

Discussion on Mahbub Anam today

On the occasion of the first death anniversary of Bhashasatnik Mahbub Anam, former editor of the now-defunct The Bangladesh Times, a discussion meeting will be held at the VIP lounge of the National Press Club at 5:00 pm today, says a press release.

Childhood friend of the deceased former Chief Justice Mustafa Kamal, former finance ministers A M A Muhiith and M Syeduzzaman and Chairman of Privatisation Commission Enam Ahmed Chowdhury will speak on the occasion.

All friends, admirers and well-wishers of late Mahbub Anam have been invited to attend the function.

Obituary

Atiqul Islam Bhuiyan, former Managing Director-in-charge of Uttara Bank, died yesterday at the age of 64, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife and three sons.

A former general secretary of the Brahmanbaria District Association, Atiqul Islam was awarded the Atish Dipankar Gold Medal.

His quikhwani will be held at his residence at Uttara Sector 7 after Asr prayers on Friday.

Dhaka to attend Mumbai business summit

BSS, Dhaka

The Indian government has invited Bangladesh to attend a two-day business summit for the eight northeastern states of India beginning in Mumbai on July 19.

Official sources said yesterday that commerce secretary Sohel Ahmed will attend the summit which will focus on the problems of trade facilitation in this region, including Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan.

For this, the commerce secretaries of Nepal and Bhutan have also been invited along with the leaders of the apex chamber bodies of the three neighbouring countries.

The chief ministers of the eight Indian states and their business leaders will attend the summit.

This is exclusively an Indian initiative for its northeastern

states, including West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh. But as these Indian states are very closely located with Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan, the initiative has slowly assumed rather a regional character.

Commerce Secretary Sohel Ahmed said any trade facilitation discourse in this region is bound to take a regional character because of the close geographical proximity and complex business issues. In this context, he said, the summit may be looked at from the view point of the South Asian regional cooperation.

Referring to growing cross-border informal trade, he said these Indian states having long borders with Bangladesh can take some trade facilitation steps to increase the flow of formal trade.

Mohammadpur double murder Hearing on charge-framing August 18

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka yesterday fixed August 18 for hearing on charge-framing in the sensational Mohammadpur Double Murder Case.

Judge Mollah Mostafa Kamal passed the order after the case file was placed before him.

Two brothers -- Syed Asfaq Hossain alias Jewel, 27, and Syed Mohammad Ali alias Ribel, 23, -- were called out of their home by Kamal Pasha alias Pasha, a listed criminal at about 8:00 am on May 5, 2000.

Later, they were shot dead by Pasha at Lalmatia under Mohammadpur thana in the city.

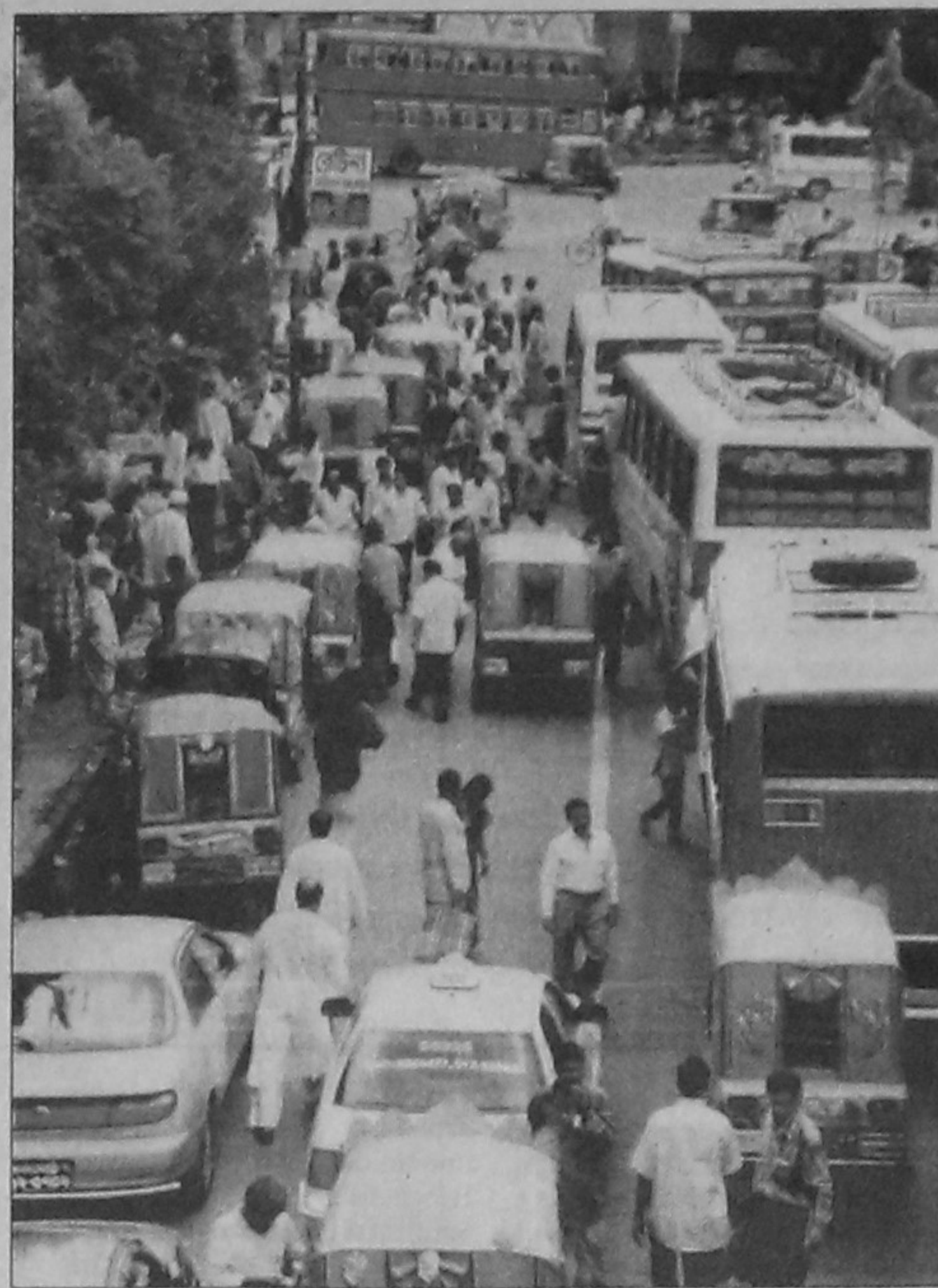
Victims' father Syed Amjad Hossain, filed a murder case with Mohammadpur thana against Pasha the same day.

The Investigation Officer (IO) of the case submitted a charge sheet against Pasha and his driver Mahbubur Rahman to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka on June 27, last year.

Mahbubur Rahman was arrested after five days of the incident. But Pasha has been absconding since the incident. He was arrested on May 21.

Pasha was produced before the court during the hearing.

Meanwhile, the court yesterday rejected the bail petition of Mahbub.



Haphazard parking of buses to pick up passengers near the BIRDEM Hospital at Shahabagh poses an inconvenience as well as a road hazard, obstructing other vehicles and pedestrians.

16 arms seized

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Police recovered 16 firearms, seven other weapons and 29 bullets from across the country during the last 24 hours ending at 6:00 am yesterday.

They also arrested 1,368 people, including four identified criminals during the period.

Of the arrested, 651 were wanted by police and 590 accused

in cases under investigation, a police headquarters press release said.

Twenty-three persons were arrested in connection with the arms seizure and 13 cases filed against them under the Arms Act.

The arrested identified terrorists are Gopal Mondal of Khulna, Zipu of Chuadanga, Kamran of Sylhet and Mohammad Haroon of Dhaka city.

Work with 'competitive approach' for poverty alleviation

Bhuiyan tells BRDB staff

BSS, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday asked the officers and employees of the Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) to work with a 'competitive approach' to rid the country of poverty.

He said competitive works of non-government organisations (NGOs) and government organisations like BRDB could contribute a lot of eradicating poverty, the number one hurdle on the road to development.

"The prime target of the current budget is to alleviate poverty as it is the root of all problems in achieving success," the minister said this while he addressing officers and employees of BRDB after laying the foundation stone of staff quarters for them at Uttara here.

Officials said eight six-storey buildings would be built on a land at Uttara for BRDB officers and employees. The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) will implement the project. BRDB will provide Tk three crore to start the work.

State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Ziaul Huq Zia, Deputy Minister Advocate Ruhul Quddus Talukder Dulu, BRDB Director General A F M Motiur Rahman, President of Bangladesh Cooperative Society Federation K M I Khalil and LGED Chief Engineer M Shahidul Hassan also spoke at the function. Secretary of

Rural Development and Cooperative Division Dhiraaj Kumar Nath presided.

Mannan Bhuiyan said the government attached top priority to poverty alleviation and already worked out strategies and took up programmes to fight poverty.

He urged the authorities to absorb the officers and employees of BRDB in new projects when a project completes its tenure so none becomes unemployed after serving the organisation for a long

time. BRDB is a project-oriented organisation and many officers and employees lose their jobs when a project is wound up.

Earlier, the minister attended a board meeting of BRDB at Palli Bhaban in the city's Karwan Bazar area. He directed the officials and board members to take immediate

steps for solving some loan and financial problems of BRDB within next 15 days.

New labour code soon

BSS, Dhaka

The government will soon formulate a time befitting "Labour Code" by incorporating the existing labour related laws, Minister of State for Labour and Employment Lutfor Rahman Khan said yesterday.

"Protection of rights and welfare of female workers will be given due importance in the proposed labour law," he said while speaking at a workshop on "Formulation of New Labour Code for Bangladesh" as chief guest of CIRDP auditorium here.

Organised by Policy Leadership and Advocacy for Gender Equality (PLAGE), a project of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, the workshop was also addressed by Secretary of Ministry of Labour and Employment Mohammad

Helal Uddin Khan, Dr Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir of Dhaka University and President of Karmajibi Nari, Shirin Akhter.

The government is following the ILO convention on protection of rights of women workers, the state minister said, adding there is a clear direction in the country's constitution in this regard. He said, overall productivity of the country would not be increased, if we couldn't increase productivity of female workers in labour market.

Expressing firm determination of the government of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia for ensuring equal rights of womenfolk, the state minister said the government has introduced free education and stipend programme for girls student up to twelve class.

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