

Mustafa Kamal new envoy to Oman

UNB, Dhaka
Mustafa Kamal, Minister and Deputy Chief of Bangladesh Mission in Washington, has been appointed Bangladesh Ambassador to Oman.

Mustafa Kamal, who joined the Foreign Ministry in 1988, also served in various capacities in the Bangladesh Missions in London and Tehran, said a Foreign Ministry release.

4 listed criminals arrested

UNB, Dhaka
Police arrested 1,387 people, including four listed criminals, from different parts of the country in just 24 hours ending at 6.00am yesterday.

'India, Pakistan need to guard against N-sabotage'

BSS, Dhaka

A German scholar on Sunday described the countries with atomic weapons in South Asia as 'security states', needing more and more surveillance for control of their nuclear weapons in future.

"Atom states are security states and there should be control for security of these states and the region," he said in a paper titled "From Chariot to Atom Bomb: Armament and Military Organisations in South Asian History" here Sunday afternoon.

In fact, he sketched out a detailed historical evolution of military warfare from Chariot to Atom Bomb in South Asia.

The paper was presented by Prof. Dietmar Rothermund from South Asia Institute of Heidelberg University, Germany, at the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) with its chairman Ambassador Mufleh R. Osman in the chair. Earlier, Director General of BISS Major General SM Shahabuddin gave the welcome address.

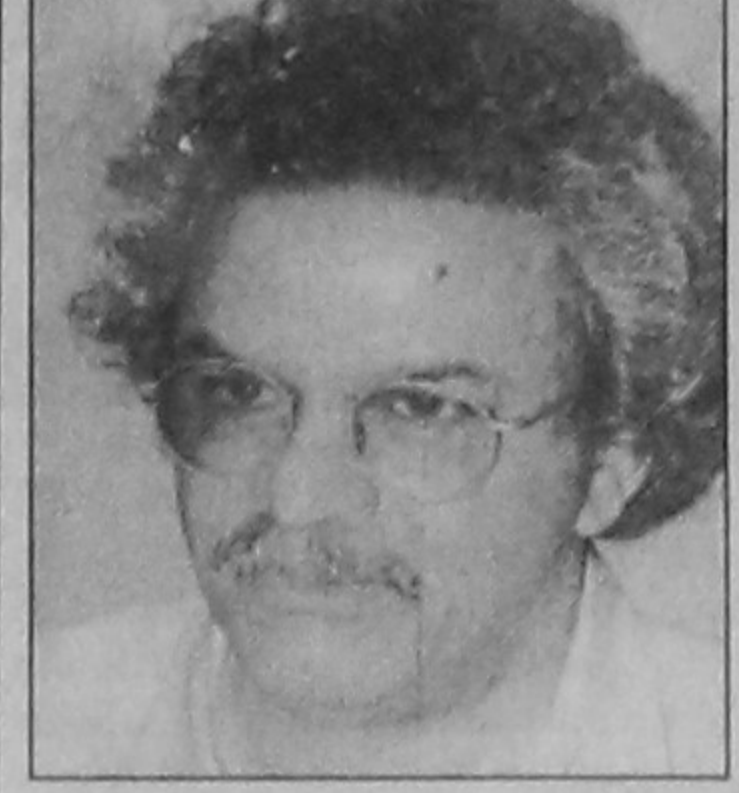
Professor Rothermund gave a brief historical background as to how Pakistan and India developed their nuclear installations and highlighted the centralised aspects of an atom state. He suggested to them to fight terrorism as he argued that terrorists were posing a two-fold challenge.

"Terrorists may attack nuclear installations or steal nuclear weapons and may also cause a nuclear war between the two atom states by hitting the centre -- parliament or government -- of one state while obviously representing the other," he observed.

Therefore, the atom states need special methods and forces dedicated to counter insurgency, he said.

Replying to a query from the floor, the German scholar said Bangladesh should have a force for rapid deployment at anytime. "Bangladesh Army should be made modern," he also said while praising its role in the UN peacekeeping mission in different countries.

He said the strategy of earlier warfare was greatly influenced by chariot since before the birth of Christ and it had come down to today's nuclear weapons through various changes and development over the ages.



Painting exhibition of Abdus Sattar begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A solo exhibition of paintings by Abdus Sattar begins at Saju Gallery in the city's Gulshan-2 area today.

Fifty recent paintings of the artist will be put on display. Vice-Chancellor of University of Development Alternative Prof. Emajuddin Ahmed will inaugurate the exhibition while artist Mohammad Kibria will be present as special guest.

The 13-day exhibition will remain open from 9.00am to 8.30pm everyday.

SUSTTA to form human chain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The Shajhali University of Science & Technology Teachers' Association will form a human chain today to press for its various demands.

The demands include promotion of teachers and new recruitments.

At an emergency meeting yesterday, the association also decided to stage a sit-in on December 29. The association has been on an indefinite strike since December 15.

Reunion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The reunion of the 1990 SSC batch of Mirpur Bangla College will be held at the boy's section of the School on January 3.

All former students of the 1990 batch of the school have been requested to contact the headmaster of the college by December 27 for details, said a press release.

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