



Dhaka Divisional Commissioner Ikram Ahmed presides over a meeting on 'Steps to release children and juveniles from jails' at the conference room of his office in the city yesterday.

Ukraine envoy presents credentials

Newly appointed Ambassador of Ukraine to Bangladesh Dr Igor Polikha presented his credentials to President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday. Welcoming the Ukrainian ambassador, the president expressed satisfaction at the current ties between Bangladesh and Ukraine. The new Ukrainian ambassador termed the current relations between Bangladesh and Ukraine as excellent and expressed satisfaction that the two countries share similar views on many international issues. The Ukrainian ambassador suggested frequent exchange of high-level trade delegations to increase trade and business between the two nations. Military Secretary to the president Maj Gen Mohd Aminul Karim, Secretary Md Sirajul Islam, Foreign Secretary Touhid Hossain and Press Secretary Abdul Awal Howlader were present during the ceremony.

Road accidents claim 11 lives

At least 11 people were killed and 42 others injured in separate road accidents across the country yesterday. Three pedestrians were killed and one suffered fatal injury in two separate road accidents in the city's Uttara and Gulistan areas yesterday. Of the victims, two persons, including a physically challenged man, were killed when a private car ran over them after crashing into a road divider near Uttara House Building overbridge at around 1:30pm. The dead were identified as Bashar Ahmed, 30, a staff of a private company, and Nayeab Ali, 28. Driver of the private car, Nazmul Hossain, 35, suffered fatal injury and was now undergoing treatment at an Uttara hospital under police custody. The police also seized the private car. Traffic on the busy airport road remained halted for an hour following the accident. In the other incident, Golam Mostafa, 22, suffered fatal injuries when a New Airport-bound bus

from Gulistan knocked him down in front of the Police Headquarters at around 9:00am. Locals rushed him to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he died couple of hours later. Golam Mostafa is a resident of Dhalpur in Jatrabari. Our correspondent in Netrakona reports: Two people were killed and 25 others injured in two road accidents in Netrakona. Ijjat Ali, 65, died on the spot when a Netrakona-bound truck knocked him down at Rajur Bazar in Netrakona Sadar while he was crossing the road at about 12:30pm. Police seized the truck but the driver managed to escape. In another incident, a man was killed and 25 others injured in a road accident when a Netrakona-bound bus lost control and fell into a roadside ditch on Durgapur-Netrakona road at Durgapur at about 10:00am. The victim was identified as Sujan Mia, 35. Seriously injured Ahmed Ali, Nitish Hajang, Maleka Akter, Shaifik Mia, Khalek Mia and Anita Rani were rushed to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital while

others were admitted to Durgapur Upazila Health Complex. Police seized the bus but the driver managed to escape. Our correspondent in Kishoreganj adds: A tempo driver was killed and eight passengers were injured when a truck collided head-on with it on Bajitpur-Kotiadi road. The dead was identified as Kajol Mia, 25. The accident took place at Bairti village in Kotiadi in the morning. Four of the injured were admitted to Jahurul Islam Medical College and Hospital. UNB adds: Two people were killed when a speeding truck rammied into a motorcycle and a rickshaw on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Nurpur in Habiganj yesterday. Police said the accident took place at about 12:30pm as the driver of the Sylhet-bound truck from Dhaka lost his control of the truck. Motorcyclist Lichu Miah, 35, and the unidentified rickshawpuller died on the spot. The police seized the truck, but its driver managed to escape.

In Bogra, two people were killed and eight others injured in a collision between two trucks. The dead were identified as Abdul Hamid, 60, and Kalpana Khatun, 43, of Chutbari village. Witnesses said a sand-laden truck hit another truck carrying passengers at about 7:00am at Chandrapara in Dhunat, killing two passengers on the spot. Five of the injured were admitted to Bogra Shahid Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital. Our correspondent in Chapainawabganj reports: A woman was killed in a road accident at Mastanbazar in Monakasha, Shibganj. The victim was identified as Shamsunnahar, 50, wife of Md Israil Hossain of Mobarakpur. The police said a speeding motor vehicle, locally known as Bhubhuti, knocked her down in the morning, leaving her critically injured. She succumbed to her injuries on her way to Shibganj Health Complex. Police seized the vehicle and arrested its driver Md Zohda.

Lobbying body formed for illegal Bangladeshis in USA

BSS, New York Bangladesh Society in New York has formed a lobbying committee titled 'Committee to Legalise Non-Documented Disaster Victims of Bangladesh in USA' for bringing the illegal Bangladeshis under Temporary Protected Status (TPS) programme. Bangladesh Society President Nargis Ahmed and Member Joyal Abedin have made convener and member secretary of the lobbying committee respectively. After forming the committee, the society, in a statement, said a poor country like Bangladesh will not be able to bear the load if the non-documented Bangladeshis were returned home as the recent cyclone Sidr caused an extensive damage to a huge area. Earlier, some countries including Ethiopia, Somalia and Honduras were incorporated in the TPS programme. The newly formed committee will lobby every concerned authorities including the State Department, Foreign Secretary and President Bush for the purpose.

BISHWA IJTEMA BR arranges special trains for devotees

BSS, Dhaka The Bangladesh Railway (BR) will operate special trains for the devotees of Bishwa Ijtema from January 25 to 27. The BR will operate four special trains from January 24 to 26. On January 27, the last day of Akheri Munajat, as many as 21 trains will run from Dhaka to Tongi and Tongi to other destinations of the country, a BR press release said yesterday. On January 24-26, one train will depart from each of the stations of Jamalpur, Mymensingh, Akhaura and Laksham to Tongi. On January 27, seven special trains will leave Dhaka for Tongi, seven will leave Tongi for Dhaka, four will leave Tongi for Mymensingh, two will leave Tongi for Akhaura and one will leave Tongi for Laksham. For detailed schedules, passengers have been requested to contact local station masters.

Power plant graft

FROM PAGE 16 statement and amassing Tk 1.06 crore illegal assets.

TOWFIQ'S CASE Judge Mohammad Azizul Haque of the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court ordered to send Towfiq to jail when he and his lawyers appeared before the court and sought bail.

The court also ordered to attach properties of former Power Development Board (PDB) chairman Noor Uddin Mahmud Kamal and five others in the same case. Detained AL chief Sheikh Hasina is also an accused in the case.

On January 14, the court issued arrest warrants against Towfiq and six others following the plea by the investigation officer (IO) of the case. Moving the bail petition, the defendant's lawyers argued that the charges brought against their client were false, fabricated and concocted, adding that Towfiq was implicated in the case as part of a conspiracy to harass him.

The lawyers submitted another petition for providing him division and proper treatment in jail custody. Opposing the bail petition, the prosecution argued that there was no provision to grant bail to any accused in cases filed under section 5(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1947.

After hearing both sides, the court did not pass any order on the bail petition and ordered to send the accused to jail. It also directed jail authorities to take necessary steps for giving him division according to Jail Code. Five others against whom attachment order is issued are Summit Industries and Mercantile Corporation Private Ltd Managing Director Aziz Khan, its Director

Farid Khan, United Group Chairman Hasan Mahmud Raja, its Director Abul Kalam Azad and Bangabandhu Memorial Trust (BMT) curator Sayed Siddiqur Rahman.

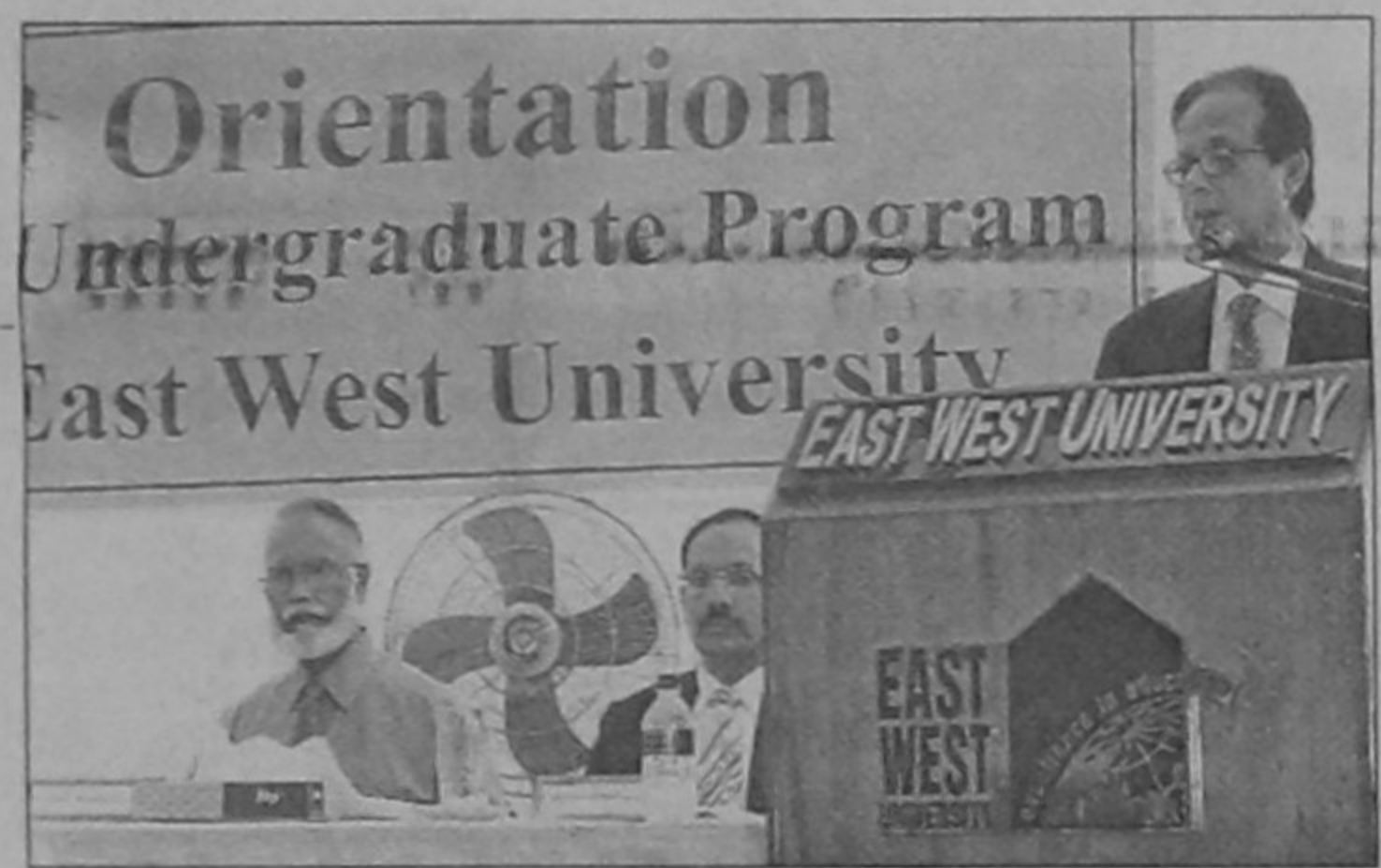
On January 10, ACC Deputy Director Morshed Alam, also the IO of the case, submitted the charge sheet to Dhaka Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court.

In addition to the seven persons accused in the FIR earlier, the name of BMT curator Sayed Siddiqur Rahman was also included in the charge sheet, as his involvement with the graft case was found during investigation. ACC Deputy Director Sabbir Hasan lodged the case with Tejgaon Police Station on September 2, 2007.

He said that through their mutual understanding and use of influence, the accused helped a foreign company and its local partners win a deal in 1997 for setting up the 100MW barge-mount power plant in Khulna and thus deprived the lowest bidder from being awarded the deal.

ABUL HASNAT ABDULLAH'S CASE The IO of the case ACC Assistant Director Shafiqul Alam submitted the charge sheet against Abul Hasnat to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, showing 20 people as prosecution witnesses.

He prayed for issuance of arrest warrant against the accused and the order to attach his properties, as he was shown fugitive in the case. ACC Assistant Director Rahela Khatun filed the case with the Dhankhondi police on September 6, 2007 against Abul Hasnat for acquiring wealth that does not go with his legal income sources and hiding information about his actual wealth.



Jalaluddin Ahmed, president of Board of Directors of the East West University, addresses undergraduate students of spring semester-2008 at an orientation ceremony on the university campus yesterday.

Barapukuria

FROM PAGE 16 hampered due to some technical glitches, the plant will have to be shut down again. Plant Chief Engineer Md Abdul Malek said after resuming operation at 2:20pm, the two units were jointly generating at least 220MW electricity, feeding to the national grid from 3:30pm. The two units, however, could not resume operation with the plant's own reserve of coal. When contacted, plant Chief Engineer Malek admitted that there is not any reserve coal at present to operate the two units and that outsourcing is time consuming. The plant started power generation with 40,000 tonnes of coal stockpiled at the BCML coal-yard. Since the plant started power generation in September 2005, several spells of coal shortage have forced it towards outsourcing against high tariff, said a plant official requesting anonymity. The plant will require at least

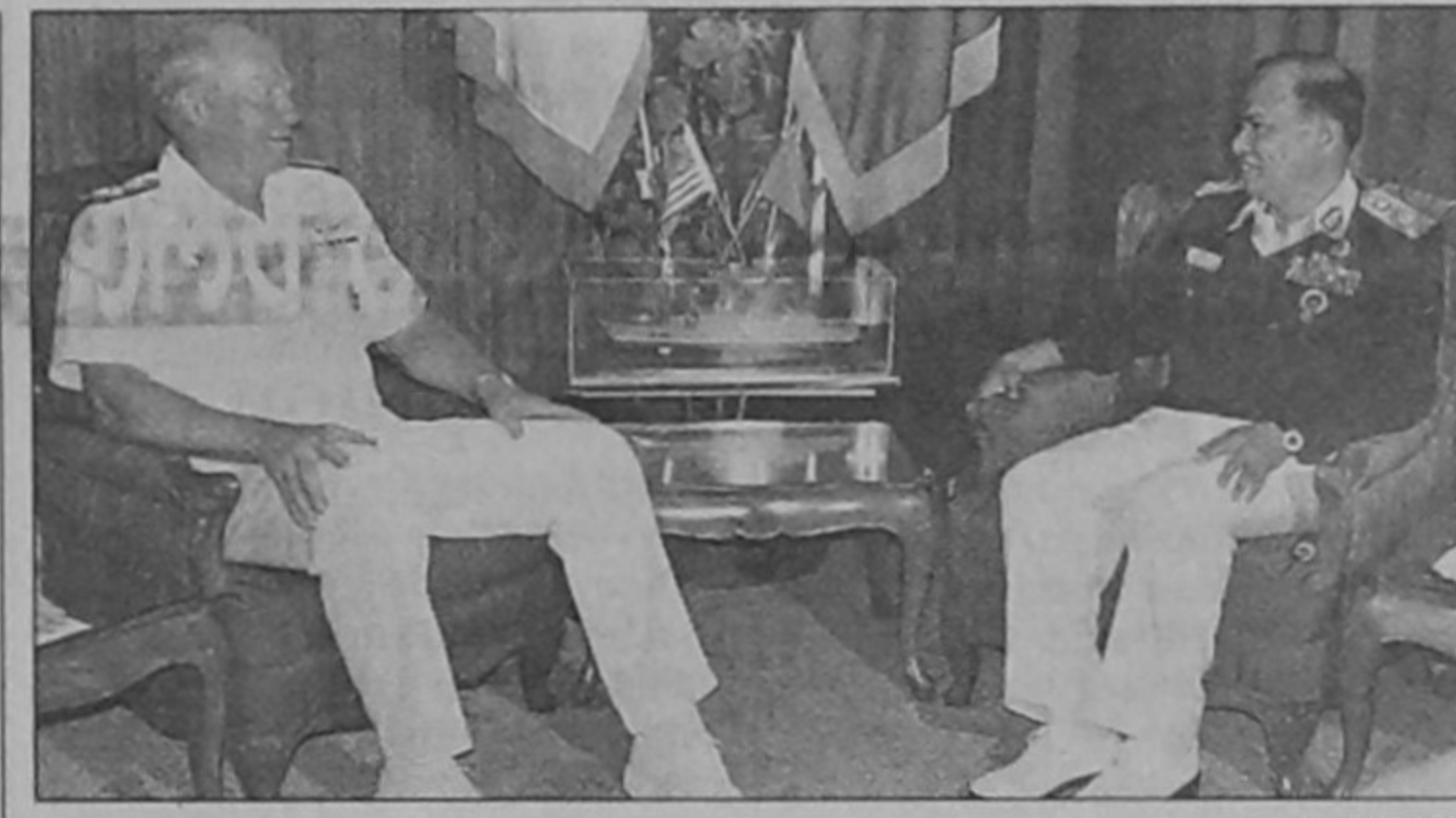
60,000-70,000 tonnes of coal a month. To meet the plant's demand, the BCML on January 14 started extracting coal from phase-1103 three weeks earlier than the scheduled date of February. The reserve at the new phase is 3,57,900 tonnes of coal. BCML Managing Director MA Aziz Khan earlier said 2,000-2,400 tonnes of coal would be extracted daily from the new phase. According to plant sources, the two units have been operating one at a time since early last year because of supply shortage of coal and its high tariff in international market. It is anticipated that the 250MW plant could save the country \$1,999 million of fuel cost for 30 years. The country experienced huge production shortages during Aman season due to repeated floods, cyclone Sidr and recurring power shortfall. The government, however, is expecting bumper boro harvest if uninterrupted power supply can be ensured.

EWU spring semester orientation held

East West University (EWU) accorded a gala reception to freshers in different undergraduate programmes under the spring semester 2008 on the university premises yesterday, says a press release. A total of 433 students enrolled in eight disciplines in this semester. Jalaluddin Ahmed, president of Board of Directors of EWU, attended the ceremony as the chief guest. Pointing out its performance among the private universities the board president said the admission process of the university is very strict and the new students are very lucky to have the opportunity to come under the umbrella of skilled faculty members. Vice Chancellor Prof Mohammed Sharif in his concluding remarks told the students to be serious about their studies. He also emphasised on abiding by the strict rules and regulations of the university. Registrar of EWU Col Shah Murtaza Ali (retd), Prof Md Abdul Hye, dean of Business and Economic faculty, and Prof Anisul Haq, dean of Science and Engineering also spoke on this occasion.

IER admission forms submission time extended

BSS, Dhaka The date for submission of admission forms for the first year honours course in 2007-08 academic sessions of Institute of Education and Research (IER), Dhaka University has been extended up to January 26. Earlier, the last date for submission of admission forms was on January 20. The admission test of IER will now be held on February 1 at 3:00pm instead of 10:00am.



Visiting US Pacific Fleet Commander Admiral Robert F Willard pays a courtesy call on Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam at Naval Headquarters in the city yesterday.

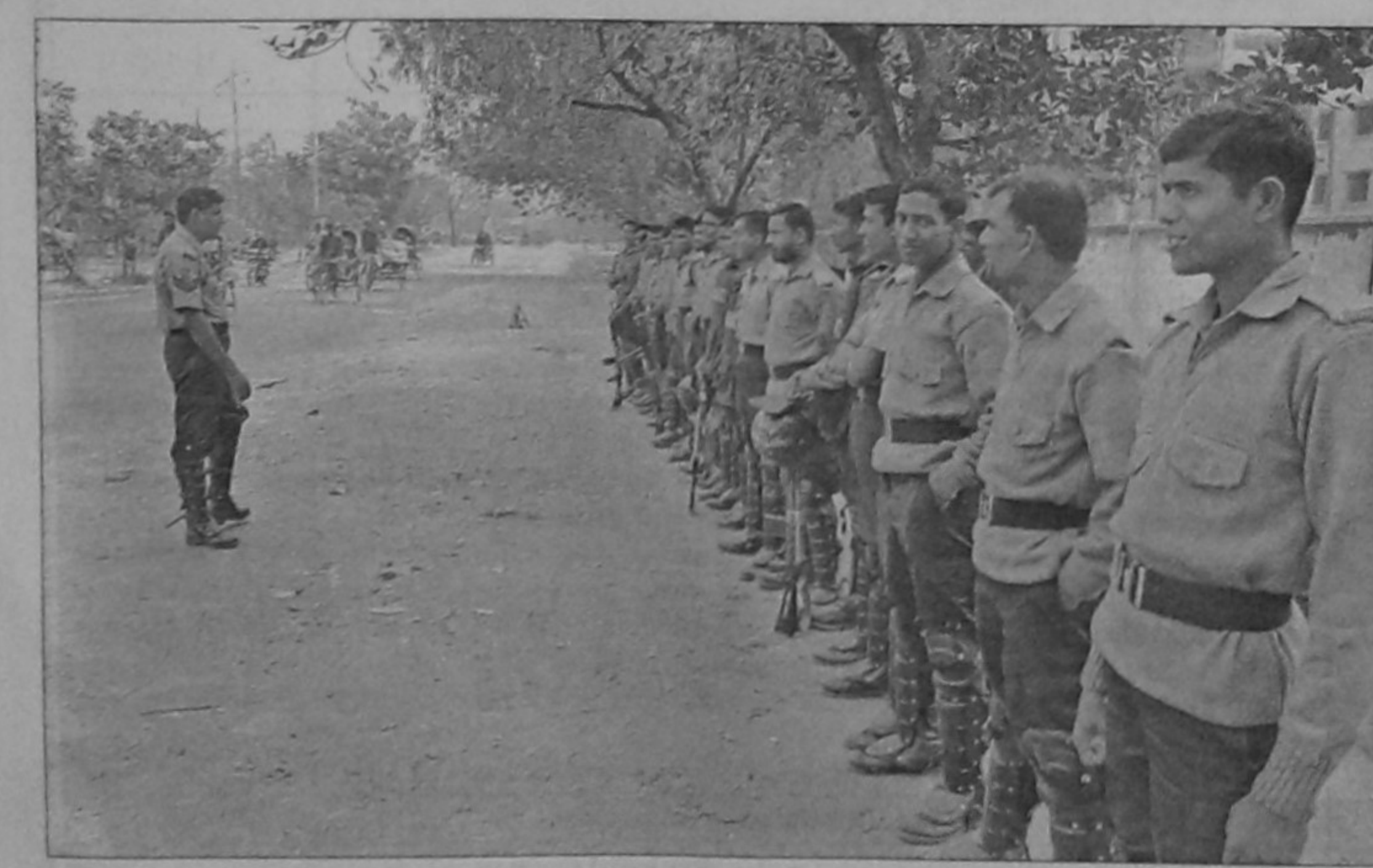


Bangladesh Red Crescent Society Chairman Prof Dr Mohammad Abdur Rob receives water purification tablets from a branch office manager of HOPE '87 on Tuesday. Hilfswerk Des Bayerischen Apotheker Verband (BAV) of Germany donated 10,00,000 water purification tablets through head office of HOPE '87 to distribute them among Sidr victims.

Saudi Airlines

FROM PAGE 1 "We, about 100 passengers, stayed in a field in the capital for seven days and we are yet to get our tickets reconfirmed," said Abdul Mazid, a worker who was in Saudi Arabia for four years and came home on a four-month vacation. "The airline staffs gave me a token asking me to come to their office a week later. But when I came that day, a staff just threw my token away," he told this correspondent. Another passenger, Mohammad Manik, said, "After four days of stay in Dhaka, I went back home and have come again to get a token." Some workers, whose visas would expire in four to five days, had to pay bribes to some Ansar personnel who give the serial numbers for reconfirmation of tickets, he said. "One of them also asked for bribe from me but I did not pay." Protesters such harassments and irregularities, around 1000 intending passengers staged a sit-in on nearby Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue on December 30. The authorities deployed police near the hotel to check any untoward incident. According to a foreign ministry official, the government repeatedly asked the Saudi Airlines to expand its office but it did not. When contacted, Reservation Manager of the airlines Abdul Hamid said the airlines reduced the number of Dhaka-KSA (King-

dom of Saudi Arabia) flights to six from 12 a week since early December for carrying hajj pilgrims, but it has arranged some special flights considering the rush of other passengers from Dhaka. The 12 flights a week will resume on January 25, he said. They have asked the passengers who confirmed their tickets while buying those in the KSA to go directly to airport four hours prior to departure of flights, in stead of coming to the airlines' office for reconfirmation, he added. "The passengers however are not following our instructions," Hamid said. Besides, passengers who have one to two months time are also coming for reconfirming tickets. "We already asked passengers not to contact us more than 15 days prior to their departure." He further said, "We also advertised in the media saying passengers whose visa will expire in one week or less but have not confirmed their return flights should immediately contact our reservation office so that we may take urgent steps." The airlines' second office will be opened in Chittagong in mid-March this year, he added. On taking bribes from passengers, he said when people are in trouble, some might take advantage of it. "I always suggest them not to give money and passports to any brokers."



Security has been beefed up in Mirpur area to avert any untoward incidents in the wake of the massive labour unrest.

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Career Opportunity in ASA

ASA, one of the leading and sustainable Microfinance Institution's (MFI) in the world, is currently looking for dynamic persons for the following posts at the central office. At present, more than 25,500 staff are working in ASA to serve its almost 7.2 million members. ASA is also working in different countries for providing Technical Assistance (TA) to NGO/MFIs as well as involved in Greenfield for-profit microfinance company in 10 countries in Asia and Africa under the name of ASA International-holding registered in Mauritius.

No.	Name and number of Posts	Qualifications	Age	Experience	Salary
01	Deputy President-01 (Contract basis)	Post-graduation from any recognized university.	Maximum 60 years	At least 35 years of working experience holding top level management positions in a well known Financial Institution.	More than One lac per month (Negotiable)
02	Executive Vice-President-01	Post-graduation from any recognized university.	Maximum 50 years	At least 25 years of working experience directly in microfinance; holding higher level management position in a well known Microfinance Institution (MFI).	70-90 Thousand per month (Negotiable)
03	Director (Program) -01	Post-graduation from any recognized university	Maximum 47 years	At least 15 years of working experience holding upper level post in a well known Microfinance Institution (MFI) and directly involved in program/ microfinance activities/ operation.	55-60 Thousand per month (Negotiable)
04	Deputy Director (Program) -03	Post-graduation from any recognized university.	Maximum 45 years	At least 10 years of working experience holding upper level post in a well known Microfinance Institution (MFI) and directly involved in program/ microfinance activities/ operation.	40-45 Thousand per month (Negotiable)
05	Accounts Officer-03	CA (C.C) with post-graduation from any recognized university.	Maximum 35 years	01 year working experience holding mid level position in a well known Financial Institutions/NGO's/Private commercial organizations.	17-20 Thousand per month (Negotiable)

Conditions and procedures to apply:  
 The applicant must be non-smoker, smart and well conversant with global microfinance scenario along with good written and verbal communication skill. Interested candidates can send their applications (addressing to the President and mentioning the name of the post applied for on the top of envelope) along with a full CV, two recent passport size photographs, a return envelope (with stamp of Tk. 2) with mailing address of the applicant written on the right corner on the bottom of the envelope, a non-refundable bank draft/pay order (pay order in the case of issuing from the banks of Dhaka city) for Tk. 500 in favour of ASA within 15 February 2008 to the following address. The bank draft/pay order is needed for avoiding underqualified and unnecessary applicants and also for shortlisting the genuine candidates.  
 No need to send photostat copies of certificates, testimonials and other documents with the application but the original copies must be submitted at the time of interview.  
 The applicants for the post mentioned in serial no. 5 will be called for written tests and they must have experience in Microsoft Excel and Word.  
 Probation period for all the posts will be of one year excepting that of the Deputy President. After successful completion of the probationary period the jobs will be under regular salary structure of ASA. The post of the Deputy President will be on contractual basis.  
 The working place of all the positions will be in Dhaka Central Office along with 5-10 days field visits per month. Internal candidates having the required qualification and experience may also apply.