

Faruq Murder Case Accused Shibir cadres now CU teachers

CU CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 12th death anniversary of Faruqzaman Faruq, a former vice-president of Chhatra Maitree of Chittagong University (CU) unit.

On this day in 1990, Faruq was killed when the armed cadres of Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) attacked a procession brought out jointly by the teachers and the students on the campus to celebrate the victory in Chittagong University Central Students Union (CUCSU) election. Another ten teachers and students were injured in the attack.

Mentionable, different student organisations of the CU formed an alliance under the banner of 'All Party Students' Council' (APSC) and defeated the Shibir in CUCSU election.

Though a case was filed against the Shibir cadres for their involvement in the murder but no

trial was held. Moreover, the accused murderers were appointed as CU teachers.

Nasrul Karim, main accused and former president of Alao Hall, was appointed a teacher of the Finance Department.

Another accused, Mozammel Hossain, was appointed a teacher of the Philosophy Department while Kuddus Faruq became a teacher of the Public Administration Department.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) of the CU unit held a discussion meeting at the Dost Building in the port city yesterday in observance of Faruq's death anniversary.

Presided over by Mahub Elahi, president of BCL CU unit, the meeting was addressed by Mazharul Islam and Jahiruddin Mahmud Lipton.

Speakers at the meeting demanded immediate trial of the killers of Faruq.

Navy to be made 3-D force

Khaleda tells President parade-2001

BSS, Ctg

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia said here yesterday Bangladesh Navy would be upgraded gradually as a three-dimensional force to enhance its efficiency to preserve marine resources and safeguard the country's independence and sovereignty.

She was addressing the President Parade-2001 of Bangladesh Navy marking the commissioning of a batch of midshipmen at Bangladesh Naval Academy (BNA) at Patenga here.

"We are going ahead with technological modernisation of the navy. We have a plan to turn Bangladesh Navy into a three-dimensional naval force gradually," Khaleda Zia told the function. Ministers, local MPs, chiefs of three services, diplomats, academics and senior civil and military officials, in addition to the newly commissioned graduates, attended the function.

The Prime Minister inspected

the smartly turned out parade and took salute at the impressive march past as chief guest. She also distributed awards among the outstanding midshipmen.

Twenty-three midshipmen, including two females and ten Palestinians were commissioned yesterday following an 18-month training, divided into three terms of six months duration.

Abu Sadat Mohammad Safer Chowdhury was adorned with the prestigious 'Sword of Honour' being adjudged the best all-round midshipman for the best performances during the training.

He also got the 'Chief of Naval Staff Medal for his feats in professional subjects and the 'Osmani Gold Medal' by securing highest marks in academic subjects.

Khaleda advised the newly commissioned midshipmen go ahead with the highest degree of patriotism, loyalty and honesty.

"As members of the glorious

naval force, you have to be ever ready to make the highest sacrifice for the dear motherland," she told the midshipmen.

She said the interest of the country should be placed above personal interests in professional life.

The Prime Minister expressed her firm belief that Bangladesh Navy would continue to increase its professional skill.

She said the BNP government during its 1991-96 tenure took initiative to modernise Bangladesh Navy for which the force is today internationally known as "Blue Water Navy."

She lauded the role of the members of navy in the joint anti-crime operation and said the force is also recognised for its role in preservation of marine resources, prevention of smuggling and serving the humanity during natural calamities.

Referring to the inclusion of females in uniform, the prime minister expressed her happiness

for the progress of the women and said they have been able to prove their ability, determination and merit in the civil administration. They would be able to keep similar contribution in the armed forces, including navy, she hoped.

Khaleda said it was late President Ziaur Rahman who first introduced quota system for women in civil administration and made room for them in uniform.

Earlier, on her arrival at the Naval Academy, the Prime Minister was received by Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba.

Present among the members of the cabinet included Nazmul Huda, Motiur Rahman Nizami, Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Abdullah Al Noman, Shajahan Siraj, Abdul Moyeen Khan, Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, Dr Osman Farruk, Ali Ahsan M Mujahid, Salahuddin Ahmed, Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin and Zafrul Islam Chowdhury.

Seminar on HR in Chittagong today

Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (BHRC), Chittagong City Corporation Branch, organises a seminar on the occasion of the 54th anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the District Council Auditorium today, says a press release.

Prof A J M Nooruddin Chowdhury, vice-chancellor of Chittagong University, will attend the seminar as chief guest while Prof Mahub Ullah, dean of Social Science, Prof Dr Sirajul Islam, Department of English, Prof Dr ANM Munir Ahmad, Department of Political Science and Prof Dr Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury, Department of Social Welfare, as special guests.

Md Saiful Islam Dildar, a renowned human rights activist and secretary general of the National Executive Committee of BHRC will

inaugurate the seminar at 5.30pm.

Advocate Kishori Pada Deb Shyamol, president, Moulavibazar District Branch of BHRC, Setara Gaffar, industrialist and special representative, Chittagong Division of BHRC and Md Nazrul Islam, general secretary, Chittagong City Corporation Branch of BHRC, will be the discussants.

Ahmad Rahim Chowdhury, president, Chittagong City Corporation Branch of BHRC, will preside over the seminar.

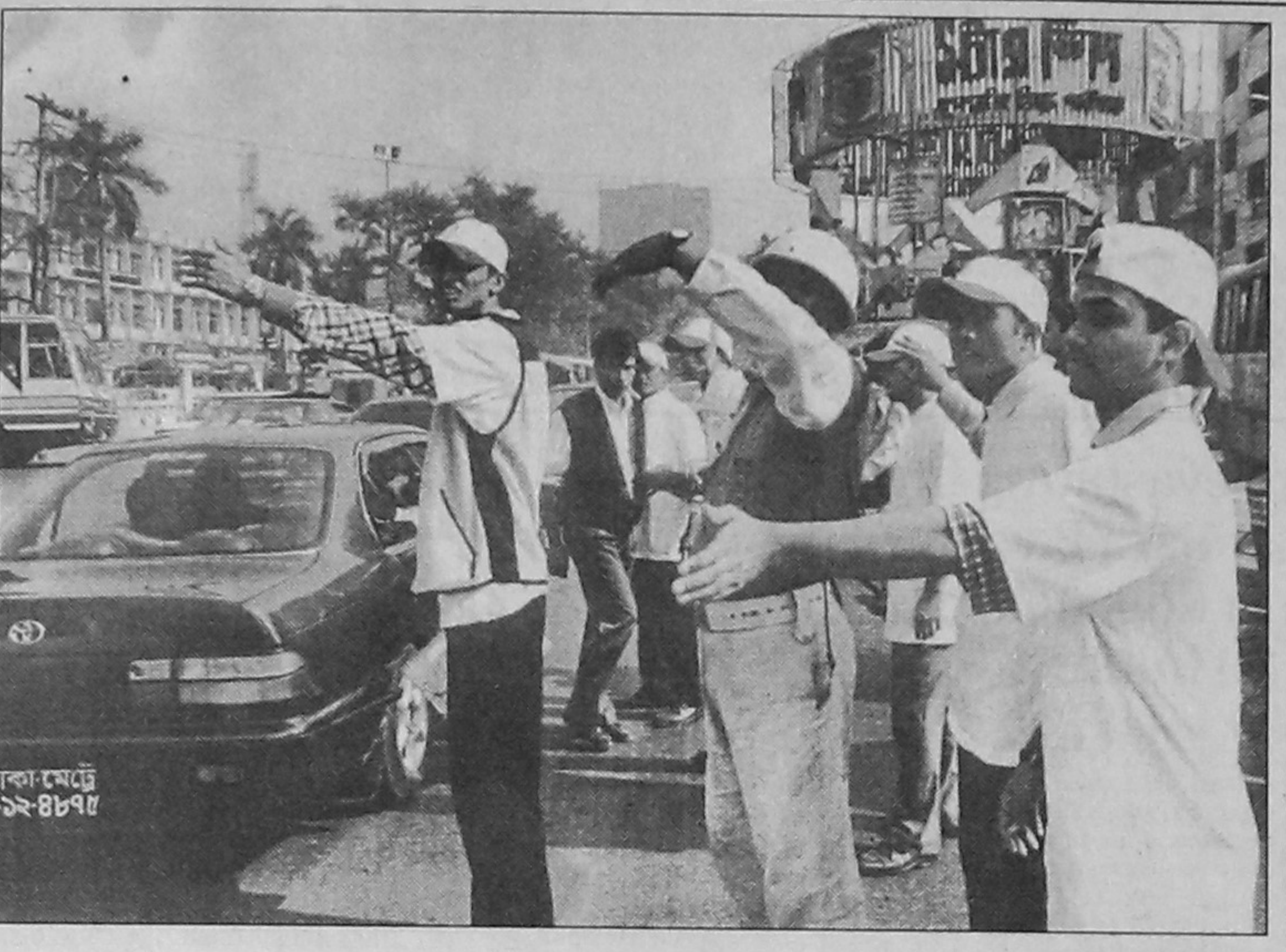
DIU admission begins

Admission to different programmes in the spring semester at Daffodil International University (DIU) begins, says a press release.

DIU offers credit transfer facilities to different universities abroad including Michigan State University (USA), Monash University (Australia), University of Western Sydney (Australia), Toronto University (Canada), Latrobe University, Glamorgan University (UK), Luton University (UK), South Eastern University and Toronto school of Business (Canada).

About 30 per cent of the courses in Undergraduate Programme from 24 credit hours to 40 credit hours (8 to 13 courses) are being taught directly by the teachers of the aforesaid universities.

Currently, DIU offers three demanding four-year Undergraduate Programmes -- Bachelor in Business Administration (BBA), Bachelor in Computer Science and Engineering and Bachelor in Computing Information System. It has also some master's programme -- MBA (Regular) and MBA (Executive) and MS in MIS.



NGO workers volunteer to control traffic at the Zero Point in the city yesterday on the occasion of International Volunteers Day.

Comrade Haq's anniversary of death today

The 7th death anniversary of Comrade Abdul Haq will be observed today, says a press release.

The Comrade Abdul Haq Deat Anniversary Observance Committee has taken up programmes to mark the day.

It will place wreaths at his graveyard at Mirpur at 7.30am today. A discussion will also be held at the TSC road island on the Dhaka University campus at 4.30pm.

Kohinoor Banu

The 9th anniversary of death of Kohinoor Banu, mother of martyred intellectual Prof Abdul Kalam Azad, will be observed today, says a press release.

In observance of the day, a milad mahfil and quarkhwani will be held at the residence of her son Habibul Bashar, editor of the Daily Morning Post, at House No-35/B, Road No-7, Block-G, Banani, after Zohr prayers.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the milad.

MP Shaheen hospitalised

M M Shaheen, an independent MP, has been admitted to Osmani Medical College Hospital in Sylhet following heart attack.

Family sources told The Daily Star that the lawmaker suffered a mild heart attack at his Kulara residence in Moulvibazar district late Friday night.

He was first taken to a local hospital but later shifted to Osmani Medical College Hospital where he is undergoing treatment.

UP polls fever grips Ctg

BSS, Ctg

Poll atmosphere has gripped rural areas of the district as staggering elections to union parishad are nearing with voters and candidates expecting the ongoing Operation Clean Heart to help ensure a smooth and fair polling.

Candidates for chairman and members are spending their time from early morning to midnight with hectic lobbying, exchanging greetings with voters and fixing strategies as part of their campaigns while election discussions are on the top of the agenda at tea stalls and bazars.

The current joint drive of law enforcing agencies and army apparently gives a moral boosting to the voters as well as most candidates rising an expectation that the anti-crime campaign would pave the way for a violence-free and fair election enabling people to elect competent and honest candidates.

"Most of the troublemakers, musclemen and touts have gone into hiding or are keeping silence to escape arrest. We hope the election this time will be free from all manipulations," a village elder of Palegram village of Banskhalhi said.

He, however, added that some identified criminals were still trying to be surfaced in the area ahead of the polls. Some of the UP chairman candidates of different areas in Chittagong also expressed

their satisfaction for the atmosphere already has been created in remote villages due to the drive.

Several other candidates from different areas, however, on condition of anonymity told this correspondent that the "Operation Clean Heart" also forced many of their "innocent" workers to go into hiding to avoid "unnecessary harassment".

"We are also facing difficulties in the absence of our workers," one chairman candidate said.

Deputy Commissioner of

Chittagong and Chief Election Coordinator of the district Mohammad Shafiqul Islam said preparations were underway to hold the elections.

This time election will be held in 174 out of 194 unions in 14 upazilas of the district, he said.

District Election Officer of Chittagong A B M Khorshedur Rahman said nomination papers had already been distributed among the concerned upazila authorities, necessary amendment and correction of current voter list were almost completed and process to select polling centres in line with the Election Commission guidelines were underway.

For appropriate deployment of the law enforcing agencies and poll officials, local election office has decided to hold polling in the 14 upazilas on different dates and according to the schedule, the election of 174 union parishads of the district will be held from January 25 to March 3.

According to the schedule the election will be held in Swadip on January 25, Lohagara and Chandanaish on January 29, Satkania on February 1, Patiya on February 3, Banskhalhi on February 8, Rangunia on February 19, Boalkhal on February 17, Raozan on February 22, Fatikchhari on February 24, Hathazari on February 26, Mirersharai on March 1, Sitakunda on March 3 and Anowara on February 5.

WEATHER TODAY

Temperature may fall

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain/drizzle may occur at one or two places over Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 12 hours till 6pm today.

Moderate to dense fog may also occur at many places during the period from midnight to morning over the country, Met Office said.

Slight fall in night temperature is expected over the country.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 29.7 degree Celsius was recorded at Sitakunda and the lowest of 13.8 degree at Rajshahi.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:17pm today and rises at 6:38am tomorrow.

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	27.0	17.2	98	77
Chittagong	28.8	19.2	78	79
Rajshahi	28.0	13.8	100	88
Khulna	28.0	18.0	98	81
Barisal	29.4	17.5	96	88
Sylhet	23.5	16.4	100	98
Cox's Bazar	29.5	18.0	75	87

Saju, Shaheed elected DUJ president, secy

BSS, Dhaka

Elahi Newaz Khan Saju, special correspondent of the Daily Inqilab and Abdus Shaheed, chief reporter of the Daily Dinkal were elected President and General Secretary respectively of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ).

The election of the Dhaka Union of Journalists for the next two-year term was held on Friday at the Jatiya Press Club. Out of 600 voters, 504 cast their votes.

Three vice presidents are Azizul Haque Banna (Daily Samachar), Khandaker Hasnat Karim (Direct) and Minhajur Rahman (Daily Inqilab).

Candidates elected for other posts are: Joint Secretary -- Mohammad Baker Hossain (Daily Arthaniti), Treasurer -- Amirul Islam Kagoji (Daily Dinkal), Organizing Secretary -- Khurshid Alam (Daily Dinkal), Publicity Secretary -- Alam Masud (BSS), Sports and Cultural Secretary -- Badiul Alam (Daily Samachar), Public Welfare Secretary -- Zahurul Haque Rana (BSS), Office Secretary -- Belayet Hossain (Daily Dinkal).

Eight elected executive members are: Sahadat Hossain Khan (Daily Inqilab), Kamal Pasa Doja (Daily Millat), Mosharrif Hossain (Dainik Bangla), Sardar Farid Ahmed (Direct), Mostafa Kamal (Daily Jugantor), Azmal Lutfu Khanom (Direct), Ahmad Motiur Rahman (Daily Inqilab) and Jahangir Alam Prodhani (Daily Prothom Alo).

1261 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,261 people, including five listed criminals, from different parts of the country in last 24 hours ending at 6.00am yesterday.

During the drive, they also recovered six firearms, five other weapons and 27 rounds of bullet and filed six cases against 10 people under the Arms Act, said a Police press release.

Award giving ceremony of Berger Art Competition

The award giving ceremony of the 7th Berger Young Painters' Art Competition 2002 was held at a city hotel on Friday, says a press release.

The winners are Tasmir Hossain, Tarun Kumar Sarker, Safin Omar, Tapan Das, Syuda Fozia Momtaz and Tapash Kumar Halder.

The Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd. has been organising Berger Young Painters' Art Competition at national level for the last seven years to promote the young artists.

This year, 325 contestants submitted their paintings for the competition and 40 of these artworks were selected as final entries. And six of them won the prizes.

Eminent artists Kaiyum Chowdhury, Rafiq-un-Nabi, Abdus Sattar, architect Abdus Salam, artiste Gulam Mustafa and art critic Prof. Sayed Munzurul Islam were present on the occasion as special guests.

Prof. Kaiyum Chowdhury was the chairman of the Jury Committee, Berger Young Painters' Art Competition 2002.

Berger also arranged a 5-day long art exhibition with the 40 selected paintings on display at the Zainul Art Gallery of the Institution of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka.

Masih-ul-Karim, Managing Director, Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd., will inaugurate the exhibition at 11 am today. The exhibition will remain open from 11.00 am to 7.30 pm daily till December 26.

DHAKA TODAY

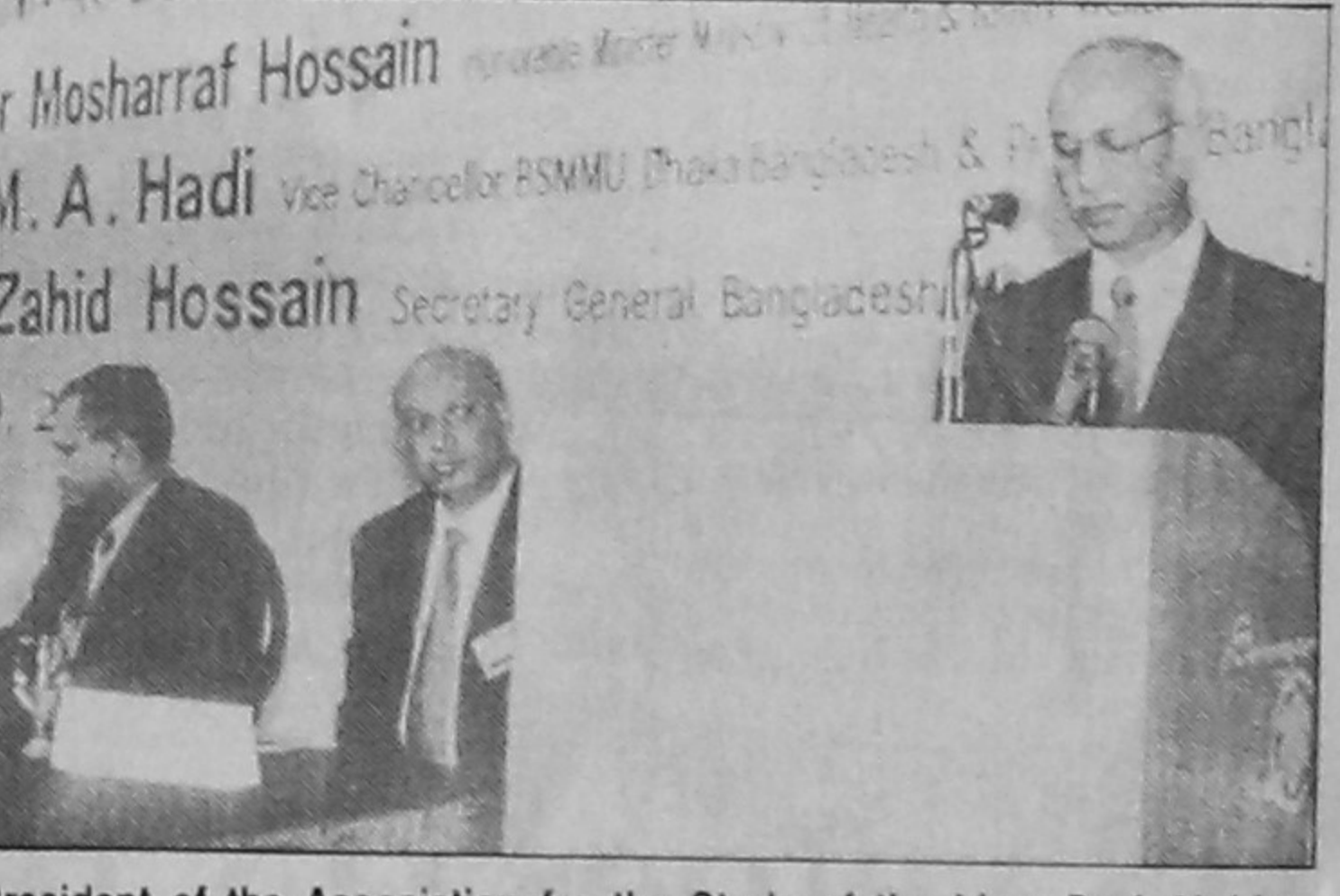
- Film show**
Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen a film titled 'Atithi' directed by noted Indian filmmaker Tapan Sinha. Venue: The High Commission of India Cultural Centre, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30pm.
- Movie show**
The inaugural ceremony of Bangladesh Film Movement organises film shows and publication ceremony of two books on drama and film authored by Dildar Hossain. Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.00pm.
- Cover design exhibition**
The inaugural ceremony of a solo cover design exhibition of Robin Ahsan will be held with Poet Shamsur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra auditorium. Time: 4.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till December 23 from 4.00pm to 9.00pm daily.
- BSM seminar**
The inaugural ceremony of the 3rd National Convention and Scientific Seminar of Bangladesh Society of Medicine (BSM) will be held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrif Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 9.00am.
- CDSR seminar**
The Centre for Sustainable Development and Research (CDSR) organises a seminar on 'Drug Abuse Prevention and Rehabilitation' with Clark Carr, president of the NARCONON International, USA, as guest speaker. Venue: Seminar Room of LGED Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 10.00am.
- Talk**
The Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) organises a talk on 'From Chariot to Atom Bomb: Armament and Military Organisation in South Asian History' with Prof Dietmar Rothermund of Germany as guest speaker. Venue: BISS auditorium, 1/46 Elephant Road. Time: 2.30pm.
- BAPI seminar**
The Bangladesh Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (BAPI) organises a seminar on 'Pharmaceutical Validation Work for US Approval and Product Development for FDA Approval: Overview with State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Amanullah Aman as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Purani International. Time: 3.00pm.
- ASEAB seminar**
A seminar on 'Environment and nature of poverty in PRSP', organised jointly by Bangladesh Environment, Economics and Poverty Programme (BEEPP) and Association for Socio-Economic Advancement of Bangladesh (ASEAB), will be held. Venue: BRAC Centre INN, Mohakhali. Time: 9.30am.
- Reunion**
A reunion of Sargodhians-Lowertopians Association will be held. Venue: Kurmitola Golf Club. Time: 6.30pm.
- Reception**
Odhikar, a coalition for human rights, organises a reception in honour of the participants of its seminar on 'Good Governance and Local government: Changes and Challenges'. Venue: Odhikar Office, Gulshan. Time: 4.30pm.
- Discussion**
Bangladesh Garment Workers Protection Alliance organises a discussion with trade union leaders to protect the rights of garment workers. Venue: CIRDP auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 10.00am.
- Launching ceremony**
The launching ceremony of fifty taxi cabs in the city will be held with Communications Minister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11.00am.

DHAKA TOMORROW

- Film show**
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- Seminar**
American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS) and Dhaka University Disaster Research Training and Management Centre (DRTMC) organise a seminar on 'Disaster Management'. Venue: Women's Voluntary Association auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 9.30am.
- Launching ceremony**
The launching of Show Case Malaysia 2003, organised by Malaysia Airlines, will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 3.00pm.
- Discussion**
Jatiyatabadi Peshajbee Parishad organises a discussion on the occasion of the Victory Day with Information Minister Tanqul Islam as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3.00pm.



The Bangladesh Trade Union Kendra staged a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding reopening of the closed mills and factories.



President of the Association for the Study of the Liver Prof. Mobin Khan speaks at the inaugural session of the 5th International Symposium on Liver Disease at a city hotel recently.



The six winners of the 7th Berger Young Painters' Art Competition pose with the guests at the award giving ceremony held at a city hotel on Friday.



Students of Kalyani, a school for physically and mentally challenged children, render song at a function at the National Museum auditorium in the city yesterday. The Bangladesh Protibondhi Foundation organised the programme to mark the International Day for the Disabled.