

Saifur for wider role of dev countries in IMF

Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman has suggested wider participation of developing countries in the decision making process of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), BSS says from London.

He emphasised the need for enhancing the resources of IMF, reallocating quota on the basis of purchasing power parity for GDP valuation and increasing the voting power and voice of the developing countries in the IMF's decision making process.

The finance minister was delivering the key-note speech on contemporary issues relating to the IMF at the Commonwealth Finance Ministers Conference here. He was one of the key speakers in the conference in the last two days.

Saifur suggested reduction of interest rates on various IMF support facilities and making them more open and flexible real country ownership in developing Pov-

erty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) and quick approval of Poverty Growth Facility of IMF.

On management of globalisation process, he said it must be treated as a two-way traffic between developed and developing countries, market access must take place on mutual basis and developing countries, specially poor ones must be given special concessions in the process because of their disadvantageous situation.

He said the fruit of globalisation must reach the poor first and therefore globalisation must be managed accordingly.

The finance minister also made a special presentation on the role of education in economic development at the Commonwealth Finance Ministers Conference.

During the presentation, he highlighted Bangladesh government's efforts in promoting education, specially the measures for promoting girls' education.

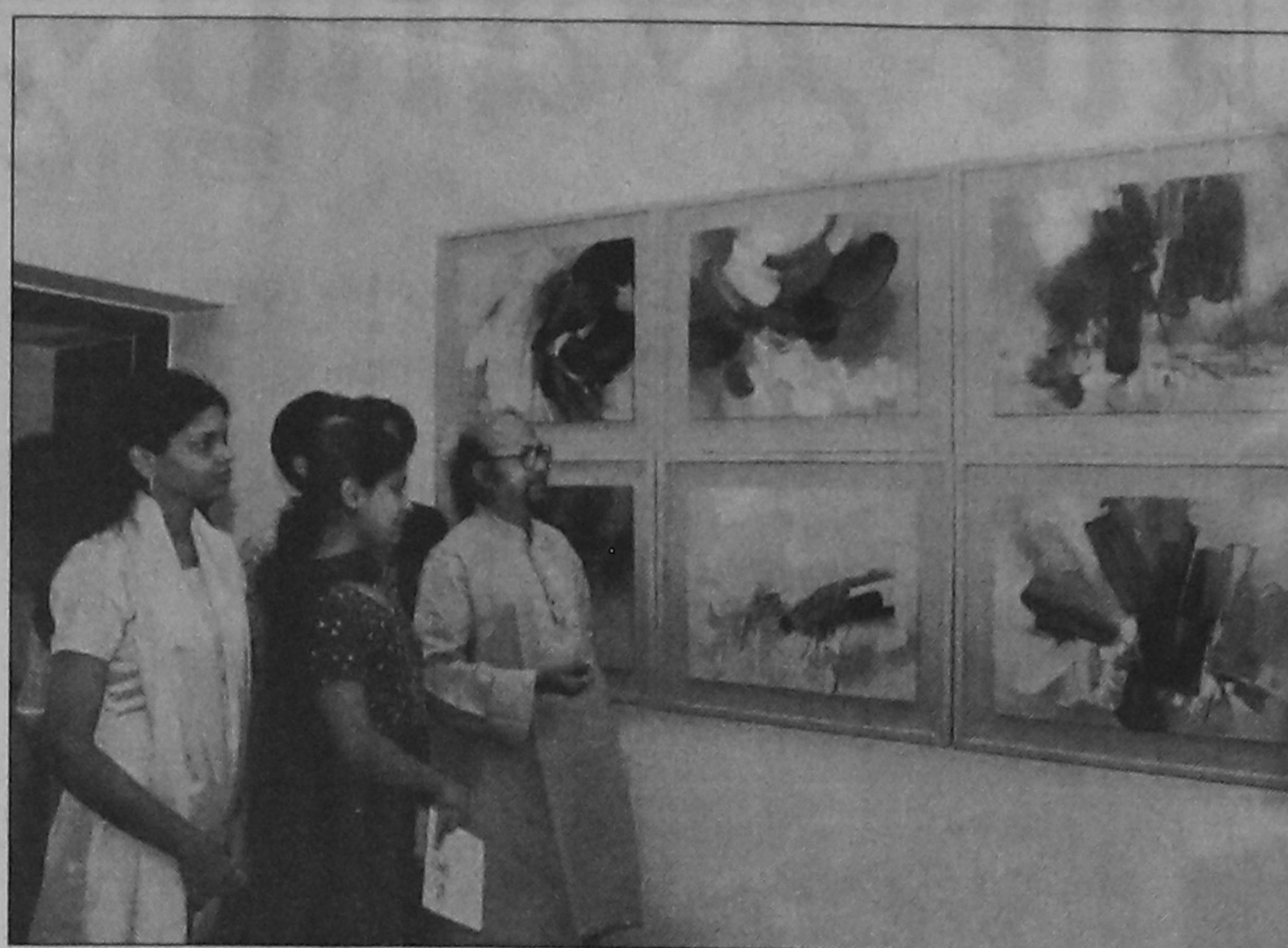
Saifur Rahman made the presentation at the request of the British Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The British government announced the establishment of a Commonwealth Education Fund amounting to 30 million pounds to help achieve the 'millennium development goal.'

Describing the Bangladesh government's endeavour for development of education, Saifur said Prime Minister Khaleda Zia has been personally looking after the Ministry of Primary Education and she has introduced innovative measures to promote girls' education.

He said Bangladesh allocates from its own resources substantial amount of money to education sector.

To achieve the millennium development goals, he said, the developing countries will need substantial additional assistance from the development partners, specially the World Bank.



'Art Fair: Six Seasons', an exhibition of paintings by artist Hashem Khan began at the Shilpangan Art Gallery in the city yesterday.

Tk 1.94 cr irregularities in defence maintenance

UNB, Dhaka

The government's audit department found financial irregularities and mismanagement in defence maintenance that cost the national exchequer Tk 1.94 crore during 1995-1998 period.

The auditors detected that the Base Supply Depot (BSD) of Dhaka Cantonment did not deposit Tk 1.33 lakh in proceeds from pond lease and garden product sales.

The Bangladesh Navy wasted Tk 12.82 lakh in purchasing automobile spare parts, which were left for years and damaged. The parts were procured following verbal instructions of the naval chief and remained stored for 15 years.

"There is no other way but to sell those as scraps," commented the audit report of the Defence Audit Department, placed in the Jatiya Sangsad recently.

It said the authorities "could not give satisfactory answers to queries about procurement of unnecessary spare parts".

The audit office rejected the Defence Ministry's version and enquired which rules of the government allowed the authorities to spend money for unnecessary purchases and later sell those by auction as scraps.

Purchase of different parts for aircraft that wasted in stores inflicted a loss of some Tk 1.66 crore on the exchequer.

Bangladesh Air Force's Maintenance Unit 201 at Kurmitola procured spare parts, tyre, fuel-transfer pump and mechanical adapter. Many of the items were

damaged in the stores. Officials concerned told the audit team that the goods were bought as per requirement of BAF Headquarters, "but left unused as there was no demand from users".

The Defence Ministry's explanation appeared "unacceptable" to the audit team, which questioned the justification of procuring goods beyond requirement and suggested immediate realisation of the money wasted.

Moreover, misuse of fuel also cost national exchequer Tk 13.75 lakh between 1995 and 1998. Vehicles at BAF Base in Jessore used 1762 litres of petrol and 106,365 litres of diesel beyond permitted limits.

BRAC is implementing a new programme for development of ultra poor who live well below the poverty line, says a press release.

The programme, entitled "Challenging the Frontiers of Poverty Reduction," comprises inputs like asset transfer, social empowerment, training and essential health care. The programme is being initially piloted in Rangpur, Kurigram and Nilphamari districts for five thousand ultra poor people.

To make government, non-government and civil society aware of poverty scenario of the project area and Rangpur, to inform them of the new programme and to seek their support for development of ultra poor, BRAC organised a workshop on September 25 in Rangpur.

The meeting was attended by heads and representatives from different district level government and non-governmental organisations along with representatives of the media, educational institutions and related professional bodies.

The workshop was addressed by the Executive Director Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury and Deputy Commissioner, Rangpur and twelve participants.

The speakers requested all to extend help through the activities of their own organisations towards reduction of ultra poverty of Rangpur district.

PALESTINE ENVOY MEETS DU VC

BSS, Dhaka

Palestinian ambassador to Bangladesh and Dean of Diplomatic corps Mohammed Shahta Zarab paid a courtesy call on Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof S M A Faiz at his office Thursday morning.

He said the university administration would take initiatives to improve quality of food in different canteens and cafeterias inside the campus.

He also urged the teachers to play a positive role in curbing violence and promoting social values.

Referring to the demand for 100 per cent allowance, house rent and medical allowance for the teachers, Milon said the BNP-led coalition government will consider the logical demands of the teachers.

The state minister also called upon the teachers to turn the country's population into human resources.

Chaired by Ahad Ali, the conference was also addressed by Khulna City Corporation Mayor Shaikh Tayebur Rahman, Mia Mohammad Golam Sarwar MP, Jessore Education Board Chairman Prof ABM Sattar, Prof Shariful Islam and Principal Mazharul Hannan.

EWU orientation programme held

BSS, Dhaka

An orientation programme for the freshers of East West University in undergraduate programmes in Fall 2002 was held on its campus yesterday, says a press release.

A total of 160 students enrolled this semester in BBA, English, Computer Science, Computer Science & Engineering and Communication & Information Technology programmes.

Dr Mohammed Farahuddin, President, Board of Directors and Founder Vice Chancellor, East West University addressed the function as the chief guest.

Farahuddin in his speech welcomed the newcomers and advised them to prepare themselves to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The programme was also addressed by Prof Abdul Mannan, Dean of Faculties of the university. Other EWU Faculty members and Administrative Staff were also present.

World Tourism Day observed

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The 23rd World Tourism Day was observed in a befitting manner in the country as elsewhere in the world yesterday.

The theme of the day was "Ecotourism: the key to sustainable development" which coincides with the announcement of the year 2002 as the "International Year of Eco-tourism" by the United Nations.

A colourful rally was brought out in the morning from in front of the National Museum at Shahbagh which paraded different streets and ended at the National Press Club in the city.

The rally was jointly organised by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism (MCAT) and the Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, the national tourism organisation of the country.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin led the rally. It was participated by officials of the ministry, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, Bangladesh Biman, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh, Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel and Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

Students from different schools including Rahmatullah Model School, Nabakumar Institute, Udayan High School, Nilkhet High School, Begum Rahima Model Girls' High School and Shiddheshwari Boys' High School took part in the rally.

To mark the day, a special river cruise was arranged from Paghatah in Narayanganj to Chandpur.

Rallies and cultural functions were also arranged in Sylhet, Rangamati and Cox's Bazar.

The head office and all commercial units of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation were decorated and illuminated on the occasion.

Different hotels including hotels under the corporation organised food festivals.

A week-long Bangladeshi Food Festival at Café Bazar of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel begins today.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin will inaugurate the festival at 7:00pm as chief guest while secretary of the ministry will attend the function as special guest.



The 15-member executive committee of the Bangladesh Tea Association was elected in Chittagong recently. Newly elected Chairman M Wahidul Haque, Sr. Vice-Chairman M Salman Ispahani and Vice-chairman Md Safwan Choudhury are seen with the members of the executive committee.

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Death anniversary

Today is the first death anniversary of Advocate Khaliquzzaman, a former member of parliament from Cox's Bazar-3 constituency, says a press release.

He died of cardiac arrest during electioneering campaign at Ramu on this day.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul, the release added.

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