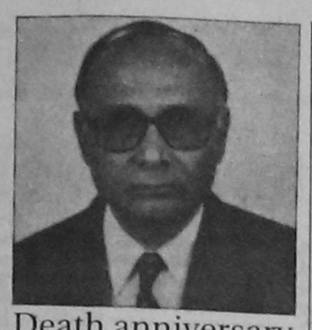

Death anniversary of Salam Talukder today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The third death anniversary of former minister and BNP secretary general Abdus Salam Talukder will be observed today.

Talukder, who played a vital role in the movement against the autocratic regime as well as fought for democracy, died of a cardiac arrest on this day in 1999. He was the chief of liaison committee of seven-party alliance and member of 15-party liaison committee.

The former minister served as the secretary general of BNP from 1988 to June 24, 1996. He also played a pioneering role in forming the four-party alliance and in launching movement against the 'misrule' of Awami League.

Salam Talukder was elected to the second, fifth and sixth parliament from Sharishabari under Jamalpur district. He was a state minister for law during the tenure of President Justice Abdus Sattar and served as LGRD and cooperatives minister under the government of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in 1991.

In observance of his death anniversary, BNP and different organisations have drawn up elaborate programmes, including Qurankhwani, milad mahfil and discussions.

The Abdus Salam Talukder Smrity Sangsad held a discussion meeting at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday. BNP secretary general and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan attended the meeting as chief guest.

The family of Salam Talukder will hold a milad mahfil at Old DOHS Community Centre after Asr prayers today. And the BNP will hold a discussion and milad mahfil at the party office at Naya Paltan at 4.00pm tomorrow.

1456 more held

BSS, *Dhaka*

Police arrested 1456 people including three alleged identified criminals and recovered 7 firearms with 17 bullets during countrywide drive in 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

Six persons were arrested with recovery of the arms and five case filed under the Arms Act, a Police Headquarters press release said here yesterday.

Only 10pc of total grant spent for edn at public universities

Education minister tells roundtable discussion

BSS, *Dhaka*

Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk yesterday said only 10 per cent of the total grant to the public universities spent for actual education purposes to the students.

"It's very painful that 90 per cent of the grant to public universities are being spent for the salaries, wages and other administrative costs, and only 10 per cent for the students' actual academic purposes," he said at a roundtable discussion on "Human Resource Development" at a city hotel.

Organised by State University of Bangladesh (SUB), the discussion was addressed by State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources AKM Mosharraf Hossain, Vice Chancellor of the university Prof Iajuddin Ahmed, SUB President Dr AM Shameem, vice president Dr Mahbubur Rahman Liton.

The inaugural session was followed by working session, participated by senior executives of different companies and teachers of different faculties of the university.

He called upon the private university authorities to spend more than 30 per cent for actual education purposes to the students and their academic facilities.

He said the private universities have been receiving higher tuition fees from the students, and the dependents of the affluent section are having opportunities to study in those private universities.

"But the private universities must have scope for the poor but meritorious students in terms of either cash incentive as discount or scholarship in full or part," the education minister said.

He said the standard of higher education in public universities is still better than that of in private universities. But this is unusual in some other countries like Singapore or Indonesia or some other countries, where the private universities are doing quite better.

Dr Farruk urged the authorities of private universities to improve the standard of education to cope with the present job market at home and abroad.

He stressed the need for production of skilled manpower, who would be worthy for themselves and the nation. "The growth of private universities is definite, but qualitative education with new and modern subjects and discipline is a must", Dr Farruk said.

He criticised the management problems prevailing in the private universities. Most of the 30 private universities are suffering from internal conflicts among the founders, trustees, governing bodies and vice chancellors.

He warned that these sorts of conflicts would never bring benefit to the private universities and education in the long run.

The SUB would start its first semester on September 1 in BBA, MBA, Computer Science and Information Technology at the present premises at Dhanmondi.

The university will start a new department, health science, early next year.

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The Bangladesh Photojournalist Association took out a procession in the city yesterday to mark the World Photography Day.

Historians' confce in Dec

UNB, *Dhaka*

The 17th conference of International Association of Historians of Asia will be held here in December this year.

A seven-member delegation of the Association yesterday met Acting President Barrister Muhammad Jamiruddin Sircar at Bangabhaban and apprised him about the conference.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is expected to inaugurate the five-day conference.

The delegation members, led by its president Prof Dr KM ohsin, told Sircar that the proposed conference would be organised in cooperation with Dhaka University, Bangladesh Itihash Samity, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh and other concerned insitutions in Bangladesh.

The Acting President appreciated their initiatives saying that the conference would help enrich knowledge of historians through exchange of ideas.

Formed in 1960, the Association extends cooperation in conducting studies and research works on Asian history and promotes relations and understanding among Asian historians.

The delegation members also included Prof AM Chowdhury, Prof AH Shibly, Prof Shirin Akhtar, Prof MM Islam, Prof Sharifuddin Ahmed and Prof Najma Khan Majlish.

Termination of nurse leader Taposhi illegal

BSS, *Dhaka*

The High Court yesterday declared nurse leader Taposhi Bhattachariya's termination as illegal.

A division bench comprising Justice Mohammad Hamidul Haque and Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury delivered the judgement upon hearing a writ petition.

Taposhi Bhattachariya, a senior staff nurse of Shaheed Suhrawardy Hospital and president of Diploma Nurses Association, was suspended on October 10, 2001 on allegation that she was launching a movement against the caretaker government by mobilising public opinion.

She was terminated from her job on February 26, 2002. She filed a writ petition challenging the termination order and upon moving of the petition a division bench of the High Court issued rule and stayed the termination order.

After hearing the petition, the High Court yesterday declared the termination order illegal.

Senior Advocate Dr Kamal Hossain appeared before the court on behalf of the petitioner while Senior Advocate ABM Nurul Islam and Assistant Attorney General Zaman Akter stood for the state.

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03. To elect Directors.
04. To approve the appointment of Managing Director.
05. To declare dividend
06. To appoint Auditors for the Accounting Year 2002-2003 and fix their remuneration.
07. To transact any other business which ought to be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting with the permission of the Chair.

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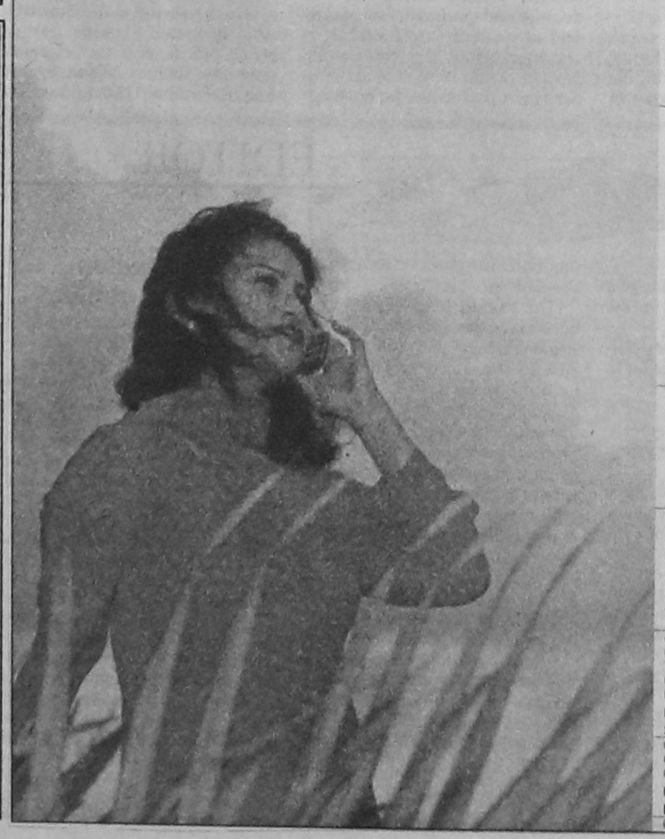

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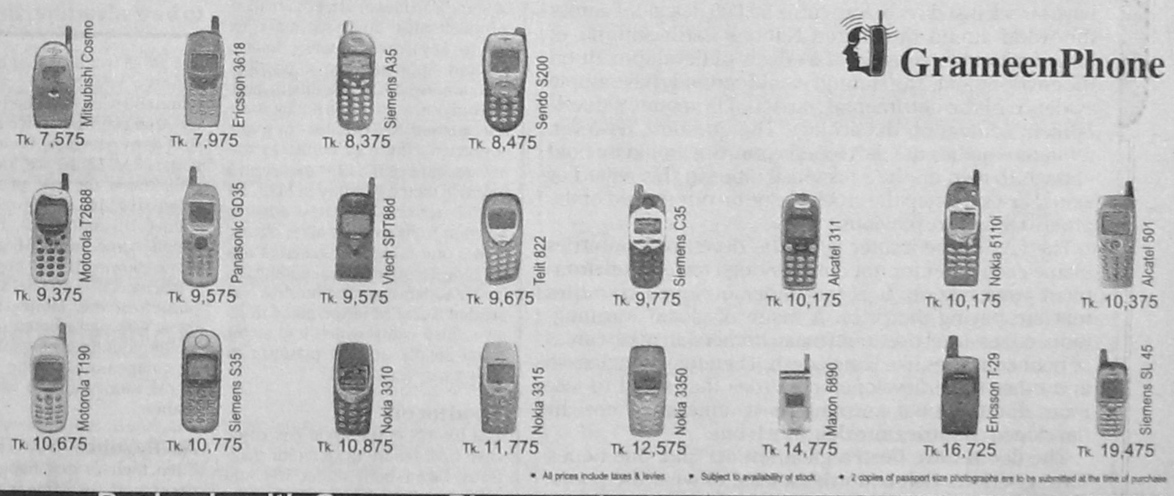

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