# Sustainable development

# Dhaka meet from March 18

UNB, Dhaka

Stakeholders will sit here in a fourday meet to assess Bangladesh's implementation status of Rio agenda for sustainable development and help workout the best possible way for future action.

Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad, a local think-tank, will organise the private sector summit titled "Dhaka meet on sustainable development in Bangladesh: achievements, opportunities and challenges at Rio+10" March 15 to

The 1992 Rio Earth Summit adopted the concept of sustainable development based on economic growth, social justice and environmental promotion keeping people at the centre of all.

A few countries initiated the development agenda while many others have got their policies set. But most of the countries could not proceed much with the agenda for want of required assistance committed by rich nations

in the Rio summit

Finance Minister M Saifur Rah-

man on Sunday informed the par-

liament that the default loans of

the nationalised commercial

banks (NCBs) now stood at Tk

Khan (BNP), the minister said the

amount of default loans of Sonali

Bank was Tk 5,434.24 crore; and

Tk 2,444.62 crore was in Janata

Bank, Tk 2,999.84 crore in Agrani

Bank and Tk 1,348.37 crore in

Nurul Islam (BNP), the finance

minister said 2,308 people had

defaulted on loans of over Tk 1

crore each and the total amount

with those defaulters is Tk

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some remarkable progress in good results equally to the downterms of framing policies aiming at trodden in a coordinated apthe goals of sustainable development, but implementation has not got much acceleration for lack of technical capacity and funds, development economist Dr QK Ah-

"This is not true that we've not done anything. At least we've got some policies in place, such as environment, water, education and energy. There has been some progress although much more could have been done," he said.

Implementation of those policies involves huge finance for role to play. which external assistance is inevitable, DR Ahmed pointed out. "We don't have enough capacity to implement those and we haven't got the funds we expected The Rio+10 World Summit on from external sources," he said.

To realise the default loans,

certain steps have been taken, he

said. The steps include formation

of taskforces in all commercial

banks headed by their respective

managing directors and a high-

powered taskforce has been

with a deputy governor as its head

other task force is working to rec-

ommend possible reforms to

speed up the loan recovery drive

not to give further loans to any

defaulters. Cash incentives have

also been introduced for those

officers and employees who can

The Bid notice under the Memo No. DESCO/CS/01/2002/330 dated 20/02/2002 published in Dainik

Ittefaque, The Bangladesh Observer, The Daily Star, & Dainik Janakantha, on 21/02/2002 is hereby

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Amendment of the Bid notice No. 03/2002

Besides, the banks were asked

The finance minister said an-

to monitor those taskforces.

and identify bankruptcy.

realise loans.

He mentioned about the lack uled for August-September this of coordination among various year in Johannesburg, will review implementing agencies both at the achievements and failures government and non-government relating to the goals set and proc- levels. Whatever achieved so far amid the resource constraints In Bangladesh, there has been should be fine tuned to reach the proach, he felt.

> The main purpose of the Dhaka Meet will be to generate key messages towards strengthening national commitment to sustainable development.

> "We want to raise public awareness, to workout a future plan of action," said Dr Ahmed who chairs the BUP.

Implementation does not lye with the government alone, he said adding that NGOs and the business community have a major

Dr Ahsanuddin Ahmed, also an executive of the BUP, said the conference is aimed at creating awareness among the people about their role in achieving sustainable development.

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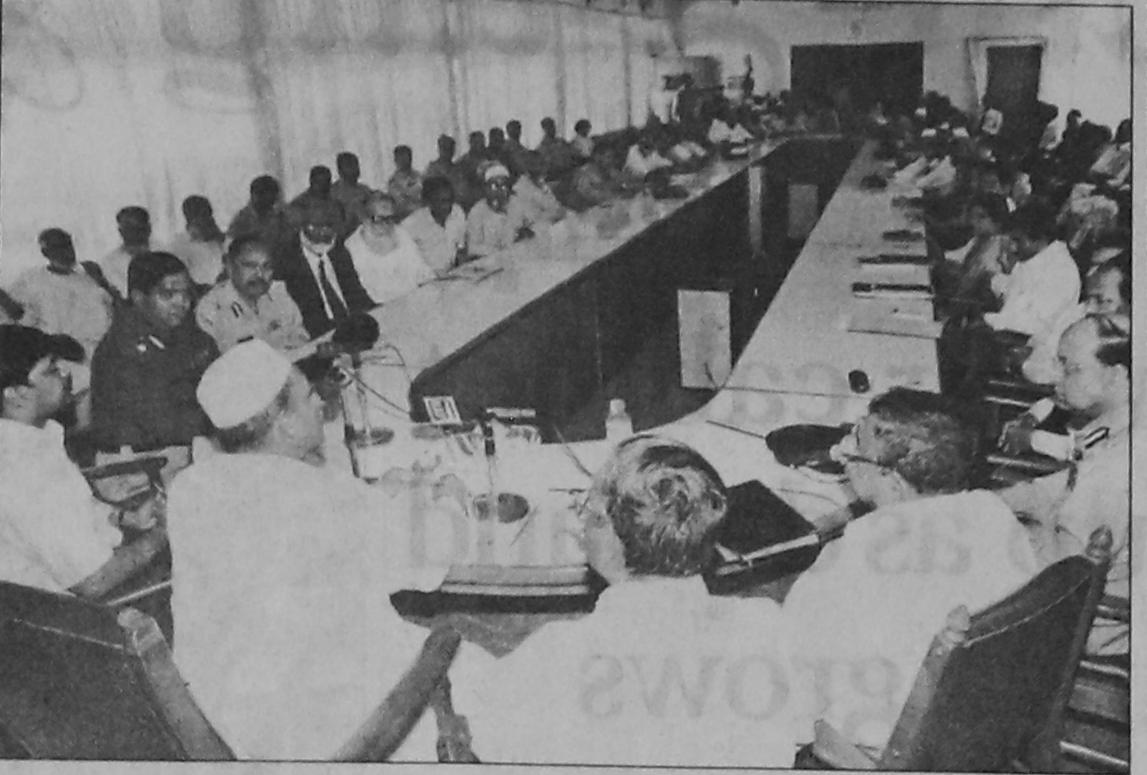
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State Minister for Education Ehsanul Haque Milon addressing the high government officials, teachers, members of the civil society and police officers at a meeting at the DC's office in Rajshahi yesterday. The meeting was organised to find ways on how to check cheating in the upcoming SSC examinations.

# No party alone responsible for culture of JS boycott Moudud tells UNB correspondents

UNB, Dhaka

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed yesterday said the culture of ceaseless parliament boycott should be stopped for fulfilling people's aspirations.

"Awami League is now behind the ongoing organised crimes by the identified terrorists on hire instead of their own workers," he told the two-day annual conference of UNB District Correspondents in the city.

He said boycotting parliament is part of parliamentary democracy, "but it has become our culture to boycott continuously, which is unfortunate."

Barrister Moudud, however, admitted that both ruling and opposition parties are responsible for this culture as neither alone is blamed for this practice.

parency International Bangladesh Barrister Manzoor Hasan also matter is complex, it is hard to tell spoke at the function with UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan in the chair. Chief Editor Enavetullah

Khan, Managing Editor Syed Mohiuddin Ahmed, Chief News Editor Syed Mustafizur Rahman and City Editor Shamsuddin Ahmed were also present.

Moudud said showing the ploy of environment, AL is now boycotting parliament for its own political strategy, which he termed 'destructive'.

AL is an old and mature political party and they cannot be brought to parliament with invitation if they don't want to join, he

Moudud apprised the journalists that the government would soon enact Right to Information Act doing away with the official Secretary Act 1923 for which a debate will be kicked off to consider nitty-gritty of the new law.

About separation of the judiciary, his observations sounded a bit equivocal: "It is part of our elec-Executive Director of Trans- 'tion manifesto commitment and we will do it obviously. As the when we will do it."

Moudud said that he would sit next week with the senior bureau- correspondent of Kurigram).

crats to plan out the separation of the Judiciary from the executive in phases. He advocated for a sort of self-

censorship as he called for news media to prepare certain selfprompted ethics to resist false news and yellow journalism. He said the issue-Human

Rights and Good Governance which came in the topic of the conference, is now an international agenda. He described transparency, accountability and democratic government as prerequisite to good governance.

Not only that, he said, good governance also depends on both government and opposition party's participation in parliament, which is now lacking for abstention by Awami League.

Later, Moudud distributed prizes among the best reporter, best sub-editor and best district correspondent of the agency for the past year. The awards went to Titu Datta Gupta (Reporting). Ziaul Haq Swapan (Sub-Editor) and Shafiqul Islam Bebu (district

Attack on Christians

# Arrest of culprits demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Sammilito Samajik Andolon (SSA) yesterday demanded arrest of and exemplary punishment to the culprits responsible for attacking the Christians at Kamalapur village under Savar thana on March 7.

In a statement, the SSA leaders also demanded compensation for the affected families.

The leaders, including Pankaj

### Jadu Mia's death anniversary today

BSS, Dhaka

The 23" death anniversary of veteran politician Moshiur Rahman Jadu Mia will be observed today To mark the occasion, 'Moshiur Rahman Jadu Mia'r

Mrityu Barshiki Palon Jatiya Committee' has chalked out elaborate programmes. These include milad mahfil at national graveyard in Sher-e-

Bangla Nagar and discussion at National Press Club on March 21, said a press release yesterday.

#### Students protest construction of bldg in front of DU library

**DU CORRESPONDENT** 

Dhaka University students yesterday launched a signature campaign on the campus protesting construction of 'unplanned' building in front of the Central Library of the university.

The students, under the banner of 'Students Unity Against Unplanned Installation' (SUAUI). will hold a press conference at the Madhu's canteen today. They will stage demonstration, sit-in and submit a memorandum to the Vice Chancellor tomorrow.

They brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus on Sunday to press home their de-

The Proctor and DU unit, president of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) 'threatened' them to stop the movement, when they went to meet VC at his office on Sunday in ferent areas under its Shatmasjid, this connection, they said.

Bhattacharya, Chowdhury Khorshed Alam and Fazlul Kabir Kawsar, visited the village yester-

The victims told them that a gang led by Shwakat Ali, Sentu Mia and Saydee of nearby Bhabanipur village, equipped with machetes and other lethal weapons, ransacked their houses and beat up the inmates.

The gang also tried to rape three Christian women of the village, they added.

"They also beat up Monika Rozario, Hafez Minhaz, Shahadat Mia, Amanullah and Jharna Gomez who rushed to the aid of the women.

Although a case has been filed at Savar thana in the connection. the attackers are roaming scot-free

and threatening the Christians. Ten Christian families have been living in Kamalapur village for over 50 years.

#### SC Bar condemns attack on Ctg labour court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

President and general secretary of the Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association yesterday strongly condemned the attack on Chittagong Labour Court by the activists of BNP backed Sramik Dal.

In a joint statement Abdul Baset Majumder and Md. Momtajuddin Fakir president and general secretary respectively of the Association yesterday said the incident of harassing a judge and injuring the employees and ransacking the court room during hearing of a case is 'heinous'.

Terming the incident 'humiliation' for the whole judiciary they said it wouldn't happen if the government had any respect for it.

They demanded arrest and exemplary punishment to the culprits, responsible for the incident.

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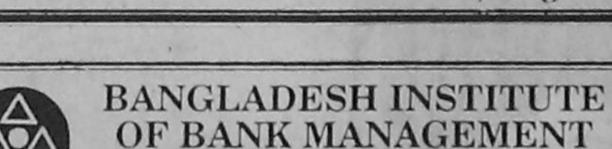
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