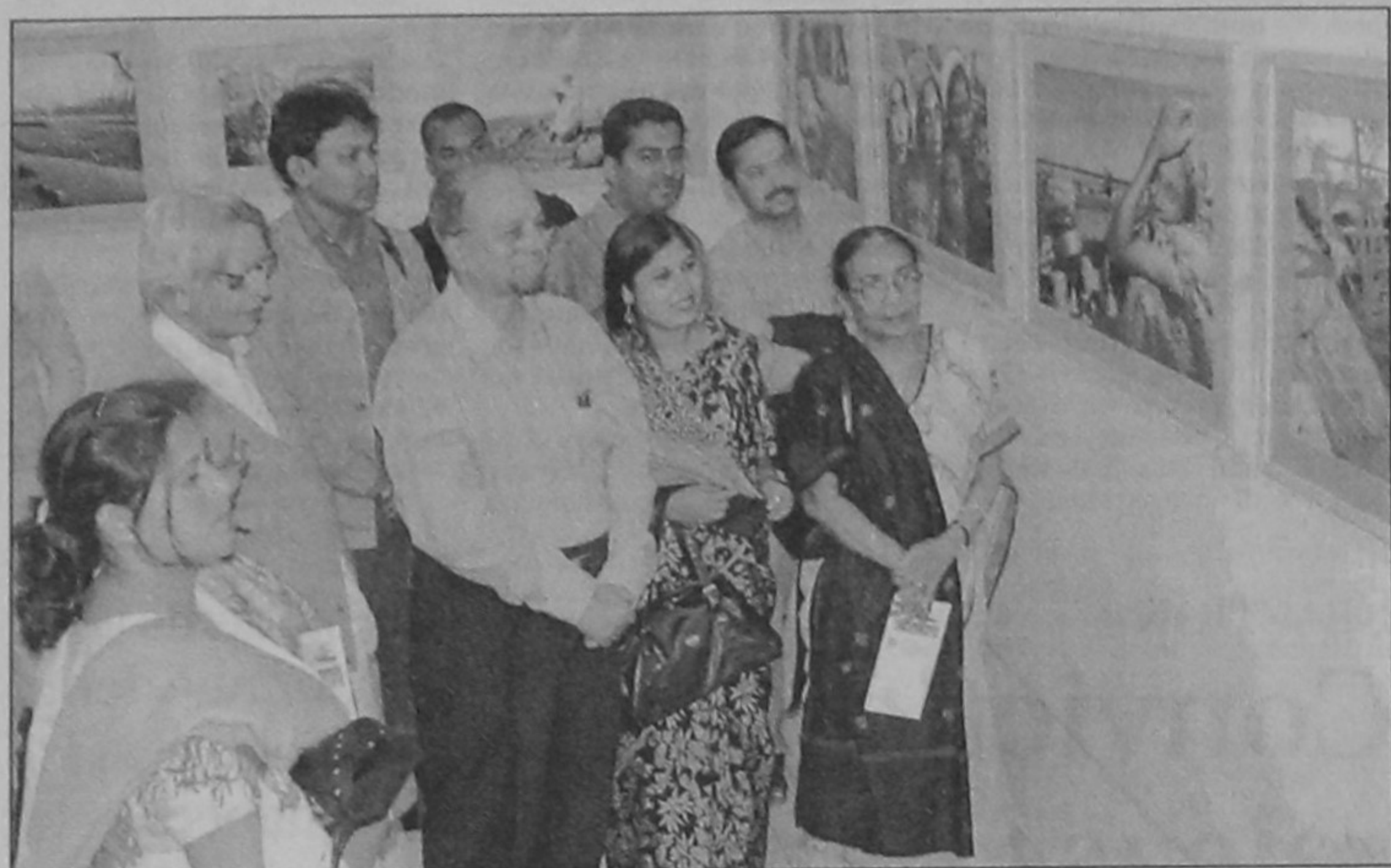


Road crashes kill 6

STAR REPORT
At least six people were killed and 111 others injured in separate road accidents in Savar, Jhalakathi and Netrakona yesterday.

them, condition of 30 said to be critical.
Another report from Jhalakathi adds: One person was killed and 16 others were injured when a bus plunged into a roadside ditch as its driver, who was talking over mobile phone, lost his control over the steering.

district yesterday.
The dead was identified as Sujon Mia, 35, of village Gaokandia under Durgapur upazila.
Police said the accident occurred when a Netrakona-bound passenger bus from Durgapur turned upside down at Shuknaki and fell into a roadside ditch as driver lost his control over the steering, leaving one dead and 25 others injured.



An exhibition titled 'Devastated Coast' featuring 54 selected photographs by staff photographers of the daily Prothom Alo on cyclone Sidr began in the port city yesterday.

Photography exhibition on Sidr-hit areas begins in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A six-day exhibition titled 'Devastated Coast' featuring 54 selected photographs of the staff photographers of the daily Prothom Alo on cyclone Sidr began in the port city yesterday with a view to raising mass awareness about the need of humanitarian approach in time of natural disaster.

Fake notes seized, four arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members seized a huge amount of fake notes and equipment to produce forged notes at a house in the city's Turag area and arrested four people, including two women, yesterday.

evening, the elite force seized 85 fake notes of Tk 500, 151 fake notes of Tk 100, 500 fake notes of Tk 5, a fake-note making machine, fake-note printing papers and chemicals.
Besides, Tk 68,514 was also recovered from the possession of the arrestees.

JCD factions clash at DU, two injured

DU CORRESPONDENT
Two students of Dhaka University (DU) were injured in a clash between two factions of Jatayatadhi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at Zia Hall last night.
The clash took place at around 10:30pm at the dormitory's canteen as a sequel to Monday night's altercation over watching television.

Raid on cement factory, brickfield on river banks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
As part of a continuous drive to save the rivers Buriganga and Shitalakkhya, the army, coastguard and BIWA yesterday conducted raids on brickfield and cement factory set up on the riverbanks.
Coastguard sources said the drives on NBM Brickfield and Shah Cement were conducted as they were carrying out business by filling the river illegally. They were also dodging government taxes.

Pak navy chief calls on chiefs of 3 services

UNB, Dhaka
Pakistan Navy Chief Admiral M Afzal Tahir yesterday paid courtesy call on the chiefs of three defence services of Bangladesh, when matters of mutual interest of the armed forces of the two countries came up for discussion.
He met separately with Army Chief General Moeen U Ahmed, Navy Chief Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam and Air Chief Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman at their headquarters.



Pakistan Navy Chief Admiral M Afzal Tahir placed wreaths at Shikha Anirban in the city yesterday to pay tributes to the members of the Armed Forces martyred during the War of Liberation in 1971.

Criteria for grading often misleading: Dr Akbar

GOOD GOVERNANCE
North South University (NSU) organised the third Chaudhury AKM Aminul Haque Memorial Lecture on its campus recently.
Former adviser and Chairman of Regulatory Reforms Commission Dr Akbar Ali Khan delivered the Memorial Lecture as the chief guest, says a press release.

governance that is based not on channeling commands, but creating an efficient network among all bodies and institutions. He opined that while the networking approach is more beneficial, the normative approach often serves well in crisis situations.
The former adviser also spoke at length about the grading system in place that determines which countries are enjoying good governance and which are not. He said that the criteria for such grading are often misleading.

poorly in five out of six criteria of good governance.
He stressed that the present list of criteria for good governance is unrealistic, inflexible and over-prescriptive. He mentioned that 'good enough governance' should not be discounted and in this connection he mentioned the Md Ibrahim grading system which has been devised as an alternative way to reward countries in Africa is doing the most to improve governance.

Bogra Jamaat leader held on charges of violating minor girl

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra
Police arrested a leader of Jamaate-Islami on charge of attempting to violate a minor girl in the town yesterday.
Rafiqul Islam claimed himself a Jamaat Rokan.
He is also the manager of Prime Insurance of Barogola Branch.
Earlier Rafiqul, who was the superintendent of Sheikh Farid Atimkhana (Orphanage), was sacked from the post for allegedly violating a male student.



Chairperson of Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF) Wahida Banu speaks at a seminar on 'Early Childhood Development (ECD)' at Biam auditorium in the city yesterday. On her left is Mahmudul Kabir, country director, TdH-Netherlands, and on her right is Secretary to the ministry of Health and Family Welfare Zafar Ullah Khan. (Story on Page 3)



Appeal for help

A couple -- Saju Barua and his wife Moushumi Barua -- suffered serious burns in a fire at their home in the city on January 9, says a press release.
Of them, the condition of Moushumi is critical, who is currently undergoing treatment at the Intensive Care Unit at Shahabuddin Medical College in Gulshan, while Saju is also undergoing treatment at Cosmetic Surgery Clinic, Banani.
Moushumi has sustained third degree burns to the lower part of her body and Saju suffered burns to his hands, knees, chest and face.

Transport workers clash with Ansars

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
At least 10 people, including three Ansar men, were injured in a clash between Ansar members and transport workers at Pallabi in the city yesterday.
Injured Ansar members are as Khairul Islam, Rezaul Karim and Abdus Salam. They received treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).
Pallabi police said the clash occurred over a trifle matter at around 9:30am at Duarypara Ansar Camp. Ansar members first prevented a bus worker from urinating in the area. The worker then left the place but came back later with a group of workers and they were locked into a clash with Ansar members.

Poor countries must be proactive in cutting child deaths: Unicef

AFP, Geneva
Unicef announced last month that child mortality rates are at an all time low, with the number of children dying before their fifth birthday falling below the 10 million mark in 2006.
It also estimates that more than 500,000 women still die every year as a result of complications during pregnancy and childbirth, with about half of these deaths taking place in sub-Saharan Africa.
Much more needs to be done to cut these deaths, and the new report highlights four simple measures which can easily be adopted and promoted: exclusive breastfeeding, immunisation, insecticide-treated bed nets and vitamin supplements.
These measures are likely to have a 'marked impact on child and maternal survival outcomes in the coming years,' the report said.
'Community-level integration of essential services for mothers, newborns and young children, and sustainable improvements in national health systems can save the lives of many of the more than 26,000 children under five who die each day,' Unicef executive director Ann Veneman said.
To this end, healthcare should be tailored to the needs of individual patients and treat them as active participants in their own treatment rather than just passive recipients.
'Empowering individuals to assume a measure of responsibility for their own health -- and that of their families -- can have a profound and lasting impact on development,' the report said.

Gulf, Asian states to join forces against labour abuse

AFP, Abu Dhabi
Gulf Arab states heavily dependent on an Asian labour force were expected to agree on Tuesday with labour-sending Asian countries to join forces against the exploitation of expat workers from Asia.
Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) labour ministers and counterparts from Asia were to propose an action plan to improve the welfare of Asian workers, according to a draft of an Abu Dhabi Declaration.
The ministers have recommended the introduction within three months of a plan of action aimed at 'preventing illegal recruitment practices' both at the country of origin and host countries, in the draft seen by AFP.
The draft, expected to be endorsed later Tuesday, also calls for 'promoting welfare and protection measures for contractual workers ... and preventing their exploitation at origin and destination.'
Emirati Labour Minister Ali al-Kaabi said at the start of meetings on Monday that 'guest workers must be afforded the security that they will receive the benefits that they are entitled to.'
The Abu Dhabi Labour Dialogue is the first of its kind to be held in a major labour-receiving country.

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Light to moderate fog likely

Table with 3 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max/Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning/Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

Md Anisur Rahman Suman

Md Anisur Rahman Suman, a student of Shaheed Suhrawardy College, has sought financial assistance for his treatment as he has been suffering from kidney ailments, says a press release.
Suman, who hails from Sonagazi, Feni, is now undergoing treatment at Dhaka Renal Centre. Both of his kidneys have been damaged.
His treatment involves about Tk 15 lakh, but it is not possible for his father, a retired government employee, to manage such a huge amount.
Suman has appealed to generous people to extend a helping hand to save his life.
Contributions can be sent to Account No.- 1512200607153001, BRAC Bank, Rampura Branch, Dhaka.

Obituary

Khaleda Begum, wife of Nurul Alam Chowdhury, an educationist from Chittagong, passed away at her son's residence at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday at the age of 75, says a press release.
Her first namaz-e-janaza was held after Maghrib prayers at Dhanmondi government officer's quarter yesterday.
Her second namaz-e-janaza will be held after Zohr prayers at Kadulpur under Rauzan in Chittagong today.
Peara Begum
Peara Begum, wife of late Majharullah Patwary, a social worker of Chhagalnaiya in Feni, passed away at her residence at East Debpur on Monday at the age of 75, says a press release.
She left behind her 2 sons, 4 daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives to mourn her death.
Her qulhwani will be held at her village home today.

RRC seeks legalisation of courier service

UNB, Dhaka
The courier services in the country are running business illegally, violating the age-old law.
The Post Office Act 1898 provided that no other entity but the government is the only responsible authority to collect and deliver letters and such materials and send them to the respective destinations.
But about a dozen courier services are engaged across the country in collecting and delivering to the destination letters, parcels and even cash violating the existing law.
The matter was divvied yesterday at the 3rd meeting of the Regulatory Reforms Commission (RRC) held at its office.
RRC Chairman Dr Akbar Ali Kahn presided over the meeting that decided to recommend for legalising the courier services.
It also decided to recommend to the government for immediate change in time-consuming decision on proposals of foreign direct investment (FDI) and land registration and recording system under one roof to avoid hassles and sufferings.
The meeting decided to recommend that the FDI proposals should be sent to the Bangladesh Bank through a local bank.
'Bangladesh Bank should be the deciding authority on the FDI proposal,' Dr Khan told reporters.
Under the existing system, FDI proposal first comes to the Board of Investment (BoI) and after scrutiny they send it to the Bangladesh Bank.



Mohammad Ali's anniversary of death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra
Today is the 45th death anniversary of Mohammad Ali Chaudhury, a former prime minister of Pakistan.
He was the eldest son of Altaf Ali Choudhury and grandson of Nawab Bahadur Sir Nawab Ali Choudhury of Dhanbari in Tangail.
On the occasion, a milad mahfil and discussion will be held at his house at Nawab Palace in Bogra.
Relatives have been requested to attend the programme and pray for the departed soul.

MBA admission test postponed

UNB, Dhaka
The MBA written admission test of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of Dhaka University, scheduled to be held on Friday, has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances.
Fresh date of the test will be announced later, says a DU press release yesterday.

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