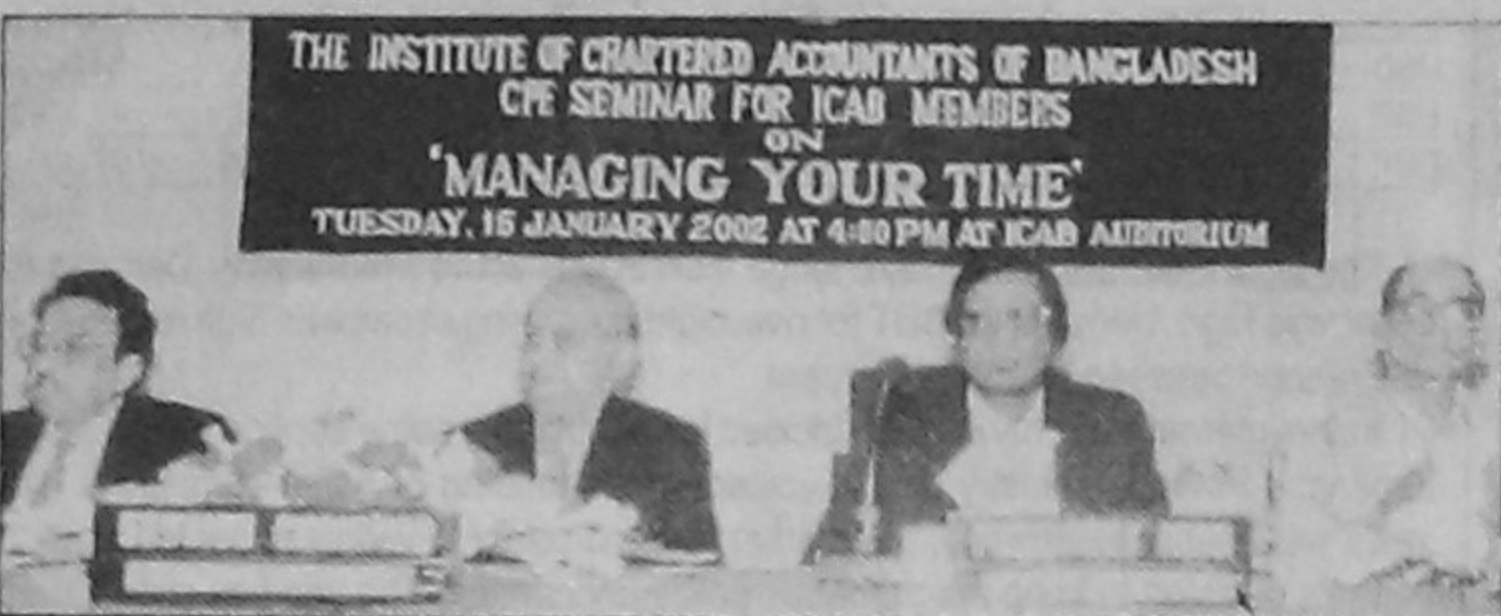




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Recipients of gold medals with Minister for Textile Abdul Matin Chowdhury at the annual prize giving ceremony of Viharunnisa Noon School and College in the city yesterday.



The Institute of Chartered Accountants Bangladesh organised a CPE seminar on 'Managing your time' at the ICAB auditorium in the city on January 15.



Moderate to thick fog likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi division and the regions of Jessore, Tangail and Mymensingh and weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country till 6pm today.

Moderate to thick fog may occur over the river basins and coastal belt and moderate fog elsewhere over the country during early morning, Met Offices said.

Country's highest temperature 29.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and the lowest 11.3 degree at Srirangol.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.34 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.44 am.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

RCC programmes to free Rajshahi from polybags

BSS, Rajshahi

Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) has taken elaborate programmes to free the metropolis from poly-thene bags.

The RCC, to achieve this goal, will bring out a grand and colourful rally on January 19 in the city to create public awareness against this detrimental item, which is hazardous to sound environment and health.

The rally is likely to be led by Minister for Forest and Environment Shahajahan Seraj and RCC Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu MP.

Jamuna Bridge Huda visits construction work of access road

BSS, Dhaka

Communications Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda visited the construction work of the Jamuna Bridge Access Road at Tangail yesterday.

The 62-kilometer road from Joydebpur to Tangail is being constructed by the Roads and Highways Department at an estimated cost of Tk 300 crore with the financial assistance of Japan.

Road communication between the Chittagong port and the northern region of the country will be easy after implementation of the project by June 2003.

In future the access road will also be connected with the Asian Highway.

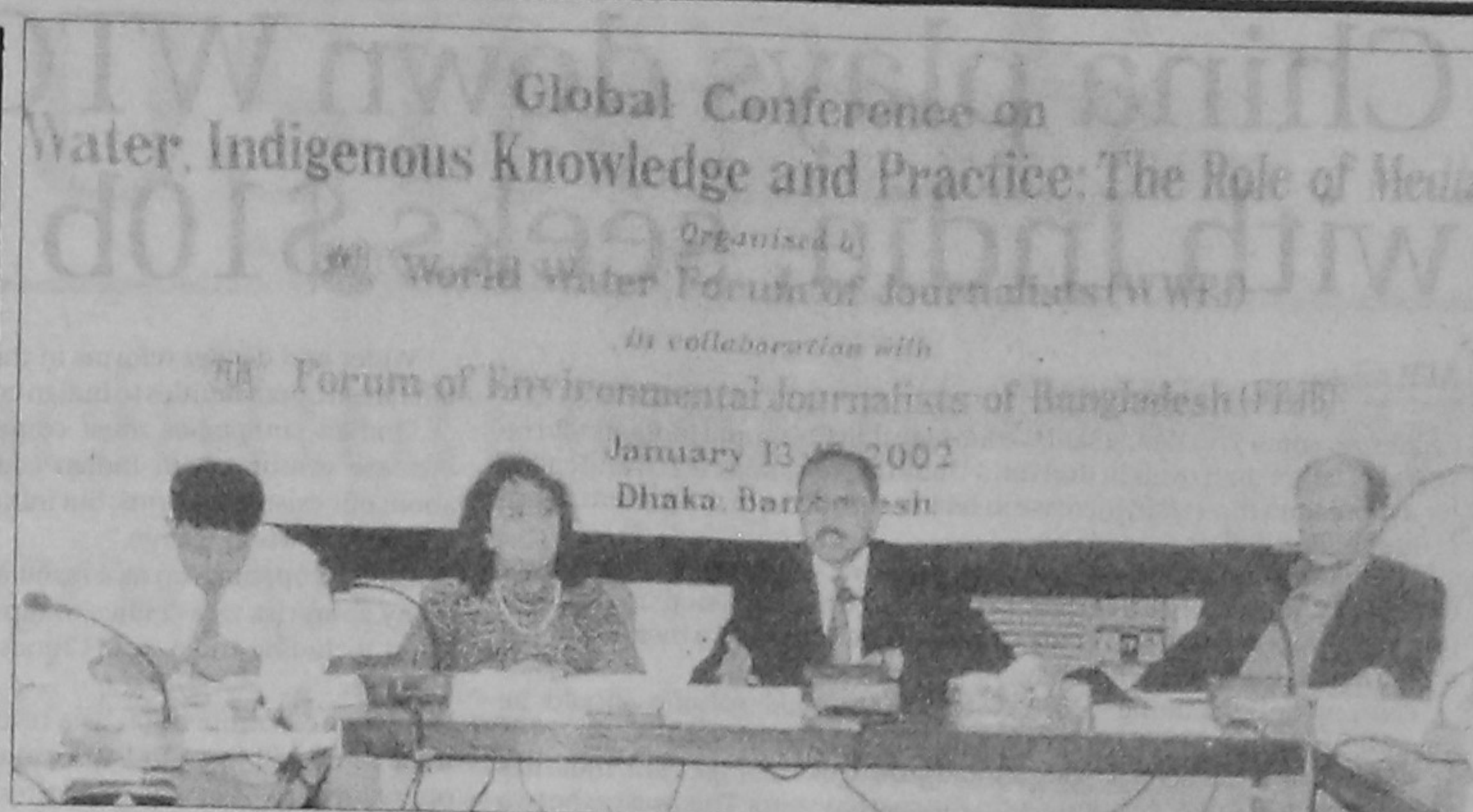
Death anniversary

BSS, Dhaka

The first death anniversary of Md Hamidul Haque, a retired Deputy Secretary, will be observed with due solemnity and religious fervour tomorrow, says a press release.

On the occasion a milad mahfil will be held after Asr prayers at his residence at 15, Shah Ali Bagh, Mirpur, Dhaka.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad mahfil.



WWFJ secretary general and FEJB chairman Qamrul Islam Chowdhury speaking at the global conference on water at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. British journalist Rupert Wright (R) and Elizabeth Roxas (L) of the Philippines and Jay Pal Shrestha of Nepal are also seen.

Media urged to play effective role on water issues

BSS, Dhaka

Journalists and experts from different countries joining a five-day global conference here yesterday said the media must find better ways to play its due role in covering the crucial water issues to help fight poverty and protect environment.

They suggested that the media should report on water issues in simple language for the common people and highlight the indigenous knowledge and practices that once proved effective in addressing many of the newly emerged crises in the sector.

The World Water Forum of Journalists (WWFJ) in collaboration with the Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) is organising the conference on 'Water Indigenous Knowledge and Practice. The role of Media', says a press release.

Punctuated by a two-day field trip to have firsthand knowledge about the water-related issues, participants of the conference yesterday renamed discussion at the Jatiya Press Club with WWFJ Secretary General and FEJB Chairman Qamrul Islam Chowdhury in the chair.

They said the water now ap-

pears to be a crucial issue for livelihoods particularly in regions like South Asia and therefore the media should understand people's views, translate the scientific matters in their language and pressurise the policy planners to work in the right direction.

Since more people have now access to media having a greater influence on them, the media can play a vital role in shaping the policy and motivating the people as the journalists are above many limitations compared to the government agencies and other organisations, they noted.

The speakers also underscored the need for further development of physical communication systems to help the greater section of the population to be benefited from the information disseminated by the media.

The discussion on the fourth day of the conference was also addressed among others, by Toshio Okazumi of the World Water Forum, Rupert Wright of the Financial Times, UK, Editor of Sri Lanka daily The Island Gamin Weerakorn, Jay Pal Shrestha of the Nepal-based South Asian Environment Office, US, Steven Griffiths of ADB, journalists Elizabeth

Roxas of the Philippines, Mangal Man Shokya of Nepal and Nicky Lewis of Britain.

The five-day conference will conclude today with the adoption of Dhaka Declaration.

DHAKA TODAY. Inauguration. The inauguration of Shaheed Zia Memorial Corner at the Bangladesh National Museum will be held with President AQM Badruddza Chowdhury as chief guest.

MBM Day. A mass reception will be accorded to newly elected Members of Parliament from the Feni district including the vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University Prof. Anwar Ullah Chowdhury.

Debriefing session. A debriefing session on the review of the Draft Revised National Population Policy of Bangladesh will be held under the auspices of the UNFPA.

Workshop. The concluding function of the workshop on 'Good Prison Management' organised by the Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust will be held with Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury as chief guest.

Seminar. Bangladesh Geological Society will hold a seminar to create public awareness about the cause and effect of the earthquake. Venue: Geology Department of Dhaka University.

Press conference. A press conference organised by the Environment and Social Development Organisation will be held to gear up the campaign against the use of polybags.

URS. The annual Urs of Hazrat Sayedul Alam Chishti (R) will be held. Venue: Ramna Chinese Restaurant.

US envoy meets Faruque

BSS, Dhaka

The US Ambassador in Dhaka Mary Ann Peters and Country Director of Peace Corps Michael Bedford yesterday called on Education Minister Dr M Osman Faruque at his office, an official handout said.

They discussed possible cooperation of the volunteers of the corps to different activities of the education departments of the government. They also discussed providing

computer training to the secondary level students and extending support on improving teaching and curriculum in the country's technical institutions.

They informed the minister that they would submit a specific proposal to the ministry in this regard.

Deputy Minister for Education Abdus Salam Pintu and Education Secretary Mohammad Shahidul Alam were present on the occasion.

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