METROPOLITAN

Focus on admin instead of repression

Hasina urges govt

UNB, Dhaka

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina vesterday advised the government to run the country properly ensuring peace and security of the people instead of continuing repression on opposition activists.

"It would be better for them to concentrate on administration rather than to remain busy suppressing Awami League," she said talking to newsmen after visiting just-released Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) president Liaqut for the people." Shikder and general secretary Nazrul Islam Babu at ZH Shikder Medical College Hospital at Rayer Bazar.

She alleged that the government had brutally tortured the BCL leaders on false allegations and continued its repressive action against innocent people and Awami League leaders and workers across the country.

The two were arrested on litical persecution". February 25 while coming out of Eid-ul-Azha.

Talking to the press, Hasina liberal outlook", said the government was torturing the Awami League workers to eliminate the party. "But," she asserted, "it is not possible to annihilate Awami League as it is a party of the people and working

said "BNP-Jamaat-Shibir cadres" are unleashing terrorism across the "torture" meted out to them the country and the government is during imprisonment. filing "false cases" against the Awami League workers. She said the government is torturing the political detainees unjustly, treat- Mohammad Hanif, Dr Mostofa ing them as criminals, and called Jalal Mohiuddin and Saber Hosupon the government to stop "po- sain Chowdhury were present.

Replying to queries about the Hasina's residence, Sudha Sadan, recent release of some Awami after exchanging Eid greetings League leaders and workers in a with the party chief a day after row, she said the government was setting them free "due to pressure from the court and not out of a

A large number of BCL leaders and workers gathered at the hospital to see their leaders after their tribulations.

Hasina welcomed them with bouquets and stayed beside them The Awami League president enquiring about their health. The BCI. leaders narrated to Hasina

> Awami League leaders Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, former Mayor

Govt contemplating to withdraw reservations to CEDAW

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is contemplating to withdraw its reservations to article 2 and article 16 of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

This was disclosed at a workshop in the city yesterday. The draft of the fifth periodic report on CEDAW which covers the period from 1997 to 2001 was disseminated at the workshop organised by the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs. It will be submitted to CEDAW Committee of the United Nations after finalisation.

The government earlier had its reservations to article 2 and 16 of the convention since it felt these are inconsistent with the Sharia

"Bangladesh should not have reservations to those two articles since they are the heart of the convention," said Mahfuzul Islam, Secretary Ministry of Women and

Vehicles to be confiscated for overtaking

BSS, Dhaka

Along with other punishments, the government has decided to confiscate minibuses, coasters and such other vehicles on charges of the tendency of overtaking, reckless driving and creating disorder on roads.

The increase in the tendency of overtaking by minibuses, coasters and similar other vehicles with high speed and their disorderly plying on different roads of the capital had created obstacle to the movement of other vehicles making them vulnerable to accidents.

Salma Khan, former Chair of CEDAW, noted that withdrawal of the reservations to the articles will ensure the country's commitment to CEDAW. "Earlier, the reservations caused the CEDAW committee to ask whether Bangladesh is governed by Sharia Law," she mentioned.

Minister for Women and Children Affairs Khurshid Jahan Huq stressed the need for scrapping the discriminatory provisions of the laws to ensure the involvement of women in the mainstream society.

Girl killed in city road accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A girl student of class five was crushed and two others were injured when a speeding minibus hit, them in front of Luttin Tower in the Sarvace Rational School Stare the city's Badda area yesterday.

The victim was identified as Nazma Akhter, 10, a student of Alatunnesa School. Nazma died on the spot as the

minibus crushed her under its wheels. The accident occurred when she was crossing the road at around 12.30pm.

Two others, injured in the accident, could not be identified immediately.

The death of the girl sparked tense among other students and the local people. They put up barricade on the Progoti Saroni and damaged several vehicles.

Unconfirmed sources said the agitating people also set fire on three vehicles.

bring the situation under control. They had to fire teargas shells

to disperse the mob. An unnatural death case was filed in this regard.

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arrangements; Participate as a member of design, appraisal and evaluation teams; Carry out complex

Addressing as chief guest, she

said the country could not achieve

the desired development, if gender

discrimination prevails in the

The draft of the report consisting three main parts focuses on different issues related to CEDAW. It provides information on current socio-economic status of women in the country as well as the measures taken by the government to implement the Beijing Platform for Actions in the Critical Areas of

It showed that the labour force participation rate of females has increased from 15.8 million to 23.9 million since 1995.

It also discussed the legal framework for protection of legal rights of women, including formulation and amendment to some laws such as Acid Crime Prevention Act 2002, Prevention of Women and Child Repression Act 2000, and Child Marriage restraint

minister for women, and children affairs, and Ferdous Ara Begum, joint secretary of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, also spoke on the occasion.

Acid attack on jewellery shop employee in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An employee of a jewellery shop | natural gas. suffered acid burn injury when a young man threw acid on him following an altercation in front of the shop at Lalmatia in the city's Mohammadpur area yesterday.

Mohammad Alim, 16 was Police rushed to the spot to locked in an altercation with Bakkar in front of the shop at about 11:30 am.

threw it on Alim.



Chairman of the TIB trustee board Prof. Khan Sarwar Murshid speaking at the National Integrity Workshop at the CIRDAP auditorium in the city yesterday. Former chief advisor of the caretaker government Justice Habibur Rahman is on his left and Prof Muzaffer Ahmad is on his right. (Story on page 1)

committee expressed reservation

over the performance of the uni-

after arresting a number of sus-

people of the area after the inci-

are now under police remand for

ered at any cost, but at the same

time police have been asked to

avoid any harassment of inno-

cents in Sirajganj and adjoining

areas," Mannan Bhuiyan told

journalists after the meeting. He

also said the un-uniformed police

personnel have been asked to look

into the matter with due impor-

said the authorities yesterday

closed the officer-in-charge of

Belkutchi Thana and suspended

two other police officials for negli-

bari Camp in-charge Subedar

Abdul Hannan and Havildar Ataur

Rahman were closed with Sira-

Banglar Communist Party known

igani Police Line vesterday.

as the Sarbahara Party.

OC Abdur Razzaque, Radhun-

Police arrested two people

BSS Sirajganj correspondent

"The firearms should be recov-

pects from the area.

further interrogation.

tance.

Attack on police camp Cabinet body asks DB to arrest culprits

The government has directed the detective police to hunt down those who dared to attack the Radhunibari Police Camp under Belkutchi Thana, killing four policemen and looting nine firearms on September 16.

The Cabinet Committee on Law and Order at its 28th meeting yesterday asked the police chief to engage plainclothes police to arrest the killers and put them on

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan chaired the meeting, which was attended by Law Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed, Health Minister Dr. Khodoker Mosharraf Hossain, Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, Education Minister Dr. Osman Farruk, Mayor of Dhaka and Fisheries Minister Sadek Hossain Khoka and Food

Minister Abdullah Al Noman. State Minister for Home Affairs gence of duty. Lutfozzaman Babar, Cabinet Secretary Dr. Saadat Hossain and other secretaries of different ministries concerned were also present at the meeting held at the secretariat vesterday afternoon. The sources said the cabinet from the area suspecting them as

Tax holiday for CNG industry

UNB, Dhaka

The government has announced tax holiday for CNG terminal, transmission line and CNGconversion centre to help growth of the emerging industry based on Former Additional DIG of Police the country's newfound wealth in Prakriti Ranjan Chanda (PR

CNG filling stations will not come under the income-tax waiver. The National Board of Revenue

made the announcement following a letter from the Energy and Mineral Resources Division.

sector in the draft industrial pol- mand. At one stage Bakkar brought | icy, industry people said the CNG acid from inside the shop and filling station would also come a petition seeking bail and canunder the tax holiday.

Case: PR Chanda placed on remand COURT CORRESPONDENT

Janatar Mancha

Chanda), arrested in connection However, official sources said, with the Janatar Mancha Case (sedition case), was placed on a two-day remand yesterday.

The Investigation Officer (10) of the case produced the accused in the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM's) Court, Dhaka, Since it is considered a thrust with a prayer for a five-day re-

The defence lawyers submitted cellation of the remand prayer.

They stated that their client's name was not mentioned in the FIR of the case. Moreover, seven other FIR named accused, including former state minister for planning Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, were earlier granted bail. So, the accused should be released on bail as a co-accused, they said. The prosecution side opposed the bail petition.

After hearing both sides, Magistrate Maksudur Rahman Patwari rejected the bail petition.

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Jessore blast

Hasan Imam protests govt move

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

formed police personnel as they | Syed Hasan Imam, president of could not yet arrest the killers even | Udichi Shilpi Gosthi, yesterday strongly protested what he said the government's conspiracy to Police arrested a total of 169 | victimise him by mentioning his name as one of the masterminds dent and released all but 11, who of Jessore Bomb Blast in an investigation report.

In a written statement, Syed Hasan Imam said the inquiry commission, constituted by the present government for the investigation of the case, in its report has mentioned his name as one of the masterminds of Jessore bomb blast along with former prime minister Sheikh Hasina and former home minister Mohammad Nasim.

"This is a heinous conspiracy of the present government to victimise me and save the real culprits," he said adding that the government has suspended the previous cases related to the bomb blast and released the accused on

Syed Hasan Imam rejected the 'politically motivated' report of the inquiry commission and appealed to the people to protest the conspiracy of the government to victimise the opposition personalimembers of the outlawed Purbo

Listed criminal 'Disco' Sattar held in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Listed criminal 'Disco' Sattar, 32, was arrested by Khulna thana police from Skid ghat yesterday. Sattar and his accomplices at-

tacked river police outpost on August 7 to snatch a criminal named Momin Sarder, 40, from custody. But they had to retreat in the face of strong resistance by An accomplice of condemned

prisoner Ershad Shikdar, Sattar was wanted in several criminal cases, police said.

Mockbul, 12 others asked to appear in court Nov 23

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The First Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka, yesterday directed former Awami League lawmaker Alhaj Mockbul Hossain and 12 others accused in the Sajal Chowdhury Murder Case to appear before the court on November 23.

Judge Mohammad Sirajul Islam passed the order after the case was placed before him.

Twelve other accused are Abul Hossain, Nurul Islam alias Ratan, Mohammad Habibur Rahman, Mohammad Sadeq Khan, Mohammad Mahabbat Ali, Mohammad Shahin, Nazmul Karim alias Tinku, Harun, Mahtab Uddin Nannu, Hossain Haider, Rabiul Awami League. alias Rabiul Kasai and Shamim. Of the accused Mockbul Hassain and general diary (GD) alleging that a while the rest have been ab- Hossain killed his son. sconding since the incident.

the case submitted a charge sheet 25, 1999 as there was no witness in to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM's) Court, Dhaka, against Mockbul Hassain and 12 vember 27 last year.

others on May 2, this year. Later, the CMM's Court, on July 15 transferred it to the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka, for

Sajal Chowdhury, a BNP activist, was gunned down near the Science Laboratory in the city by armed men from a convoy allegedly led by former AL lawmaker Mockbul Hassain during an apposition called hartal on February 9,

Dhanmondi police recorded a murder case in this connection.

In the FIR it was stated that Sajal was shot dead during a clash involving activists of BNP, Jamale-Islami and the then ruling Later, victim's father filed a

Abul Hossain are now on bail, gang of gunmen led by Mockbul The then IO of the case sub-The investigation officer (IO) of mitted "final report" on December

the case.

The case was revived on No-

No judge in Ctg spl court for 3 months

BSS, Cig

Many cases remain pending in the Special Court for Prevention of Women and Children Repression as there is no judge in this court for last three months.

Court sources said the absence forcement of Human Rights of the judge in this court caused suffering to the justice seekers as no other court in the district except that of the District and Sessions Judge's Court had the status to deal with such cases. The District and Sessions

Judge's Court sometimes look into the cases of the special court in addition to its own cases. But District and Sessions Judge Ali Ashraf Khan Lodi stopped hearing cases after receiving a transfer order. Nearly 1,500 cases, of which

more than 600 are criminal miscellaneous cases, were lying auditorium of Chittagong Univerpending in this court for long en- sity (CU) tomorrow. hancing woes of those who have strong ground to get bail, the sources said. Leaders of the District Bar As-

(BSEHR) in a statement demanded immediate appointment of a judge in the special court.

Bhuivan said the authorities con-

cerned had already been informed

of this in writing. He hoped that

the government would soon ap-

Bangladesh Society for the En-

Meanwhile, district unit of

point a judge.

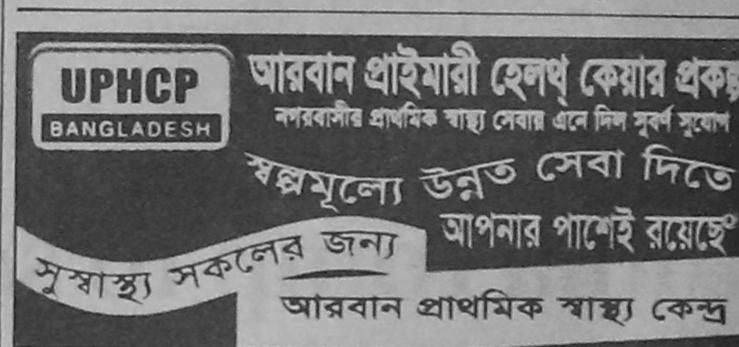
IT seminar at CU tomorrow

CU CORRESPONDENT

A seminar on 'Prospect of Medical Transcription in Bangladesh' will be held at the Commerce Faculty

The seminar will be organised by E-Venture Limited, a computer

Prof A J M Nuruddin Chowdsociation had drawn the attention hury, Vice-Chancellor of CU will of Law and Parliamentary Affairs attend the seminar as chief guest Minister Moudud Ahmed to the while Prof Mohammad Shamsudmatter during his recent visit here. din, pro-vice-chancellor and Prof. Special Public Prosecutor of Nurul Mostafa, dean of Science the court Advocate Mofizul Hoq Faculty as special guests.



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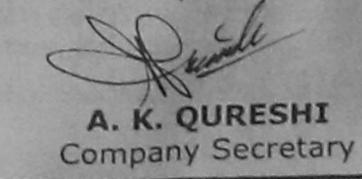


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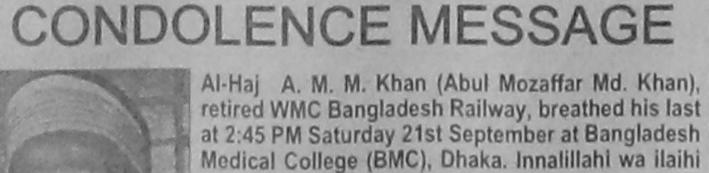
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Raziun.... He was 84 years old. His Namaz-e-Janaza will be held on 23rd September, after Asr prayers at Baitul Mukarram

Special prayers (Qul) will be offered for the departed soul tomorrow the 24th of September after Magreb prayers at 26 East Tejturi Bazar, Tejgoan, Dhaka-

All relatives, family and associates are cordially

invited to participate in the prayer for the departed soul. Sons & Daughters K. A. Jahangir Khan Rita Malik Shahin Igbal Khan

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