

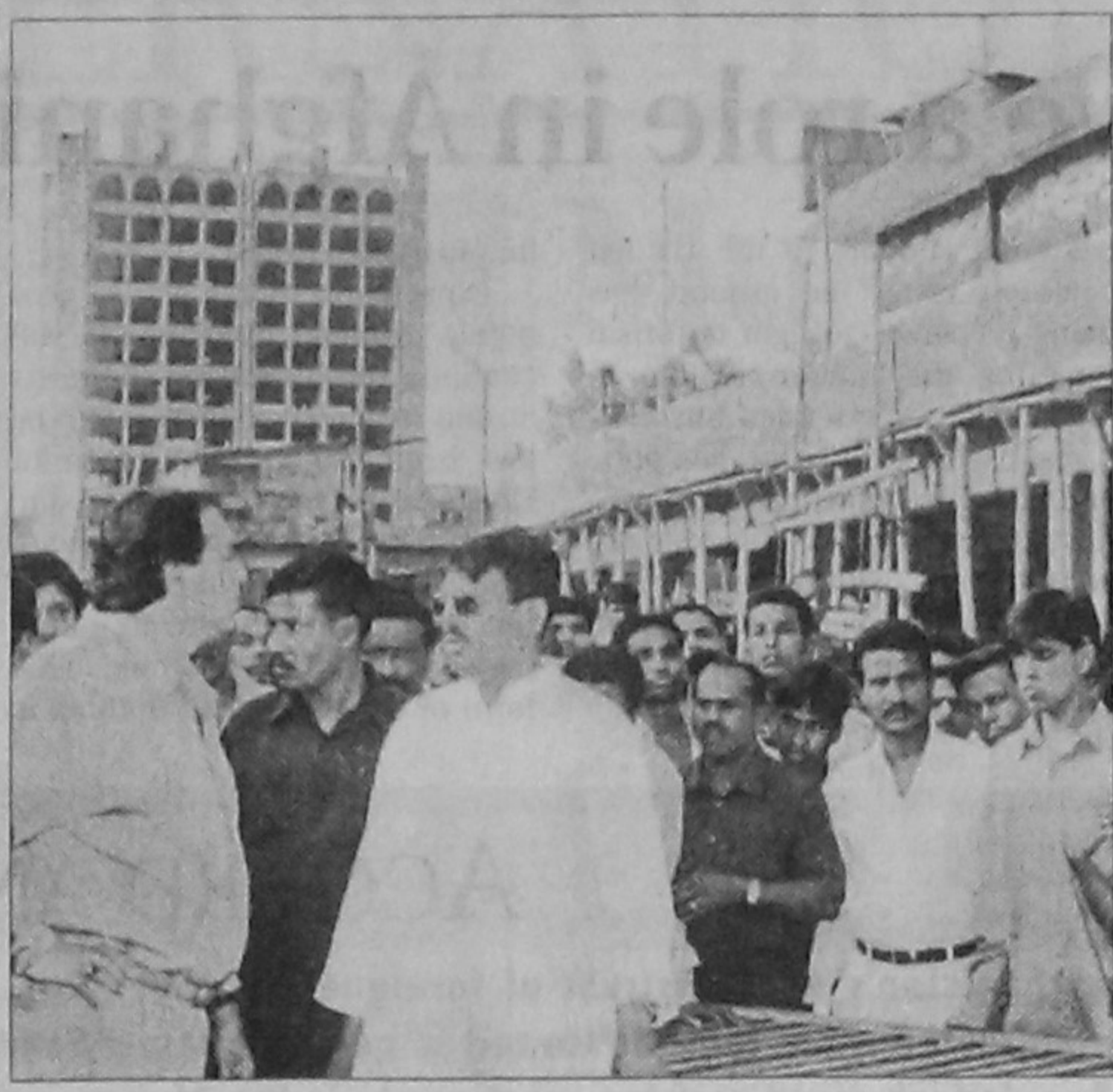
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State Minister for LGRD Ziaul Huq Zia visited Karwan Bazar area in the city yesterday and gave a directive to the authorities to demolish illegal shops on footpaths and roads.

'Launch movement against distortion of Liberation War history in textbooks'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar in the city yesterday urged the countrymen to launch an all-out movement against the distortion of history of Liberation War in the textbooks by the present government.

They said after assuming power, the BNP-led four party alliance government decided to distort the history of Liberation War in the name of revising the textbooks for their ill political motives.

The speakers said this distortion will deprive the young learners of knowledge of the country's true history.

Bangladesh Foundation for Development Research organised the seminar titled "Distortion of History of the Liberation War in the Textbooks" at the CIRDAP auditorium.

Former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria presided over the seminar which was addressed by Justice K M Sobhan, Prof. Shamsul Huda Harun, Prof. Muntasar Mahmud, Prof. Harun-ur-Rashid, Prof. Mamtaj Uddin Ahmed, Prof. Alsar Uddin, Prof. Hussain Mansur, Monam Sarker and Santosh Gupta.

Dr. Mamtaj Uddin Patwari presented the keynote paper at the seminar.

Addressing the seminar, Shah AMS Kibria said that by bringing in changes to the textbooks, the present government is misguiding the new generation in a "planned way".

He said the civil society has a great responsibility to make the people aware about the distortion in the textbooks.

The speakers discussed the changes made in different textbooks of primary and secondary level and said the terms 'Bangabandhu' and 'Father of the Nation' before the name of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman have been removed.

But none can deny the contribution of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to our liberation war and his name and Bangladesh are inseparable, they added.

The speakers said textbooks must contain true and authentic information so that the new generation can know the real history of the country.

No government should do politics with textbooks, they asserted.

The seminar was informed that at least two cases have already been lodged with the court against the distortion in the textbooks.

World Met Day today

UNB, Dhaka

World Meteorological Day will be observed today in the country as elsewhere in the world.

The theme of the day this year is "Reducing Vulnerability to Weather and Climate Extremes." Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) has chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day in a befitting manner.

As part of the programmes, an inaugural function will be held at the Head Office of Bangladesh Meteorological Department at Argamoa in the city.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf will be present as chief guest at the function while Defence Secretary KM Ehsanul Haq as special guest.

Six firearms recovered

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Police recovered six firearms, two other types of weapons and three bullets from across the country during the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

They also arrested 1365 people, including four alleged listed criminals, during the period.

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Govt's reform measures pay off: Kobayashi

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The government of Bangladesh has undertaken various reform measures in finance, judiciary, power and energy with a view to establishing good governance in those sectors, Japanese Ambassador Jiro Kobayashi said at a function in the city yesterday.

"The reform measures have already brought about very significant improvement in management and governance of both in the public and private sectors," he said while speaking as chief guest at a seminar on "Breakthrough Thinking for Corporate Management" at Hotel Sheraton.

Kobayashi noted that as part of the reform measures, the government of Bangladesh introduced TQM (Total Quality Management) to Haripur power station with the help of JICA and JBIC, the two Japanese organisations. And in the meantime, he added, the power supply of the station has tremendously improved by 80 per cent.

In commemoration of the 30th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Japan, the day-long seminar was organised under the joint auspices of Japan Commerce and Industry Association (Sho-Ko-Kai) in Dhaka, Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO), Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS) in

Japan and Bangladesh AOTS Alumni Society (BAAS) while the Embassy of Japan and Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) gave their support to it.

Appreciating the organisers, Kobayashi said in celebration of the year 2002, the Embassy of Japan has undertaken a series of programmes throughout the year.

As part of such programmes, he said, the embassy organised "Japan Week" at the beginning of this month which was followed by cultural events, including Tsugari Shamisen concert, joint fine art exhibition, and Ikebana flower arrangement show.

The opening function was also addressed by DCCI president Matiur Rahman as special guest, JETRO representative Daisuke Arai, Sho-Ko-Kai president Hideo Ueno, AOTS representative Dr AK M Moazzem Hussain and BAAS president SU Khan.

Prof Shozo Hibino, who introduced this new "Breakthrough Thinking" in 1990 along with Prof Gerald Nadler of America, conducted the seminar.

Kobayashi noted that Bangladesh is one of the major recipient of Japan's development assistance since independence but the economic relations including trade and investment between the two countries had not yet been fully developed to the potentiality.

President, PM greet Musharraf

UNB, Dhaka

President AQM Badrudduja Chowdhury and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday greeted Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf on the occasion of Pakistan Day.

In his message to Musharraf, the president extended his warmest felicitation to Pakistan President and hoped that the existing brotherly relations between the two countries would be further strengthened for mutual benefits of the peoples of two countries.

Badrudduja wished the friendly people of Pakistan continued peace, progress and prosperity. Khaleda Zia, in her message, expressed her confidence that the existing fraternal and cordial relations between Dhaka and Islamabad would further be consolidated in the days to come.

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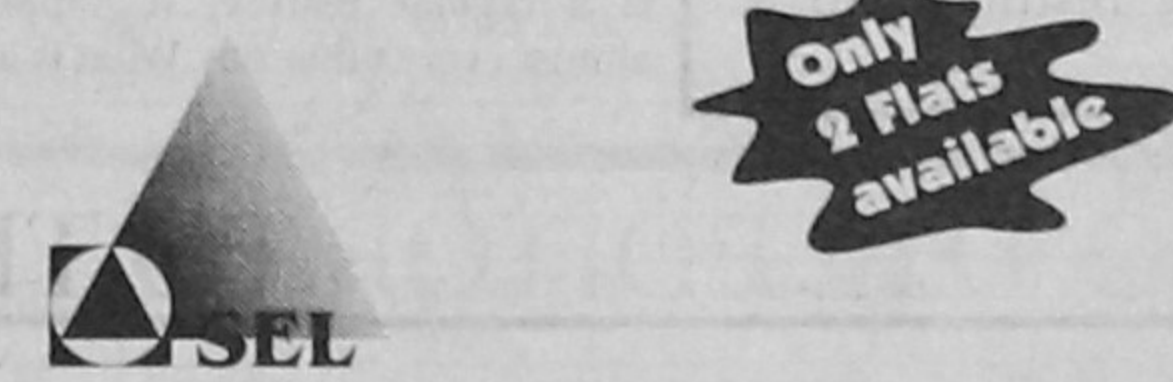
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