

Call to revive coastal development board

UNB, Dhaka

Coastal Region Development Forum and Implementation Committee of Sundarban district has demanded that activities of Coastal Development Board should be revived with a view to ensuring socio-economic development of the coastal people.

The demand came when a 12-member delegation of the committee called on President Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury at Bangabhaban yesterday.

The delegation members appealed the President that the board was established in 1979 by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman for ensuring socio-economic development of the different professional groups living in the coastal belt.

The purpose for establishing the board was also to build embankment in the coastal belt and create forestry thereon.

But the members regretted that the activities of the board had been suspended by the next gov-

ernment.

Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj was present on the occasion.

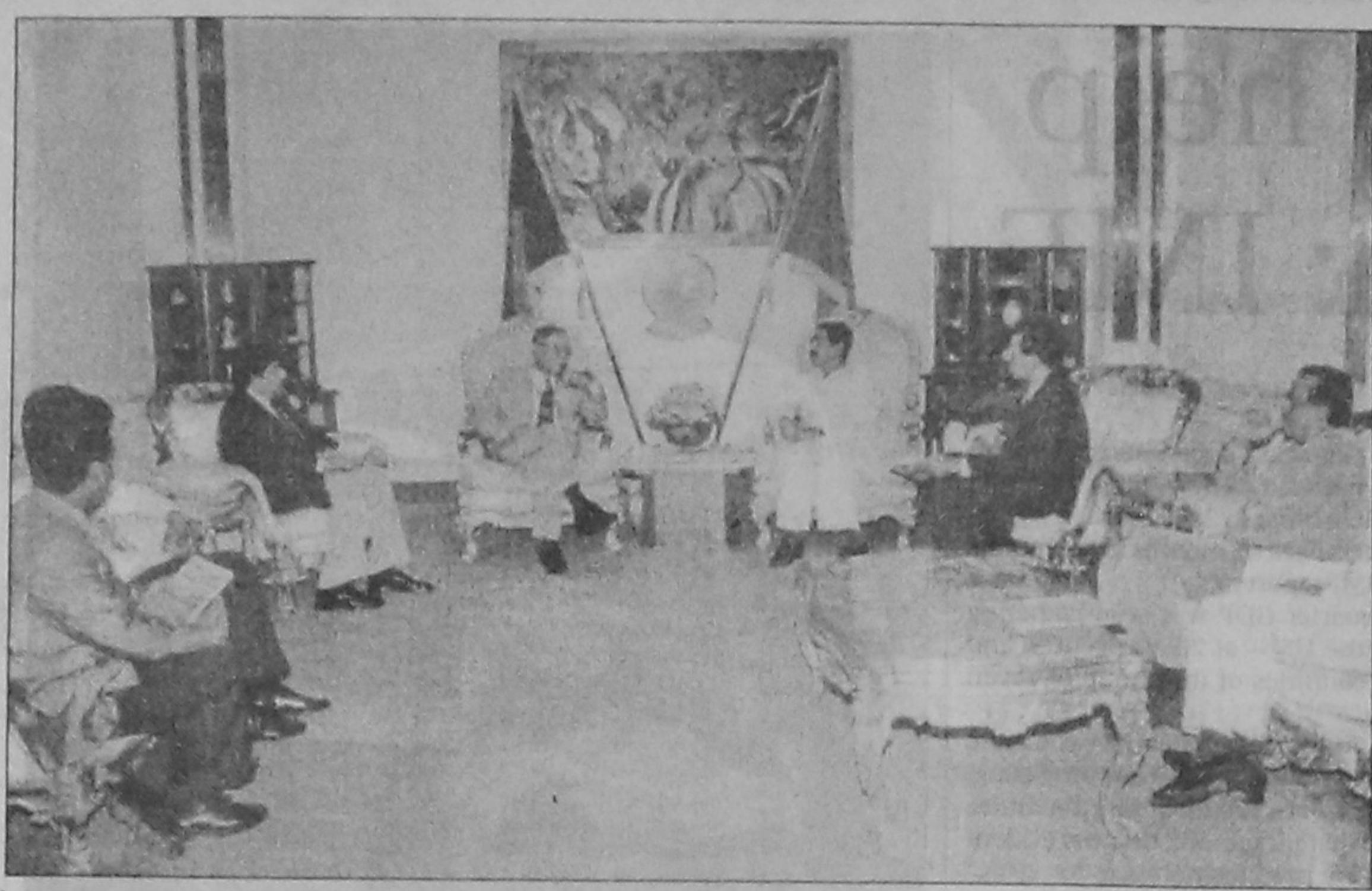
Former MP Dr Mia Abbas Uddin, convenor of the forum and the committee, led the delegation members.

The other members are MPs Mosharraf Hossain Monga, Shabdul Alam Talukdar, Dr Rustam Ali Farazi and Engineer Shahidul Islam, and Engineer Kabir Ahmed Bhuiyan, Ruhul Amin Chisti, A B M Mosharraf Hossain, Akram Hossain Talim, Adv Shahidul Alam Niru, Abdur Rahman Tapan and Shawkat Hossain.

1102 more held

BSS, Dhaka

Police seized 23 firearms, and 58 bullets and arrested 1,102 people during their countrywide drive in the last 24 hours to 6 am yesterday, a police headquarters press release said.



An 11-member delegation of Coastal Region Development Forum called on President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury at Bangabhaban yesterday. Environment Minister Shahjahan Siraj was also present at the meeting.

37 teachers concerned at CU deadlock

CU CORRESPONDENT

Thirty-seven teachers of the Chittagong University expressed concern over the deadlock of the university. They demanded of the authorities concerned to solve the stalemate immediately.

In a statement yesterday they said the university remained closed for most of the times last year due to unusual vacations and classes were held only 77 days.

They blamed the university authorities for their failure to resolve the stalemate. The students lost their valuable academic years due to this deadlock but authorities have no headache to end it, they added.

They also called upon the students, guardians and the teachers of the university as well as the civil society to play their roles in this regard.

Workshop on women & health

BISS, Dhaka

Rajshahi University Vice Chancellor Prof Faisul Islam Farooqui yesterday said our national goal is to improve the standard of living and enhance social position of women in society.

He said this while inaugurating a day-long workshop on "Women and Health: Bangladesh Perspective" as chief guest.

This workshop is significant for a number of reasons for women he said, adding "women are worst sufferers of poverty, malnutrition and illness."

The workshop was jointly organized by RU Sociology Department and Manchester University of the United Kingdom.

The Vice Chancellor said "I strongly believe that sociological research and recommendations on that basis can help formulate more practical approach to women's healthcare".

Prof. Kazi Tobarak Hossain, Department of Sociology, presented the key-note paper in the workshop.

It was addressed, among others, by Professors Abdur Rahman Siddique, Shahadat Hossain Mondal, Pro-VC Prof. Tayyeb Nasir, Assistant Director of the British Council here Prof. Mizan Uddin and Prof. Ursula Sharma.

DHAKA TODAY

children USA, will be held. Venue: BRAC Centre Inn, Mohakhali, Time: 12.30pm.

Installation ceremony

The installation ceremony of the newly elected executive committee of Dhaka Reporters' Unity will be held. Venue: National Press Club, Time: 11.00am.

Memorial meeting

Moazzem Hossain Bulu Smriti Parishad organises a meeting in memory of photojournalist Moazzem Hossain Bulu on the occasion of his third death anniversary. Information Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan will be present as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club Time: 4.00pm.

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Poush Mela

Poush Mela Udjapan Parishad organises a daylong 'Poush Mela'. Venue: Ramna Batamul. Time: 8.00am.

Seminar on E-commerce

8.00am

A daylong seminar on E-commerce and its Application to Business, Organised by the Institute of Business Administration, DU, and DeltaSoft Limited, will be held. Venue: IBA auditorium. Time: 9.00am.

Discussion

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