberation War will also be exhibited.

Musical programmes including folk songs and dances will be performed by different children organisations at Shaheed Minar stage. Besides, artists of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendro will perform patriotic songs and reminisce their experiences during the War of Liberation.

Solo and group poetry recitations as well as folk dances will be performed at Bakul Tala stage of the Institute of Fine Arts.



Awami League acting president Abdus Samad Azad visited the residence of noted writer and columnist Shahrir Kabir, who is now detained on sedition charge, to express sympathy for his family members yesterday.

## 'Writers depict real picture of society'

BSS, Dhaka

A writer depicts the real picture of society by narrating joys and sorrows of people and he can expose its restlessness through his pen as he sees them from inside.

Attractive writings must draw attention of the readers appreciative of using appropriate similes, idioms and phrases, making a permanent place at the core of their hearts.

These were the observations of speakers at a discussion on four books - 'Sadharon Babasthapon Karukala', a book on management translated by Nurul Karim Nasim, and 'Patale Sharbarae', 'Alek Atmiya' and 'Oniket Obisare', three

novels written by renowned writer, researcher and journalist Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelley.

The discussion, divided into two sessions, was attended by Cabinet Secretary Dr Akbar Ali Khan as chief guest. Eminent writer and former secretary Hasnat Abdul Hye presided.

Among others, Prof Dr Anwar Hossain, Director of IBA, Mosharruf Hossain, Managing Director of Rapport Bangladesh, renowned freedom fighter and engineer Mashrur H Siddiqui (Kamal), Bir Uttam, freedom fighter Enayet-e-Rabbi, Mahbub Ali, Afroza Akhter Munni and both the writers spoke on the occasion.

Writers Association of Bangladesh (WAB) in collaboration with Center for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDRB), arranged the discussion on Monday.

The speakers laid emphasis on proper translation of time-befitting books, especially technical ones and lauded Nasim for his book for serving the purpose. They also noted the shortage of books on management in Bangla.

About the novels written by Dr Shelley, they said these time-befitting books would encourage present generation. The modern society had been pictured in proper way with a vivid narration of the characters, they noted.

## Housing Fair 2001 to offer low-cost modern flats

UNB, Dhaka

Owning a small house in Dhaka city by people with low and limited incomes is no longer a dream.

Despite a low run in real-estate business, dynamic and modern builders and coming up with new ideas to allure the buyers in various manners, including arrangement of bank loans or sale in easy installments.

A number of developers and builders have taken up programmes to build low-cost modern flats of size as small as 330 square feet for low-income group and the middle class. The projects have already started in the capital and will soon be expanded to different cities of the country.

Buyers will get an idea of affordable flats at a "Housing Fair 2001" being organised by the Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (REHAB) at a local hotel this week.

Nearly 40 top property developers and housing financiers will display their products and schemes of affordable and "Environment Friendly Housing" at the 3-day fair.

International real-estate entrepreneurs, like Russell Lodge Holdings (RLH) Limited, are now building small-sized flats for small families with limited income source.

The RLH, which has experience of estate development in the UK, will introduce small, modern but affordable flats in Dhaka next year.

Managing Director of RLH Limited Shafiqul Islam told UNB that lack of coordinated govern-

ment policy is restricting entrepreneurs from offering lucrative price.

Anomalies in the planning, taxing and loan-providing policies set by the government are discouraging for the developers, Islam alleged.

He said REHAB and the proposed National Housing Authority could play a vital role in removing the housing problem of the capital with over 10 million population.

The executive of the developing company suggested one-stop service for various utilities which RAJUK (Rajdhani Unnayan Karpaklyo), Dhaka's planning authority, has agreed on principle.

The young entrepreneur also

complained discrimination by the authorities in granting permission. He said influential companies get permission overlooking some of the anomalies while the new and smaller developers have to cross hurdles in getting genuine plans passed.

Shafiqul Islam assured that companies like his had taken up projects for timely and hassle-free handover of the flats to their owners. They are also arranging 2-5-year installment facilities for the purchase.

"The government should immediately declare housing as an industrial sector so bank loans may be available for expansion of the sector," he said.

### Vacancy Notice

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is seeking applications from Bangladeshi Nationals for its Dhaka Office in the Health and Nutrition Section to fill in the position mentioned below:

**Project Officer**

**Nature of responsibilities:**

The successful candidate will be responsible for the development, planning, management, monitoring and evaluation of the Control of Major Childhood Diseases Project, particularly for CDD, ARI and IMCI. Ensure that reprogramming of strategies and activities in health is done in the context of the rights approach, using CRC and CEDAW as reference.

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**The ideal candidate should have:**

Masters degree in Public Health, Social Development, Sociology or any other related social sciences. Current knowledge of development and Human Rights issues, policies as well as social programming policies and procedures in international development cooperation. Strong analytical, negotiating and advocacy skills.

**Experience:**

Minimum 8 years work experience of which at least five years at a senior professional level in Social Protection and Human Rights, especially in the area of adolescent and child participation. Proven track record of managing, monitoring and evaluating projects, desirable international experience. Working experience with Government would be an asset.

Experience at national level in alliance building and networking among Government agencies, NGOs, and private sector. Excellent English writing and communication skills. Presentation skills both written and verbal. Knowledge of computer management and applications.

**Remuneration:**

Starting remuneration at NOC level which is the second most Senior National Professional Officer grade level.

Applications with CV and recent passport size photograph should be forwarded to the Chief of Human Resources Section, UNICEF-Bangladesh, Sheraton Annex, 1, Minto Road, Dhaka-1000, by 7 January, 2001. Please write on the envelope "Project Officer-H&N". Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Any form of canvassing, soliciting or influencing will be treated as a disqualification.

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### CALL FOR INFORMATION ON DISABILITY.

The Ministry of Social Welfare Government of Bangladesh, Directorate of Social Services, The National Foundation for Development of the Disabled Persons and NFOWD with support from ActionAid Bangladesh has undertaken an initiative to prepare and publish a review document to reflect the achievements and shortcomings of interventions made by the development organizations/agencies addressing the need of the People with disability. This will be in reference to the agenda for action of ESCAP decade of Disabled Persons 1993-2002.

A directory of organizations working with disability issues will also be developed and published through this initiative.

Concerned interested organizations/agencies are requested to provide information on their programmes and experiences following a prescribed format and guideline, which is available at NFOWD. The last date of collection of information format is December 31, 2001. The information should be submitted to NFOWD office by January 15, 2002.

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Prof ABMF Karim, a renowned brain cancer specialist was re-elected president for the second consecutive year. Prof M A Hai, Director of Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital was also re-elected secretary general while Dr Pinaki Bhattacharya was elected executive secretary of the club.

The meeting was attended by country's cancer specialists and top physicians of the country including Prof Mirza Mazharul Islam, Prof J E Nahar Rahman, Prof BR Khan and Dr Mohammad Ali.

The club was formed in 1998 with a view to improving treatment facilities of cancer patients in the country and develop professional skill of those involved in cancer treatment.

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- Candidates are to appear before the written test on 4th January 2002 at 0900 hrs at BAF Shaheen College, Tejgaon. Dhaka for preliminary selection. No Interview Card will be issued for this written test. Date and venue for the Viva Voce and Class Demonstration would be intimated subsequently. Candidates will have to present their original certificates/testimonials during the interview. TA / DA will not be admissible for the candidates.