

## 'Induct opposition MPs into JS bodies'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday called for inducting opposition MPs into the parliamentary committees to make the committees effective.

They also suggested that even some committees should be headed by the MPs belonging to the Opposition.

The seminar titled 'Listening to the People: Strengthening Parliamentary Committees' was organised by the Legislative Support Service Project of the Manabik Shahajaya Sangstha (MSS) in collaboration with the European Commission and the National Democratic Institute (NDI) of USA.

This is the third of a series of

five seminars on 'Making Parliament Responsive'.

Held at the MSS office in Banani, the seminar was moderated by Suranjit Sengupta MP, president member of the Awami League.

Among others, Prof. Shahidul Islam MP, M Akbar Ali MP, Maj. Gen (Retd) K.M. Shafiqullah, Dr. Muhammad Selim, Dr. Alauddin Ahmed, MP, Dewan Farid Gazi MP, Golam Mohammad Kader MP, Meher Afroz, a former MP, Prof. Muzaffer Ahmed, Justice Mohd. Abdur Rouf, former Chief Election Commissioner, and Syed Abul Momen took part in the discussion.

The participants were unanimous that the number of parliamentary committees must be reasonable.

They also said that the ministers should make detailed responses to the committee's recommendations within a reasonable period of time.

"Members of the parliamentary committees must be given full authority so that they can reflect the aspirations of the people," said Feroz M. Hassan, president of the MSS.

Col (Retd) Mohammad Shwaket Ali MP, Prof. Dr. Al-Masud Hasanuzzaman of Jahangirnagar University and Prof. Dr. Nizam Ahmed of Chittagong University presented the keynote paper at the seminar.

The seminar also placed a number of recommendations.

These are - (1) committee proceedings should be open to public; (2) the committees should be formed in the first or second session of the parliament; (3) a committee, if not satisfied with comments from a ministry, may send its recommendations to the House for debate; (4) all committees must report to parliament once a year and (5) committees should be provided with adequate logistical support so that they can function effectively.

James Oliver, Resident Representative of NDI, and Dominic Cardy, Senior Programme Officer of NDI, also spoke on the occasion.



LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan administering oath to the newly elected ward commissioners of Khulna City Corporation (top) and Rajshahi City Corporation (above) in the city yesterday.

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## TCM treatment available in Bangladesh

UNB, Dhaka

Medical treatment of various chronic diseases applying traditional Chinese medicines (TCM) such as acupuncture, cupping and moxibustion is now available here in Bangladesh.

A private hospital established under China-Bangladesh joint venture opened in the city yesterday to introduce this time-tested alternative healthcare system based on herbal medicines, Tuina Massage and Cupping.

President A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury inaugurated the hospital styled Bangladesh China International Traditional Medical Clinic (Hospital) Ltd at a function at a city hotel yesterday morning.

The entrepreneurs said TCM treatment would cure various

painful syndromes such as joint pain in shoulder, ankle and knee, headache, toothache, sore throat, cervical spondylosis, tennis elbow, golf elbow, sciatica, dysmenorrhea, human body function disorders like asthma, epigastric pain, diarrhoea, insomnia, edema, constipation and impotence.

Chinese Ambassador in Dhaka Hu Quianwen, leader of Acupuncture Institute of China Academy of TCM Prof Li Zhen ji, managing director of the hospital A K M Mayeedul Islam and Nafisa Quasem also spoke on the occasion.

President Chowdhury, also a renowned physician of the country, told the function that TCM had been accepted by the people of China for a few thousand years and is quite different from standard Western medical system and theories.

"Based on its special theories, the application system of medicine also has been fundamentally different from all other systems, even in certain aspects different from this sub-continental traditional medicines," he said.

He hoped that combined effort of the Chinese doctors and Bangladesh traditional and scientific doctors with expertise in Chinese system of treatment would help develop a system of treatment of various diseases in the country.

Chinese Ambassador Hu Quianwen said the hospital for TCM is another sign of good friendly relationships existing between China and Bangladesh.

## Khoka leaves for Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Newly elected Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Sadeque Hossain Khoka yesterday left for Saudi Arabia to perform holy Umrah.

Prior to his departure, Khoka made a phone call to outgoing Mayor Mohammad Hanif from the VIP lounge of Zia International Airport at about 5:45 pm and exchanged pleasantries.

Khoka also sought suggestion and cooperation from him about the DCC board meeting on May 15 when he will formally take over the charge of the city mayor.

Khoka who is also the minister for fisheries and livestock and president of city BNP, is expected to return home on May 14.

## Nazrul confce in US from May 24

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-day long Nazrul Conference will be held in Los Angeles, USA, from May 24 to 26, said a press release.

The grand occasion is organised for the first time by the Writers Association of Bangladesh, California, with the cooperation of the Bangladesh Academy.

Feroza Begum, the legendary singer, will take part in the programme along with Dr. Anup Ghoshal and Khilkhil Kazi, granddaughter of poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.

Munmun Ahmed, Sultana Haider, Ferdous Ara, Quamrul Anam Shakil, Sujit Mostafa will also participate in the programme.

Prof. Abdullah Abu Sayeed, president of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, will be present as chief guest.

The conference will feature drama, discussion and seminar on Nazrul.

## Death anniversary

BSS, Dhaka



The first death anniversary of Kulsama Begum, wife of late Delwar Hossain Khan of "Sholokhar" of Bikramgarh, will be observed today.

On this occasion, a milad mahfil will be held after Zohr prayers at House No-335, Road No-113, Gulshan, in the city.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad.

## Obituary

UNB, Dhaka

Jahanara Masud, wife of businessman Masud Khan, died of cardiac arrest at Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital in the city yesterday.

She was buried at the Banani graveyard after namaz-e-janaza after Asr prayers. Her qulhwani will be held on Friday at her residence at House-17, Road-30, Sector-7, Uttara Model Town.

Jahanara is survived by her husband, two sons and a daughter.

## Lobbying for DU pro-VC post

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Teachers of BNP-Jamaat-backed white panel are lobbying for the post of pro-vice-chancellor of Dhaka University (DU), said the campus sources.

The post fell vacant following the appointment of Prof ZN Tahmid Begum as chairman of the Public Service Commission (PSC).

She was appointed pro-vice-chancellor on November 12 last year.

Sources said Prof Yousuf Haider, president of the Teachers' Association and dean of the Social Science faculty, Prof. Asaduzzaman of the Department of Public Administration and Prof. Saidur Rahman of the Department of Bangla are the main contestants for the post.

Other aspirants are Prof. Rashedul Hasan, treasurer, Prof. Tajmery S A Islam, provost of Rokeya Hall and Prof. Anwar Hasan of the Department of Applied Physics and Electronics.

## CU shuttle train derailed

CU CORRESPONDENT

Rail communication between the port city and the Chittagong University (CU) campus was disrupted yesterday, causing serious dislocations for thousands of students of the university.

The rail communication was disrupted following derailment of two bogies of the shuttle train near the Cantonment railway station at 8:00 am.

A salvage train from the city railway station rushed to the spot at 10:00am and salvaged the bogies at 1:00 pm, but work on repairing the damaged track was continuing.

## Number of vehicles may double in 7 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An alarming situation of traffic congestion in the city was vividly sketched in a seminar yesterday where the noted engineers said the number of vehicles may double within seven years.

The Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) organised the seminar titled 'Traffic Congestion in Dhaka City' as part of its programmes marking the 54th founding anniversary of IEB.

Communication Minister Nazmul Huda was present as chief guest while Chief Engineer of Roads and Highways Department Md Fazlul Haque was the guest of honour. IEB President Quamrul Islam Siddique presided.

The Dhaka city has only three entry points - Jatra Bari, Mahakhali and Gabtoli - which are too little to cope with the growing number of vehicles, causing disruption in smooth traffic, said Nurul Huda, general secretary of IEB.

At least 15 toll entry points and a ring road around the city should be constructed to ease traffic jam, he suggested.

In his Keynote paper, Prof.

Mazharul Haque said Dhaka, with its 10 million population, has a road network of 3000 km and there are nearly 250,000 vehicles and a huge number of rickshaws. "We lose Tk 3,000 crore a year due to traffic congestion and accidents," he said.

Lack of training, education along with the ignorance of street law and regulations make the situation worse, he added.

Prof. Mazharul Haque also called for promoting bicycle as an important travel mode.

The speakers came up with the idea of some necessary steps to end the congestion and suggested separating the roads for non-motorised and motorised vehicles.



## Congratulations

Imran Asif, Project Leader, Computer Technology Limited, has been awarded the Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert (CCIE) certification on 'Security' track by Cisco Systems recently. He appeared in the exams from Karroo Technologies Ltd, Mumbai, India, says a press release.

An Msc in Information Systems, Asif is the first Bangladeshi to have qualified as a CCIE.

## Poet Helal Hafiz undergoes surgery tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Poet and Journalist Helal Hafiz, who was admitted to the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital, will be operated upon tomorrow to remove a tumour from his abdomen.

Persons having B Negative group of blood have been requested to donate blood for him today. Please contact Cabin No. 206 (New).



Bangladesh Hindu-Buddha-Christian Oikya Parishad staged a demonstration at Shaheed Minar in Chittagong yesterday demanding arrest and trial of the killers of Gyanjyoti Mahasthobir and Madan Mohan Goswami.

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## DHAKA TODAY

### Discussion

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry organises a seminar on 'The Prevailing Situation in Light Engineering Industries and its Future Prospects' with Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Sanai Community Centre, 4/1 Rankin Street. Time: 3:00pm.

### Meeting

A joint meeting of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), BKMEA and BTLMEA will be held. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 3:00pm.

### Red crescent

In observance of World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society organises a discussion meeting with Information Minister Tanvirul Islam as chief guest. Venue: Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College auditorium. Time: 4:00pm.

### Meet

On the eve of Europe Day, Head of Delegation of European Commission Esko Kentschynskyj will meet the reporters on 'Bangladesh-Europe Relations'. Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity auditorium. Time: 10:45am.

### Rotary-Dhanmondi

Rotary Club of Dhanmondi Dhaka will hold its regular weekly meeting in which Past President Rtn. ASM Bashirul Huq will speak on 'Bangladesh Gas Sector Update'. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30pm.

### Art exhibition

The British Council organises an art exhibition titled 'Roots and Blossom', a preview of the work of Bangladeshi Artists' who will participate in the

ArtSouth Asia Exhibition at Gallery Oldham, UK in July. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 10:30am. The exhibition will remain open till May 10 from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

### Udichi

In observance of 25th Baishakh, the birth day of poet Rabindranath Tagore, Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Gosthi organises a discussion meeting and cultural function. Venue: 14/2 Topkhana Road. Time: 6:30pm.

### Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of a book titled 'Jui Phooler Veranda' authored by Prof Nashid Kamal Waies, will be held. Venue: Begum Sofia Kamal auditorium of National Museum. Time: 6:30pm.

## DHAKA TOMORROW

### Workshop

Protdiner Ain, a segment of the Empowerment Through Law of the Common People (ELCOP), will organise a day-long workshop to share views relating to street law and its different aspects. Venue: BIAM auditorium. Time: 9:00am.

### Shadow session

In cooperation with Save the Children, Australia, Tangail Zila Shishu Parishad will organise a shadow session to mark the special UN General Assembly session on Children. Venue: CIRDP auditorium. Time: 2:00pm.

### Seminar

Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of Dhaka University organises a seminar on 'Socio-economic aspects of Sultanate of Oman'. Venue: IBA auditorium. Time: 12:00noon.

## WEATHER TODAY

## Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Barisal, Khulna and Chittagong divisions today.

Slight rise in day temperature is expected over the country. Met offices said.

Country's highest temperature 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Satkhira and the lowest 19.4 degree Celsius at Dhaka.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:31 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:19 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	30.4	19.4	86	69
Chittagong	30.8	21.0	85	64
Rajshahi	31.2	19.5	79	70
Khulna	33.7	21.0	75	71
Barisal	32.8	21.2	83	76
Sylhet	31.5	21.3	75	60
Cox's Bazar	32.6	23.0	73	88

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH HIGH COURT DIVISION (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

### MATTER NO. 42 OF 2002

#### IN THE MATTER OF:

An application under Section 12 red with section 13 of the Companies Act, 1994.

#### AND

#### IN THE MATTER OF:

Scancem Bangladesh Limited

Versus PETITIONER

The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies

RESPONDENT

Notice is hereby given that an application under section 12 red with section 13 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed before the Hon'ble light Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh for confirmation of amendment of object clause of the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner Company. Upon hearing, the Hon'ble Court was pleased to admit the application on 27-04-2002 and fixed the matter on 08-06-2002 for hearing.

Any one interested to oppose the said application may appear before the Court personally or through a duly authorised Advocate on the date fixed for hearing. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned upon payment of prescribed fees.

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৪র্থ পুরস্কার (১১টি) : ক্যামেরা

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Applications are invited from Medical graduates for admission into the following courses:

MD (Internal Medicine) & MD (Neonatology) at BIRDEM Academy for the academic session commencing from July 2002.

### Eligibility:

- MD (Internal Medicine):** A candidate for admission to this course will be required to produce a certificate of MBBS degree of the Dhaka University or other University of Bangladesh or any other equivalent degree/diploma recognized by the Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council (BMDC). Candidates should have to appear in the written examination.
- MD (Neonatology):** A candidate for admission to any of these courses must have FCPS (Paediatrics)/MD (Paediatrics) and equivalent degree recognized by the Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council (BMDC). Eligible candidates do not require to appear in the written Admission Test. They will be selected through viva examination.

- Application form shall be available from BIRDEM Academy Office (Room No 323) from 10th May 2002 after payment of Tk. 500/- (Five hundred, not refundable) only on Counter No 3 (2nd floor of BIRDEM Hospital).
- Last date of receiving application form: 18th May 2002. Written test will be held on 24th May 2002 at Dhaka City College on 4:00-5:00 PM (Date and time may be changed as per decision of the University/Government).
- For further information regarding admission can be obtained from the Academy Office (Room No. 323) during office hours (7:30 AM to 2:00 PM).
- Admit card should be collected from the BIRDEM Academy office personally from 20th May 2002 to 23rd May 2002.

The rules & regulation of Dhaka University will be followed for admission in above mentioned courses.

Prof. AK Shamsuddin Siddiquey

Director (In-Charge) & Course Coordinator

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