

**BANGLADESH-INDIA DIALOGUE
'Media can play role
to overcome
bilateral issues'**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Information Minister M Shamsul Islam yesterday said bilateral issues between India and Bangladesh can be overcome by the media taking a more 'rational approach' to foster understanding rather than confrontation.

He said that the media can bolster the relationship between the two neighbours by promoting a "give and take relationship" based on dialogue, said the minister while speaking at the inaugural session of the Second Bangladesh-India Dialogue for Young Journalists. The programme was organised by the British High Commission and Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI).

Islam said a sincere approach to the economics between the two countries would ensure a fairer trading regime that would eventually lead to the betterment of the people.

Citing various bilateral issues between India and Bangladesh, Islam said the Indian media is 'proactive' in their reporting while the Bangladeshi media resorts to a more 'reactive' approach.

He also asked the Indian government initiate steps to promote the Bangladeshi electronic media over the border in order to strengthen

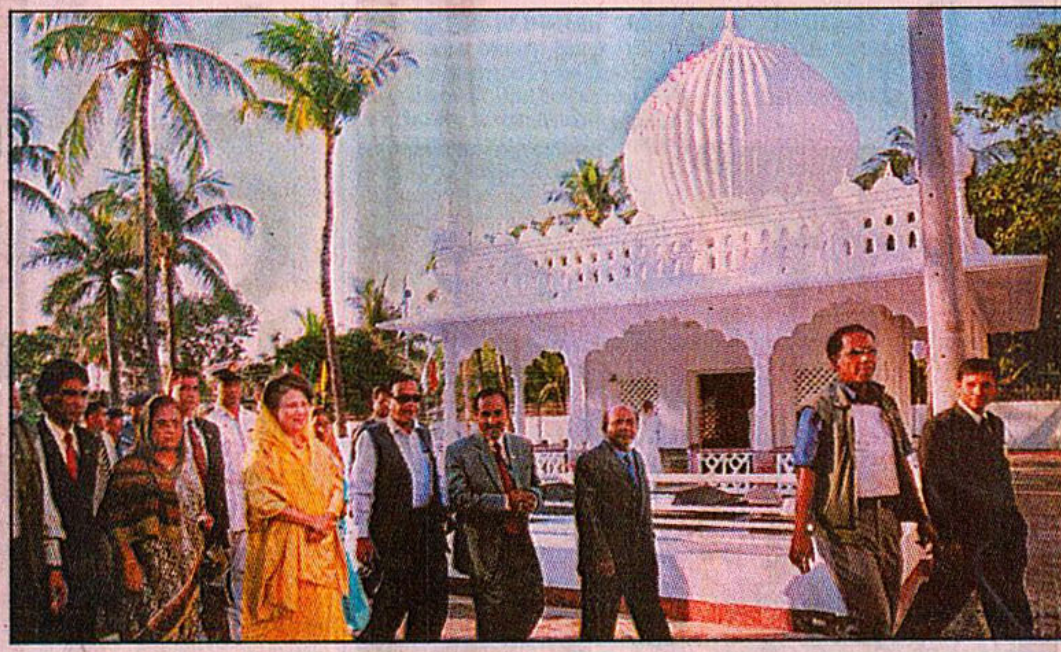
cultural exchange and dialogue. Addressing the session as the special guest, acting Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Sarvajit Chakravarti said the media in both countries should help to promote mutual co-operation instead of harping on differences.

Describing the two countries as 'members of an extended family', he said media can play a crucial role in eradicating misperceptions between them. He said energy, communication and trade are possible sectors for enhanced cooperation.

The British Deputy High Commissioner to Bangladesh attended the function as the second special guest. He urged the media personnel to probe events much further to rise above rhetoric.

Thirteen journalists from India and 20 from Bangladesh are participating in the dialogue while 10 eminent journalists from both countries would moderate the sessions. The second dialogue would look at energy cooperation, South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (Saarc) and transport-linkage opportunities.

The first Bangladesh-India Dialogue for Young Journalists was held at Dhaka in early September this year.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia visited the mazar of Lalon Shah after inaugurating the Lalon Academy Complex in Kushtia yesterday.

2 brothers get death Obituary

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced two brothers to death and six others to life term imprisonment for killing a youth in Munshiganj district in 2002.

The convicts with death are Nirmal Bachhar and Chandan Bachhar while Rabi Bachhar, Pran Krishna Bachhar, Madhu Sarker, Maghu Sarker, Paritosh Sarker and

Pravash Sarker were jailed for life. Of them, Nirmal was tried in absentia and his punishment will be effective from the date of his arrest or surrender, the judges said.

Judge AR Masud of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 gave the verdict in presence of other convicts at a jam-packed courtroom.

According to the prosecution, Palash Bachhar, 25, was killed over a land dispute on April 16 in 2002. His father Makhon Bachhar filed a case with Srinagar police station against two of his nephews - Nirmal and Chandan - and eight others.

**CERTIFICATE 'TAMPERING'
CU reconstitutes
probe body**

UNB, Chittagong

Chittagong University authorities reconstituted the investigation committee to take the final decision about the fate of its 111 LLB students allegedly involved in the latest certificate scandal.

Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Shamsuddin has been made head of the high-profile five-member committee and asked to submit the report by December 22.

The university syndicate took the decision in this regard at an emergency meeting yesterday.

Earlier, Prof MA Hakim of political science was made head of the committee but he resigned on November 22.

**World Aids
Day today**

BSS, Dhaka

The World Aids Day will be observed today amid fears of widespread prevalence of HIV/Aids because of the high risk behaviour by the injecting drug users, commercial sex workers and migrants.

Different organisations have drawn up elaborate programmes, including rallies, concerts, poster exhibitions and discussions, to mark the day.

President Inajuddin Ahmed will formally inaugurate the programme at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre at 10.00am.

BSS, Dhaka

Dewan Abul Kashem Mohammad Asaduzzaman, a freedom fighter and politician of Sunamganj, died at his Duhalia village home yesterday at the age of 61.

The fourth son of National Professor Dewan Mohammad Azraf, Asaduzzaman was the founder president of Dowarbaraz Awami League.

He is survived by his wife, four sons, three brothers and two sisters.

Shahabuddin Howlader



M Shahabuddin Howlader, a local BNP leader at Muradpur under Shaympur thana in the city, died of a cardiac arrest on Monday at the age of 58, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

Mahbub Rashid Shikder

Mahbub Rashid Shikder, a student of the Institute of Information Technology, Dhaka University, died of a cardiac arrest at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases in the city on November 26.

A milad mahfil will be held at the IT institute after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Khadem Manjur Ali Shah

Khadem Manjur Ali Shah, father of Khadem Khiraj Ali Shah, a member of Sylhet Division Development Council, died at his home at Shahjibazar in Habiganj yesterday at the age of 70, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, four sons, three daughters and a number of grandchildren.

Abul Kalam Azad

Abul Kalam Azad, a Jubo League leader in Jamalpur, died at his home on November 30 at the age of 32, says a press release.

He is survived by his mother, wife, brothers and sisters.

**Prayer meeting
for peace today**

Haqqani Anjuman will hold a prayer meeting for universal peace at the National Press Club auditorium at 9.30am today, says a press release.

Advisor to the commerce ministry Barkatullah Bulu will preside over the meeting while Communications Minister Nazmul Huda will be present as chief guest.

**Tk 12,520cr lost a year for
land litigation**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The families of plaintiffs and defendants in land cases lose property and assets worth Tk 12,520 crore a year, according to a research report launched at National Museum Auditorium in the city yesterday.

They spend a total of Tk 24,860 crore a year for lawsuits over land, only 1 percent of which is deposited to the government treasury while about 50 percent goes as bribes to officials of police, judiciary and administration.

The study findings published as a book titled 'Political Economy of Land Litigation in Bangladesh: A Case of Colossal National Waste' also reveal that those presently involved in land cases have spent about Tk 25,039 crore, which is equal to 10 percent of the country's gross domestic product.

Abul Barakat, a professor of economics at Dhaka University, and P K Roy jointly researched and authored the book published by Nijera Kari and Association for Land Reform and Development, two non-government organisations.

Speaking at the launching ceremony, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed said currently there are 4.5 lakh civil cases pending with the courts, of which 80 percent are land related.

According to him, the number of land cases would decrease if land registration system could be controlled. As example, he said, "A few days ago I heard a plot of land in Savar I had bought in 1972 has been grabbed."

The minister also expressed dissatisfaction at the snail's pace of land litigation.

"On an average 45 persons are affected by a land case, which takes about 9.5 years to be settled," said Barakat, who also is the general secretary of Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA).

Describing how prolonged and delayed judicial proceeding has pushed many families into states of financial insecurity, Barakat said, "Land case is a losing game for both the plaintiffs and the defendants."

Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon said land reform has come to a standstill as the issue has lost its place in the policymakers' corridor.

He also regretted the fact that litigants in land cases lose a lot and are harassed for long due to prolonged judicial proceeding.

Communist Party of Bangladesh General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim named land management and land record system as two principal areas requiring correction. He also emphasised the need for land reform.

Taking part in the discussion, Awami League Presidium Member Motia Chowdhury said containing river erosion must get top priority as it aggravates the country's land dispute situation.

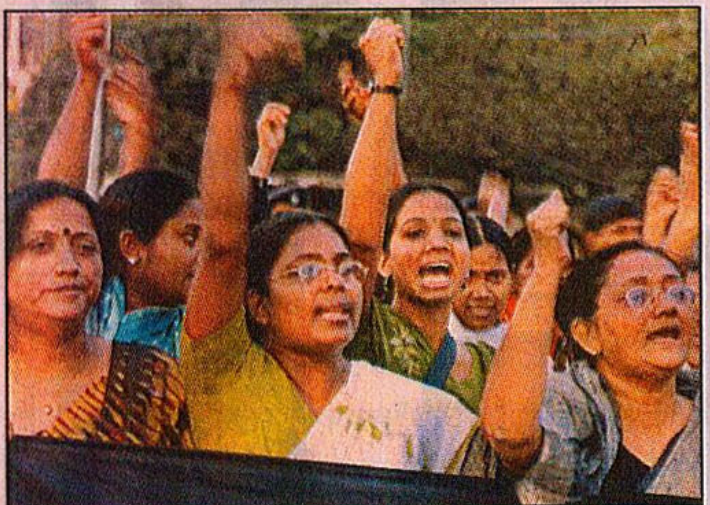
Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain said a strong political will is required to solve the bedlam in land management.

Noted economist Mosharruf Hossain chaired the function, where BEA President Qazi Kholliquzzaman, Rahmat Ali MP, eminent journalist Ataus Samad, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal President Hasanul Huq Inu, Sigma Huda and Nijera Kari Convenor Khushi Kabir also spoke.

**LEADERSHIP COURSE
Interview begins
tomorrow**

The interview of the candidates for the 'Leadership Development Course' organised by the Centre for Governance Studies will be held on December 2 and 3, says a press release.

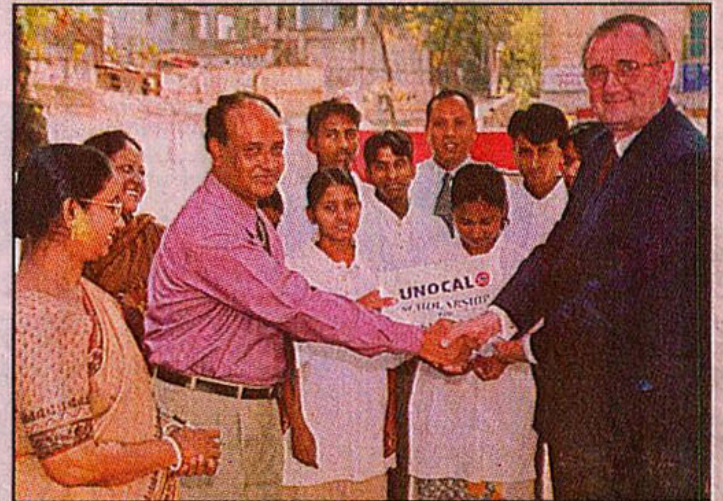
The schedule is as follows: the interview of candidates having serial No. 001 to 100 will begin at 1.30pm on December 2 and that of candidates having serial No. 100 to 200 at 9.30am on December 3.



Sammilita Nari Samaj stages a demonstration in the city yesterday to protest the passage of a bill for indirect election to the 45 reserved seats in JS.

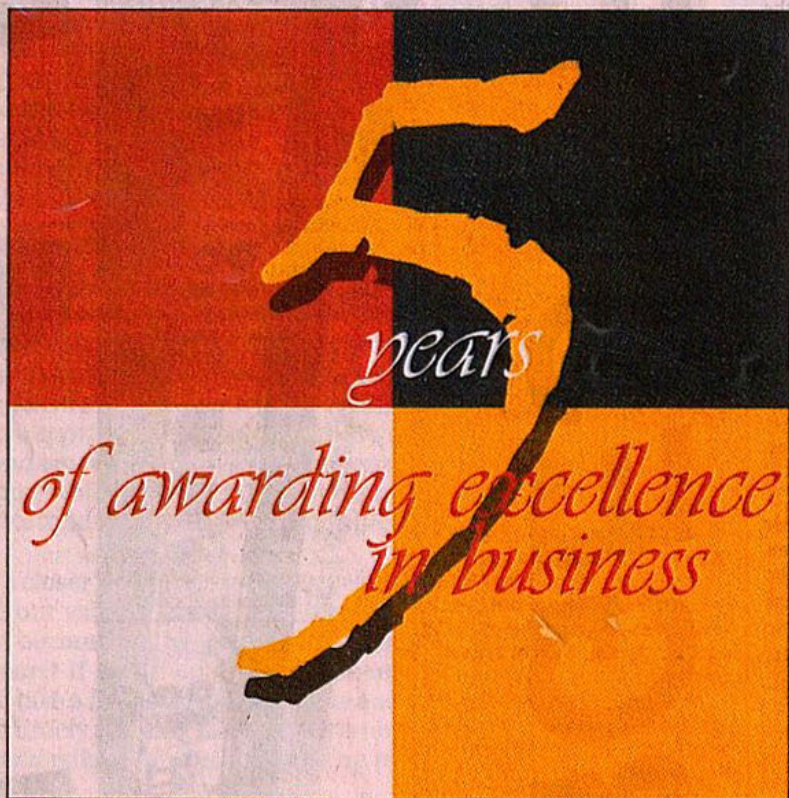


Mamoon M Shah and Mukarram Hussain Khan, managing executive director of Brac Concord Lands Limited, inaugurate the Children's Art Exhibition on the HSBC Gulshan branch premises in the city yesterday.



Andrew L Fawthrop, president and managing director of Unocal Bangladesh, hands over a cheque for Tk 1,94,050 to M Abu Taher, director of Surovi School, in the city on Monday to support a scholarship programme. Eleven meritorious but poor students of Surovi will receive the scholarships this year.

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Jean-Jacques Annaud Retrospective
Zahir Raihan Film Society, in association with the Alliance Francaise, will screen two films made by French filmmaker Jean-Jacques Annaud. These are 'The Name of the Rose' and 'The Lover'. Venue: Alliance Francaise, Road-3, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

Aids day
The inaugural ceremony of World Aids Day will be held with President Inajuddin Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre. Time: 10.00am.

Aids day rally
Bangladesh Aids Prevention Society will hold a rally to mark the World Aids Day. Venue: Siddeshwari Boys School. Time: 10.30am.

Prayer meeting
A prayer meeting, organised by Haqqani Anjuman, will be held with Communications Minister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 9.30am.

Symposium
Association for the Study of the Liver, Bangladesh organises a symposium on Liver disease with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharruf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 3.30pm.

Museum exhibition
An exhibition of liberation war documents, organised by Liberation War Museum, will be opened by the Japanese Ambassador. Venue: Museum premises, Segun Bagicha. Time: 5.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till December 16 from 10.00am to 5.00pm daily except Sunday.

Workshop
The inaugural ceremony of an international workshop on 'The development of Bond Market in Bangladesh' will be held with Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Brac Centre Inn, Mohakhali. Time: 9.30am.

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