

21 pc children deprived of edn

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty-one per cent of school-age children in the country are deprived of the basic right to education. And 40 per cent students drop out of schools without completing their primary level education.

This was revealed at a rally in the city yesterday. Oxfam-GB in collaboration with the Coalition

for the Urban Poor (CUP) organised the programme as part of the Global Education Week of Action (April 22-28).

Some children drop out of schools because the parents are too poor to bear their study costs and some of them have to stay home to help with household chores. Some become wage earners early to help survive the family, Dr. Rafique Uddin Ahmed, Execu-

tive Director of CUP, said.

Prof. Jahan Ara Begum, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Primary and Mass Education, addressed the programme as chief guest. Barrister Amirul Islam, Advocate Abul Hossain, Selina Shelley and Rafique Uddin Ahmed, among others, attended it.

Also, a human chain was formed in front of the National Museum as part of the programme. Over one hundred children joined the human chain.

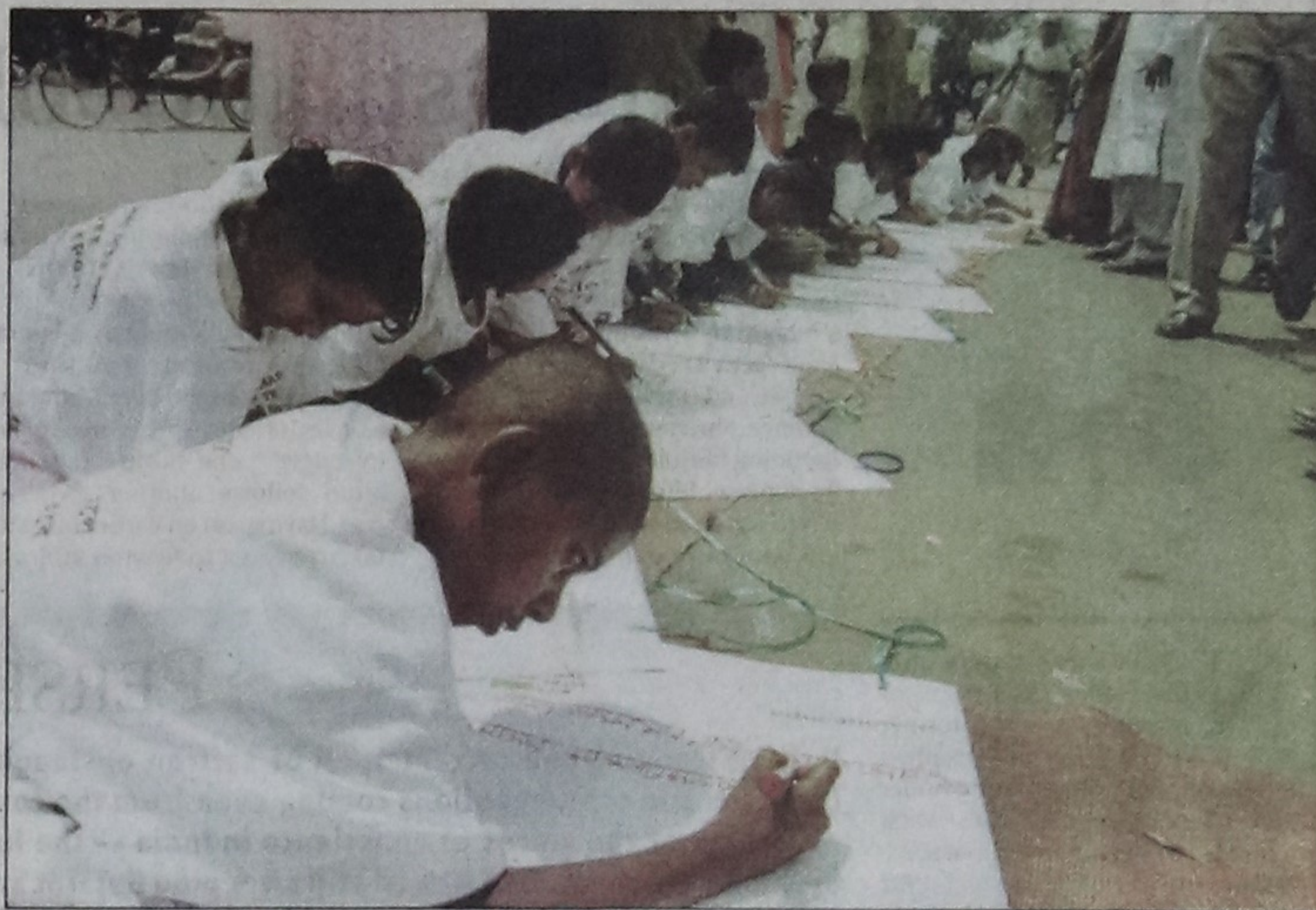
According to the Oxfam-GB and CUP, 125 million children worldwide are deprived of the basic right to education. One in five children in the world is out of school and two-thirds of them are girls.

As a region, South Asia has both the lowest literacy rates and the largest gap between the rates of male and female literacy - 66 and 43 per cent respectively.

The CUP and the Oxfam-GB also placed seven-point recommendation, urging the government to frame an effective national education plan by the end of 2002.

They recommended that civil society should actively participate in the development, implementation and monitoring of the plans and there should be clear budgetary commitments and ways of monitoring them.

They also suggested developing specific mechanism to promote all aspects of education for girls and quality education.



Children writing their names and other details about their families on the placards before joining a human chain in front of the National Museum in the city yesterday. The Oxfam-GB in collaboration with the Coalition for the Urban Poor (CUP) organised the programme on the occasion of the Global Education Week.

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Dear Almighty, please heed our prayers, open wide your gates of Heaven, for your favourite child is now returning home.

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Advice to diabetic patients

UNB, Dhaka

Physicians and experts at a seminar here yesterday suggested the diabetic patients to strictly abide by diet, discipline and drug rules.

They said diet discipline and drug are the only way to a diabetic patient that should be followed to avoid acute suffering.

Aventis Pharma Bangladesh organised the seminar on "Diabetes and its Advances" at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday.

Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Prof. MA Hadi, National Professor Nurul Islam, Prof. Hazera Mahtab, Managing Director of Aventis Pharma AKM Shamsuddin addressed the inaugural session of the seminar.

They viewed with concern at the rising number of diabetic patients and estimated that about 20 million people in Bangladesh are suffering or have the symptoms of the disease.

The experts said diabetes is a global issue now and about 150 million of people around the globe are suffering from the disease.

Diabetic Association of Bangladesh secretary general AK Azad Khan, Prof. Zafar Latif, Dr. M. Faruque Pathan and reputed overseas diabetologist Prof. Abdul Jab-

bar of Aga Khan University of Pakistan shared their experience and knowledge in the field of diabetes during the scientific session of the seminar.

Aventis organised the seminar launching its new drug named

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Resist 'conspiracy to export gas'

UNB, Dhaka

The National Committee to Protect Oil-Gas Resources and Power and Port has called for cancellation of production sharing contracts and resistance against the "conspiracy to export gas".

The Committee at a rally at Palran Maidan here yesterday said the PSCs must be scrapped and the move to export gas halted to ensure optimum and best utilisation of gas resources in the interest of the country's economy and people.

Presided over by Convenor of

the Committee Sheikh Mohammad Shahidullah, the rally was also addressed by Prof. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Golam Mohiuddin, Anu Mohammad and Rustam Ali Khokon.

The rally strongly opposed the construction of a planned private port in Chittagong by a US company saying that it is linked with a US plan to establish authority on Bangladesh's resources.

The Committee urged the people to build up resistance against this design. Otherwise, it said, "Bangladesh will be turned into Afghanistan, Myanmar or Nigeria."

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Res: ● Providing timely and error-free user configuration for various services ● Maintaining and updating configuration databases ● Integrate and assemble PC & networking hardware

Req: ● Knowledge of WIN 2K, Linux and Solaris with networking ● 2 years experience in similar jobs

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Res: ● Assist office upkeep and customer services and any other administrative support

Req: ● Experienced in any reputed organisation or minimum exposure in any institutional employment

Bangladeshi boy dies in US hospital

BSS, Dhaka

Mohammad Sharaful Haq, 6, youngest son of BGMEA director and former vice-president Anisul Haq, died at Boston Children's Hospital in the United States on Saturday after protracted illness.

The body will reach here on May 2, a press release of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association said.

Meanwhile, BGMEA President Kutubuddin Ahmed expressed deep shock at the premature death of Sharaful.

He prayed for peace of the departed soul and expressed sympathy to the bereaved family.

2 killed in Ctg road accidents

CU CORRESPONDENT

At least two persons were killed and five others seriously injured in separate road accidents in the port city yesterday.

One person was killed and three others were injured seriously when a tempo overturned as its driver lost control at Keranihat in Satkania at 11 am yesterday.

The dead was identified as Nurul Alam, 37. He died on the spot. Mozaffar Ahmed, 35, was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) in a critical condition.

A woman was killed when a truck hit an auto-rickshaw at Miller Matha area in Bondar at 11 am.

She died on the spot. The critically injured auto-rickshaw driver was admitted to the CMCH.

Second round of interview under DU Gha unit May 5

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka University authorities have called for second round of interview for the candidates in the waiting list under 'Gha' unit, for admission in the first year honours of 2001-2002 academic year.

The interview will be held on May 5 from 2 pm to 5 pm.

The admission seekers (merit position 571-750 of Science group and 136-180 of Commerce group) have been asked to be present for the interview along with admit cards of the admission test and original marks sheets of SSC and HSC examinations.

The admission seekers will be called for interview according to the merit-list till filling up of the seats in different departments, said a DU press release yesterday.

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Child Specialist
Professor Md. Salim Shakur

Professor Md. Salim Shakur, eminent child specialist and Academic Director of Bangladesh Institute of Child Health, Dhaka Shishu (Children) Hospital has been elected Fellow of Royal College of Physicians of London (FRCP London) this year, in recognition of his attainment of high standard of professional service and for his contribution and commitment to the improvement of child health.

Professor Shakur was also elected Fellow of Royal College of Physician of Edinburgh (FRCP Edin) and Fellow of Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (FRCP Glas) in 1999 and in 2001 respectively.

It is noteworthy that Professor Shakur was also honoured with Fellowship of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (FRCPCH) in 2000, the first and so far the only child specialist in Bangladesh to obtain Fellowship of all the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Paediatrics and child health of United Kingdom. In year 2000 Professor Shakur was also conferred Ph.D in clinical nutrition from University of Dhaka in recognition of his outstanding clinical research on Zinc in pneumonia and malnutrition.

Professor Shakur has Published more than twenty scientific papers in reputed national and international medical journals. He is the second son of veteran Police Officer Alhaj Abdus Shakur.

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