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TOMORROW**Human chain**

National Garment Workers Federation will form a human chain demanding holiday on May Day. Venue: Muktangan. Time: 5.00pm.

**Convocation**

Bulbul Lalitkala Academy will hold its Convocation Ceremony-2002. Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 6.00pm.

**Film show**

Zahir Raihan Film Society and Russian Cultural Centre will screen two films in Andrei Tarkovsky Retrospective: 'Ivan's Childhood' and 'Solaris'. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhamondi R/A. Time: 5.00pm and 6.30pm respectively.

**Course**

In collaboration with Murdoch University, Australia, International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) will launch its second training course on Sustainability. IUBAT seminar hall. Time: 9.00am.

**Rally**

A rally of the workers of Dhaka City Unit of Islamic Solidarity Movement will be held. Venue: 10/1, Purba Tejtrai Bazar. Time: 10.00am.

**Mahfil**

The weekly Ashequ-e-Rasul (sm) Mahfil will be held. Venue: Dewanbagh Sharif, 147 Arambag. Time: 10.00am.

**Film show**

Alliance Francaise will screen two films titled 'Casque d'or' and 'Ma vie Sexuelle'. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 10.30am and 6.00pm.

**Classical music**

As part of its regular monthly programme, Chhayanaut will present an evening of classical music. Venue: Natmandir of Dhaka University. Time: 6.30pm.

**Founding anniversary**

The 8th Founding Anniversary of Pioneer Dental College will be held with President AQM Badrudduha Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10.00am.

**IUBAT course**

The certificate awarding ceremony of a short course on Sustainability, jointly organised by International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) and Murdoch University of Australia, will be held. Venue: Meteorological Department auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 5.00pm.

**Meeting**

A consultation meeting on 'Human Rights Advocacy Enhancements' will be held. Venue: IDHRB Project Office, House-500H, Road-8, Dhamondi R/A. Time: 2.30pm.

**Conference**

A representative conference of Public Health Engineering Workers & Employees Union will be held. Venue: Public Health Engineering Bhaban auditorium, Kakrail. Time: 3.00pm.

**Exhibition**

The British Council organises a Science Exhibition titled 'Innovation UK 2002' and a day-long Science Fair. Venue: The British Council auditorium, Fuller Road. Time: 10.30am.

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The committee members of Women Entrepreneurs Association, led by its president Rokia Afzal Rahman, called on President AQM Badrudduha Chowdhury at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday.

## Remove disparity between North and South Speaker told AAPP assembly

BSS, Dhaka

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsads Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar has called for a political will as well as unity of the developing countries to eliminate the existing disparity between the North and the South.

"The developed countries of the North enjoy on an average several times higher per capita income of GDP than that of the developing countries in the South. This disparity must go," he said and asked the experts to devise ways to remove this disparity.

The Speaker made the remarks in a general debate on the 'Political, Economic and Social Situation in Asia' held in Chongqing, China, on Wednesday, according to a message received here yesterday.

The debate was held in the second session with himself in the chair of the 3rd general assembly of Asian Association of Parliaments for Peace (AAPP).

Li Peng, who was elected President of AAPP for the current year, opened the 3rd general assembly of AAPP in Beijing on April 16. Li Peng was elected to the post following a proposal of Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, which was unanimously accepted in the first session of the AAPP general assembly, the message said.

Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, now leading a Bangladesh delegation to the AAPP assembly, referred to the sufferings of Asian people under different autocratic regimes and colonial powers. "The long pursuit of Asian people for self-determination and independence and thereafter the pursuit for

development is a matter of great concern for us," he said.

The Speaker said time has already come for true equality in the committee of nations as the AAPP members stood together to promote the goal. The economic globalisation is offering opportunities and challenges for the developing countries. But the challenges outweigh the opportunities for most of the Asian countries, he lamented.

The Speaker called for cooperation among the Asian countries to reduce tariff and non-tariff barriers and develop the culture of joint venture investment and technical cooperation within the frameworks of ASEAN, SAARC and SPTA for mutual development of their economies.

He referred to the common ex-

periences of Bangladesh and China in their struggle against repression and foreign domination as well as shared aspiration of building an independent economy. "China is our great partner in this respect," he said adding, "I gratefully acknowledge the assistance that China has been providing us in the economic field."

Barrister Sircar said the 8th Parliament in Bangladesh, elected through a free and fair elections, was stressing upon Rule of Law and seriously considering to raise the number of women participation in Parliament. We are now emphasizing the committee functions and the oversight functions of Parliament with proportional representation of the opposition," he added.

## No pressure on Hindu community in Bangladesh

Indian columnist Bhabani Sengupta says

BSS, Dhaka

Leading Indian columnist Bhabani Sengupta who recently visited Dhaka observed that social peace with communal harmony was prevailing in Bangladesh with a coalition government of BNP and Jamaat in power.

He said nobody claimed that there was any impact of riots in Gujarat of India. "The real situation was that when India was burning with communal riots, Bangladesh remained more or less stable," he said.

In his recent article published in the Sangbad Pratidin of Kolkata, Four-party ward commissioner candidates meet tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka

An emergency meeting of the Four-party alliance candidates for the post of Ward Commissioner in Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) elections will be held at the BNP's Nayapaltan office at 11 am tomorrow.

Convenor of the All Party Action Council, Dhaka city unit, and mayoral candidate Sadek Hossain Khoka has requested all candidates to attend the meeting on time.



### Qulkhwani postponed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The qulkhwani of Revad Hossain Chowdhury has been postponed as his body did not arrive in the city as per schedule.

Revad, third son of Shamsuddin Chowdhury, died of a cardiac arrest in Atlanta, USA, on April 12.

His body was expected to arrive in Dhaka on April 18 (Thursday) by a Biman flight and his qulkhwani was scheduled for April 19 (Friday) after Asr prayers.

But his body could not be brought back home as the Biman flight was postponed due to some technical faults. Therefore, his qulkhwani has been postponed.

Fresh date of his qulkhwani will be announced after receiving confirmation of the Biman's New York flight's arrival.

The family of Revad regrets inconvenience caused to anyone.

### Qulkhwani

The qulkhwani of Advocate Abdul Khaque will be held at his residence at 189 Khilgaon Tilpapari (opposite the mosque) at 4:30 pm today, says a press release.

Advocate Khaque died on April 13 midnight at the age of 83.

He left behind 4 sons, 7 daughters, and a number of grandsons and granddaughters to mourn his death.

He was a close associate of Hosein Shaheed Suhrarwadi and an active member of Awami League during historic 'Tuktafront' movement in 1954.

He was also a member of the Dhaka Bar Council till his death. Before joining the legal profession he was a government food official.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhwani and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

### Siddiqui's Int'l School presents cultural show

The students of Siddiqui's International School presented a cultural show titled "Our Country and Heritage" at the Shishu Academy auditorium recently, says a press release.

The function was organised to mark the fifty years of Language Movement and thirty-one years of Independence.

The main purpose of this show was to uphold our cultural integrity.

The function covered the history of the Bengali nation ranging from the anti-British movement to Bangladesh's Independence. It comprised of various songs, drama, recitation and dance which were the true reflection of our glorious past.

des," he also observed in his article.

The columnist, however, expressed his concern over the boycott of parliament by the opposition parties, saying that because of this, democracy in Bangladesh had been affected badly. The oppositions, he said, were always active and vocal against the government outside the parliament.

He also lauded the role of development organisations, particularly the Grameen Bank for its successful programmes to make the rural people self-reliant which had drawn the global attention.

Sengupta visited Bangladesh recently to take part in a discussion on South Asia. "The coalition government of BNP-Jamaat is more or less successful in maintaining social peace in Bangladesh.

## WEATHER TODAY

### Rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind to slightly wind is likely at few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Comilla and Noakhali in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country, the Met office said. Day temperature may remain unchanged over the country during the period.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 36.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest of 21.8 degree Celsius at Srimongol.

The sun sets in the capital at 6.22 pm today and rises at 5.33 am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.9	25.8	80	69
Chittagong	32.6	25.8	70	71
Rajshahi	34.6	27.2	86	63
Khulna	34.0	27.2	76	69
Barisal	32.6	25.5	76	78
Sylhet	32.5	22.2	83	92
Cox's Bazar	32.6	25.0	78	82

## BCIC Tender Notice

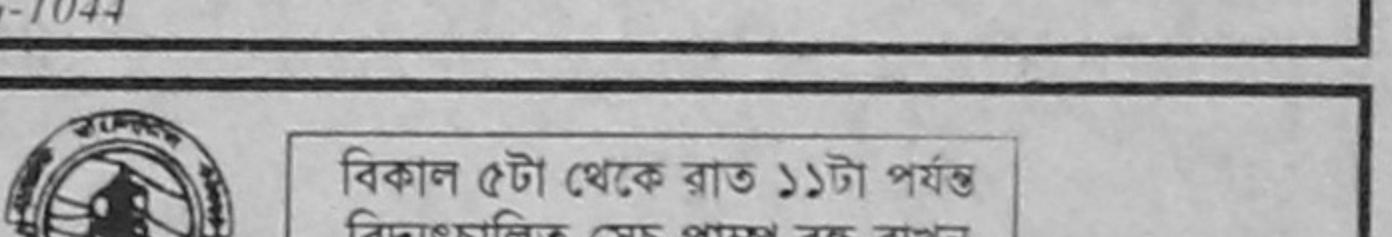
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Sealed tenders are invited by Managing Director, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong from bonafide suppliers against Tender No. PD/PT/KPM-60 dated 24-03-2002 for supply of 500 M Ton Sodium Sulphate C&F Chandraghona mill store. Tenders will be received in tender box kept at KPM Purchase Department, Sadarghat up to 11:00 AM of 24-04-2002 and will be opened on the same day immediately after the receiving of tender is closed in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers. Tender document consisting detailed description of goods & all terms & conditions can be collected on cash payment of Tk 500/- (five hundred) only from (a) BCIC, Accounts Department, BCIC Head Office, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka, (b) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong & (c) KPM Sales Accounts Section, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening tender.

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## Bangladesh Power Development Board Tender Notice

Name of office: Zonal Repairing Workshop, PDB, Bogra.

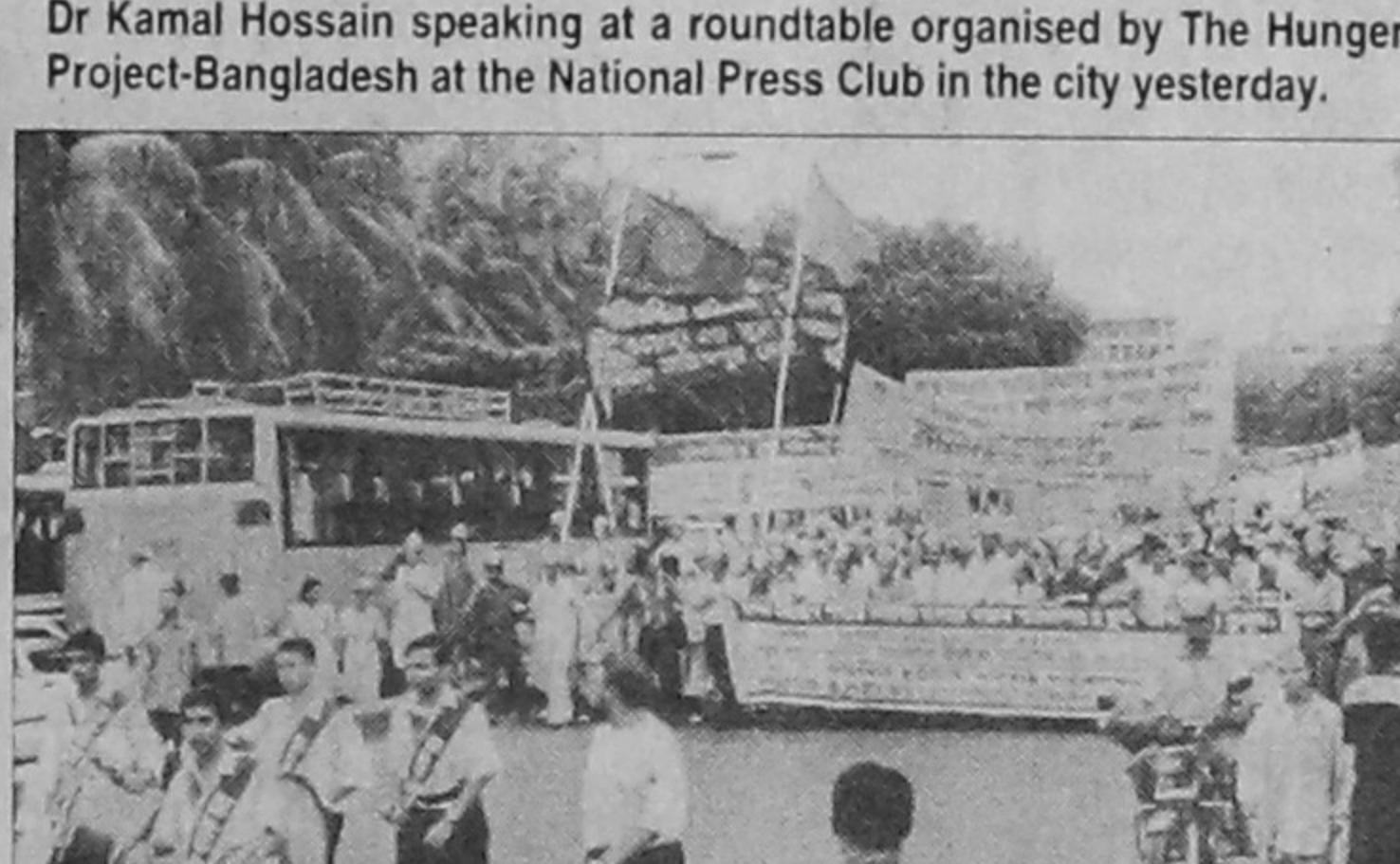
Name of Work: Repair & maintenance work of old 'F' type building at PDB Bogra colony. Eligibility of contractor: Power Development Board's 2001-2002 enlisted 'D' type contractors/bonafide suppliers. Price of tender: Tk 100/- (one hundred) only (non-refundable), to be deposited in the form of BD/CD in favour of Deputy Director (Accounts), ZAO, PDB, Bogra. Place & date of getting tender: Tender can be purchased from Chief Engineer, Distribution, North Zone, PDB, Rajshahi/Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle, PDB, Bogra on written permission of Executive Engineer, Zonal Repairing Workshop, Bogra from Pubali Bank, Satmatha Branch, New Market, Bogra upto 24-04-2002. Date of receiving & opening tender: At the abovementioned offices (except bank), at the office of the undersigned upto 12-00 noon of 25-04-2002 and tenders will be opened on the same day at 12-30 pm in presence (if any) of attending tenderers. Other terms & conditions of tender mentioned in the schedule and all rules & regulations of PDB's tender must be complied with properly.

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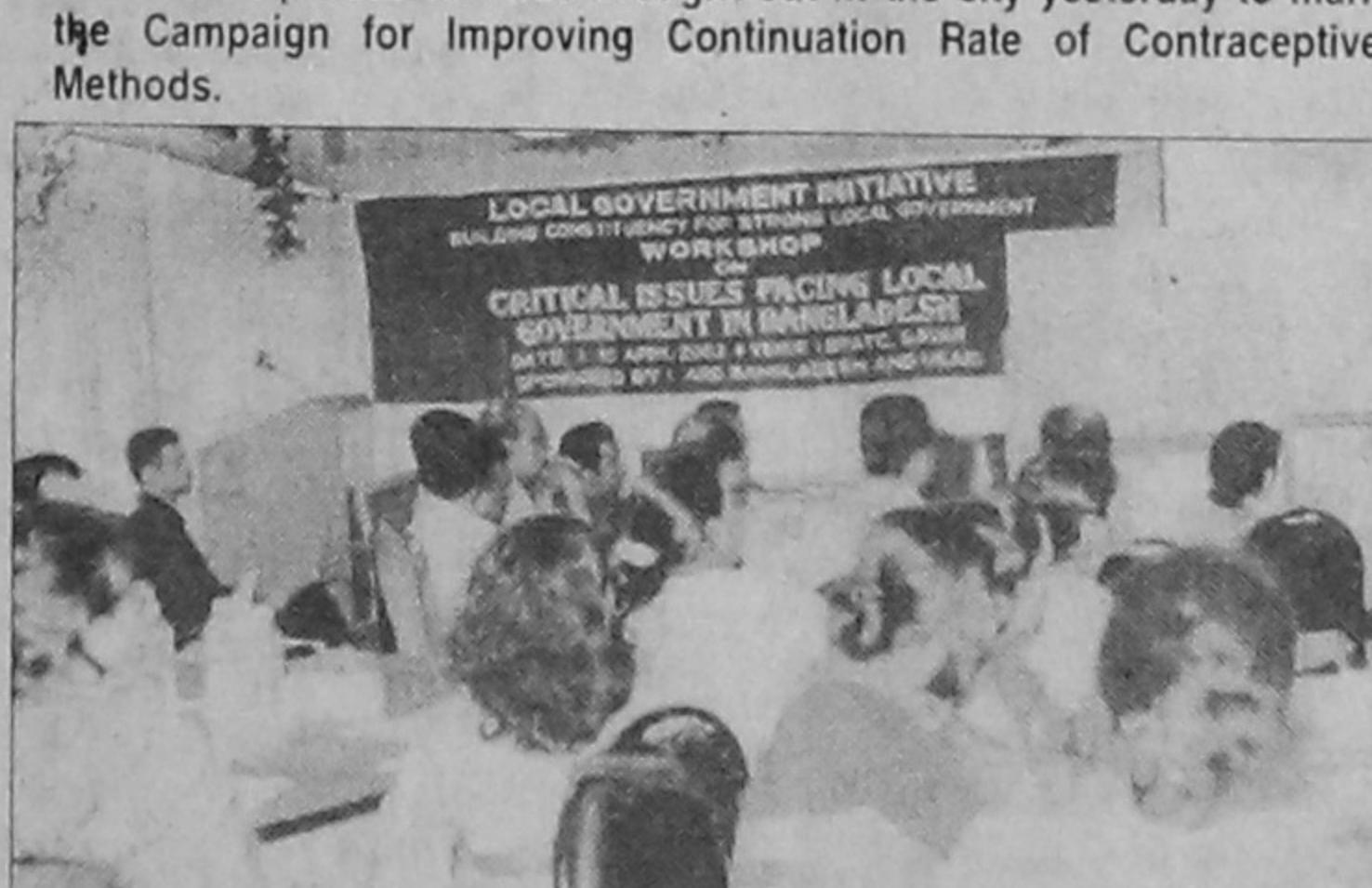
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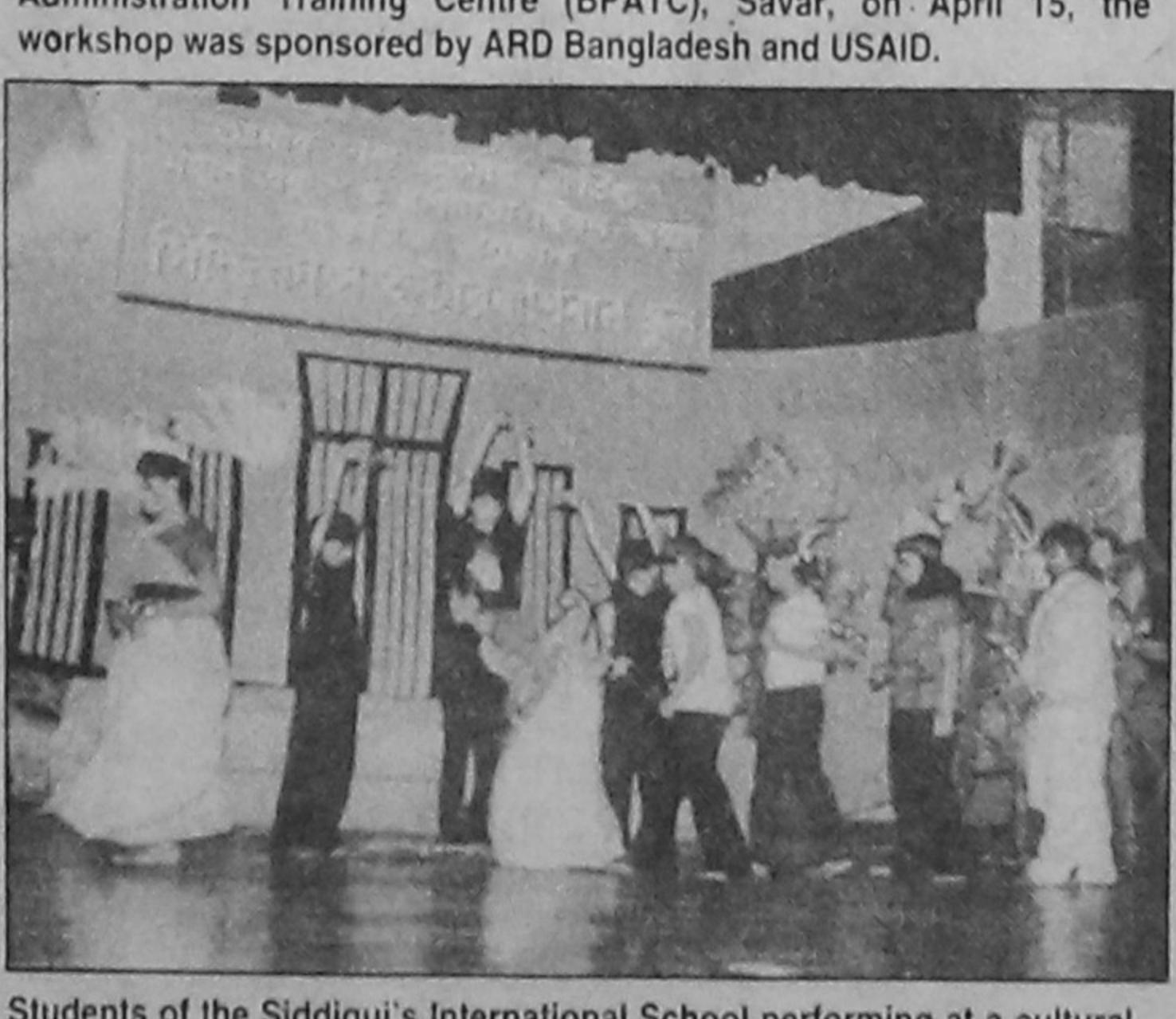
Executive Engineer  
Zonal Repairing Workshop  
PDB, Bogra



A colourful procession was brought out in the city yesterday to mark the Campaign for Improving Continuation Rate of Contraceptive Methods.



Participants at the working session of a workshop on 'Critical Issues Facing Local Government in Bangladesh', organised by the Local Government Initiative (LG). Held at the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), Savar, on April 15, the workshop was sponsored by ARD Bangladesh and USAID.



Students of the Siddiqui's International School performing a cultural function at the Shishu Academy auditorium in the city recently.