# METROPOLITAN

### '2nd Padma Bridge to be built at Aricha point' Ibne Yusuf and lawmaker Akmal

Communications Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda yesterday said survey would start soon to establish second Padma bridge at Aricha-Daulotdia point.

He said the bridge would be constructed within next five years to develop economy and communications for people of greater Faridpur, Kushtia and Satkhira

Addressing a huge public meeting at Daulotdia as the chief guest, he said the people of Faridpur remained neglected during the past five-year rule of Awami

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Chowdhury Kamal

### Prof Kabir Chy turns 80 today

UNB, Dhaka

National Professor Kabir Chowdhury turns 80 today.

To mark the day, his family will arrange a get-together at his residence from 4 pm to 6 pm. Country's civil society leaders

gramme. Staff Correspondent adds: Leaders and activists of Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee as well as well-wishers of Kabir Chowdhury will visit his residence at 4 pm to

greet and pay respect to him.

Saidur Rahman Farooq, vicepresident of Barisal district unit of Chhatra League, succumbed to his wounds at a city clinic on Thurs-

Department.

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Farooq, also former VP of Barisal College, was kidnapped on January 24 and brutally tortured allegedly by local JCD activists. He are expected to join the prowas brought to Dhaka and admitted to a private clinic where he died at about 5pm, AL office sources said.

Ibne Yusuf spoke on the occasion.

Munshirbazar-Rajbari bypass road

site to see the progress of work. He

said construction of proposed

Barrister Nazmul Huda laid

foundation stone of Hatgazaria

bridge over the river Bhubenaswar

and opened the newly constructed

building for Roads and Highway

Injured Barisal

BCL leader

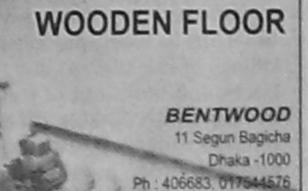
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Faridpur town-Padma-C and B

ghat road would start soon.

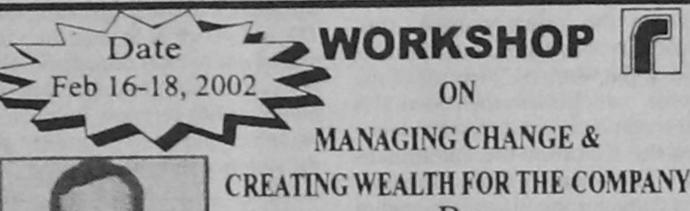
Later, the minister visited the

Earlier in the morning, Awami League President Sheikh Hasina visited Farooq at the clinic.



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Awami League president and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina offering munajat after placing wreath on the coffin of Barisal BCL leader Saidur Rahman Farooq in front of the Awami League office in the city yesterday.

## Steps to increase export

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The government has taken a number of steps to increase the country's export, which has been declining for last few months due to the current global recession, Commerce Ministry officials said.

The steps include special incentives to potential sectors, diversification of export items, exploring alternative markets and reducing interest rate on export

The National Export Council headed by Prime Minister Khaleda Zia would meet soon to decide the modules on giving special package incentives for export of some potential items, including information technology (IT), agriculture processing, vegetables and leather products, the officials said.

During July to November 2001, the country had exported goods worth about 2459 million dollars, which is 10.9 per cent less than the corresponding period of the previous year in the wake of the current worldwide recession.

The price index also decreased by 2.1 per cent than the same period of the previous year, an Export Promotion Bureau official

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With the export volume declining, the government laid em-Commerce Ministry have been

1447 more held Police has arrested a total of 1447 persons from across the country and seized 11 firearms and 25

rounds of bullet from their posses-

sion during last 24 hours ended at 6 am yesterday. Of them, 699 wanted persons, 733 under investigation cases, nine terrorists and six for possessing firearms.

The identified and listed terrorists who were arrested during the drive are: Swapan Ray of Khulna district, Mohammad Sujaddowla and Mamunur Rashid alias Mamun of Chittagong City, Habibur Rahman of Jessore, Omar Farukh of Noakhali and Rafiqul Islam, Based Mollah, Ismail Hossain and Alamgir of Dhaka City.

Besides, Jessore police arrested three alleged outlawed Biplobi Communist Party cadres during the time.

The Governing Council for Export Promotion would also meet phasis on diversifying the export next week to review the situation items. The World Bank financed while the Task Force on Export two separate projects under the headed by Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury working for diversification of ex- held several meetings recently in fixing strategy to help the export-

The government has already reduced the bank rate and interest on export loan to help the exporters overcoming their set backs.

Meanwhile, the government has taken special move to explore alternative markets for Bangladeshi products, especially in the regional markets including China, India, Pakistan and Myanmar, the day. officials said.

Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury is expected to lead a business delegation to Myanmar next month to exhibit local products there in "Bangladesh Week," Commerce Ministry sources said.

We are optimistic that the export basket will be increased in near future following the recent initiatives taken by the government," a Commerce Ministry official said.

### Be accurate in diagnosis

#### President tells docs at int'l seminar in city

BSS, Dhaka

President A Q M Badruddoza the remotest corners of the coun-Chowdhury vesterday urged the physicians to be accurate in diagnosis of different diseases reminding them that negligence in detection of illness could not be acceptable to the society.

"You, the doctors, deal with human beings. So always keep it mind that there is no other alternative but to be accurate in diagnosis," he said.

The president said that millions of patients, whether poor or nar. rich, of the country depend on the physicians with a dream to get rid of different health related troubles.

"I do hope that your target would be to provide world class medicare services to the patients," he said while inaugurating the 14th Annual Conference and International Seminar of the Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography here in Osmani Memorial Auditorium vesterday morning.

He urged the doctors to reach the ultrasonography facilities to try since it is the most modern, affordable and easily movable medical system to diagnosis different diseases more accurately. "But again remain alert that low standard machinery could create confusion about detection of diseases, so use the sophisticated technology and equipment in ultrasonography," he cautioned the ultrasonographers attending the two-day conference and semi-

He asked the physicians to inform the government time to time about import of low-standard ultrasonography equipment and aware the authorities concerned of the importance of minimum stan-

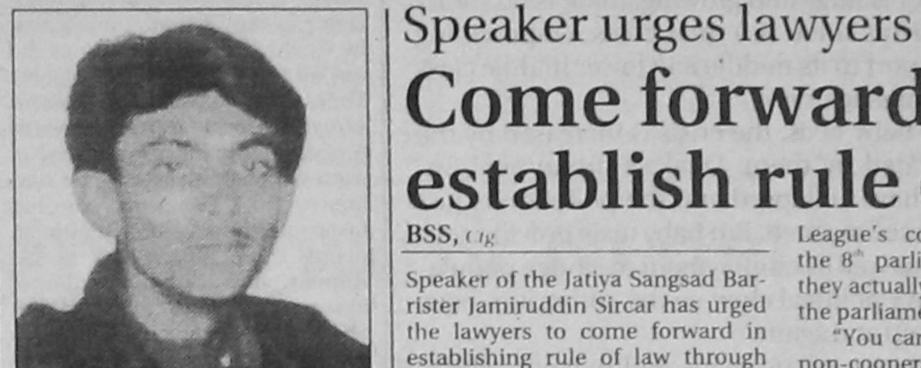
dard machinery. President Chowdhury, the physician turned politician, also laid emphasis on advanced training for accurate diagnosis of diseases.

Vice-chancellor of Ban-

gabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Prof Dr M A Hadi and President of the World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology Prof Hiroki Watanabe addressed the inaugural session as special guests while Society's President Dr Haider Ali Khan chaired the function.

Secretary General of the Society Dr Firoz Ahmed, Vicepresident Dr Kanu Bala, Dr Almas Begum and Dr Mizanul Hasan also addressed the function.

Officer of the Institute of Nuclear Medicine of BSMMU and Dr Kanu Bala, Vice-president of the Society, were awarded in the ceremony for their outstanding contributions in popularising and development of ultrasonography in Bangladesh.



#### JCD leader Sajal's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 3rd death anniversary of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leader Sajal Chowdhury will be observed to-

Sajal, a leader of Dhanmondi thana unit of BNP-backed JCD, was killed on February 9 in 1999 during the four-day non-stop hartal called by the BNP-led opposition alliance against holding of municipal elections.

In observance of the day, a mourning procession will be brought out from Dahnmondi Eadgah ground and offer fateha at the grave of Sajal. A memorial plaque will be laid at the Science Laboratory crossing where Sajal

was killed.

ranged there.

The President distributed certificates among the successful students of the 11" Ultrasonography Course being offered by the Two reputed physician Dr M A Karim, Director and Chief Medical

### Come forward to establish rule of law

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar has urged the lawyers to come forward in establishing rule of law through rendering their professional services with utmost sincerity and transparency. "Lawyers are the inseparable

part of the judiciary who could play vital role by assisting the judges to deliver a fair judgement as they are the most enlightened and educated members of the society," Sircar said.

The Speaker was addressing as the chief guest here a discussion on "Strengthening Parliamentary Democracy and Rule of Law" before the traditional annual dinner-2001 organised by the Chittagong District Bar Association (CDBA) at the bar library auditorium yesterday evening.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin spoke the function as special guest with CDBA president Advocate Saleh Zahur in the chair.

"Opposition is the important part of the parliament and they have to play significant role to day-long | make the parliamentary democ-Qurankhwani will be arranged at racy effective," the Speaker made Sajal's residence at 301 West his observation quoting the long Dhanmondi. A discussion meeting | history of the parliamentary deand milad mahfil will also be ar- mocracy of Great Britain.

Referring to opposition Awami between bench and bar.

League's continuous boycott of the 8th parliament, he said "what they actually want to do bypassing the parliament and people's will?" "You cannot ask the people to

non-cooperate the government who got the mandate of the majority and it is the people only who will decide finally the performance of the government," he said. It is not the real spirit of the parliamentary democracy that a party in power wants to remain in power and stay in power forever.

Responding to the demand of the lawyers and judges regarding the Chittagong court building issue, the Speaker said as the case is pending in the higher court so that there should be a compromise between petitioner and the respondent to reach an amicable settlement as the matter needs urgent attention.

He called upon the lawyers, judges and judicial officials to work hard with vision to ensure justice to the neglected people in the society-through timely disposal of the cases as innumerable cases have been pending in the higher court to lower courts in the

Chittagong District and Session Judge Ali Asraf Khan Lodi said smooth functioning of the judiciary depends on healthy relation

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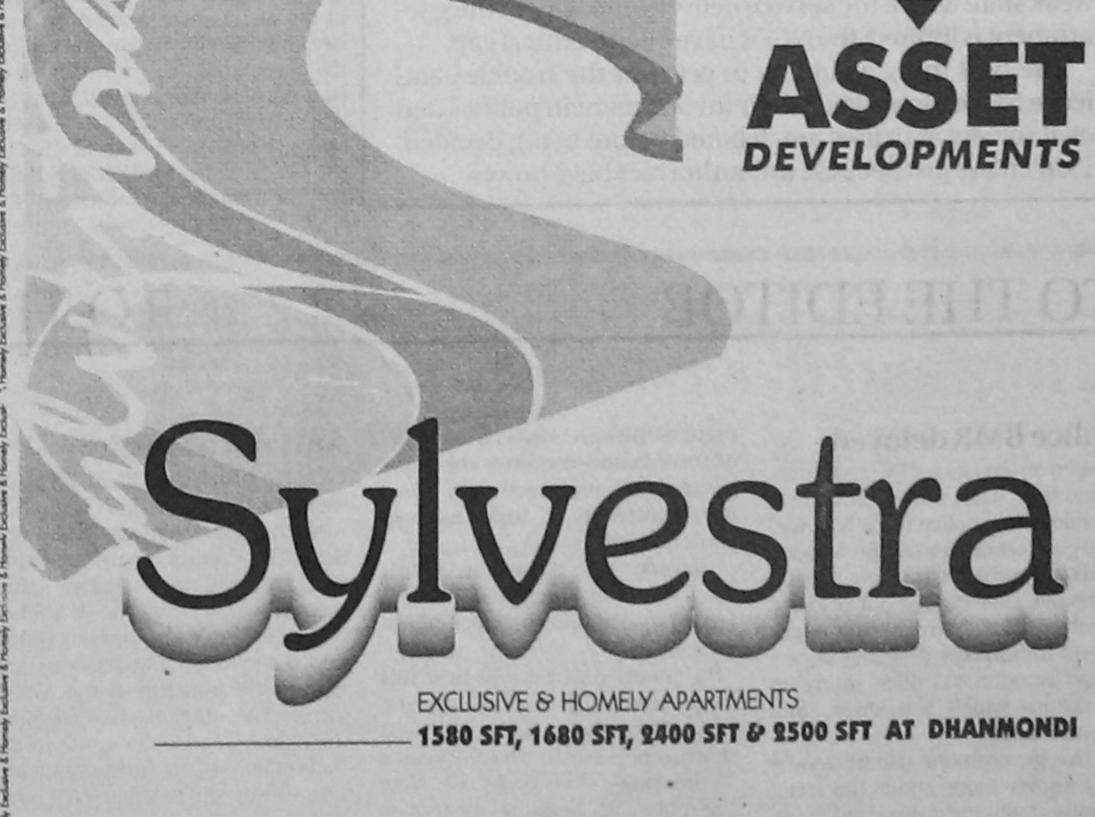
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