

Massive resettlement plan to save cultivable lands underscored

UNB, Dhaka
Finance Adviser Dr Mirza Azizul Islam yesterday underscored the importance of having a massive resettlement plan in place for rural areas to save the shrinking cultivable lands.

Dr Aziz said although it is not possible right now to put the rural people in multistoried buildings altogether, "but we'll have to do that in the future."

VAT and tax rate to facilitate housing in the country. "There should be lower rate for lower-income group of people who will buy low cost flats or

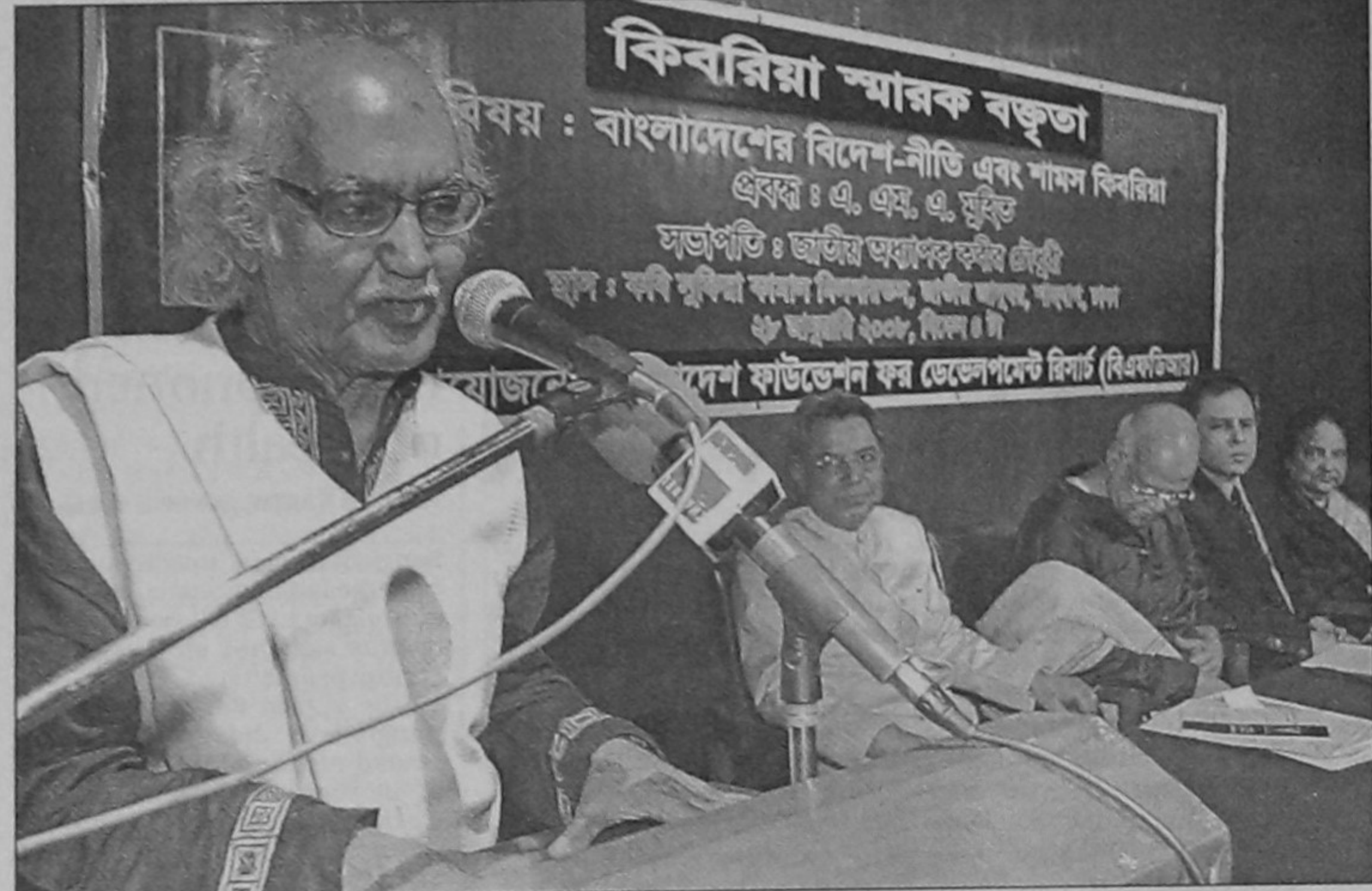
national ineffectiveness." He said in its (HBFC) place, domestic and international commercial banks and a few new specialised institutions have entered the market with a significant potential growth.



Dhaka Medical College students form a human chain demanding honorary training facilities for the fresh graduates on the college premises in the city yesterday.

Charges framed against Keraniganj Jubo Dal leader

ARMS CASE
A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against South Keraniganj thana unit Jubo Dal President Ziauddin Pintu in a case filed for possessing firearms and ammunition at his residence in September last year.



Prof Kabir Chowdhury speaks at the Kibria memorial lecture titled 'Bangladesh foreign policy and Shah ASM Kibria' at the Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium at the National Museum in the city yesterday.

Exhibition on contemporary British sculpture begins

BSS, Dhaka
Adviser for Foreign Affairs Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury yesterday inaugurated an exhibition on contemporary British sculpture hoping that the exhibition would bring the cultures of the two countries closer.

First ever Modified Bentall Operation

BSS, Dhaka
Bangladesh has stepped into a new era of cardiac surgery as physicians at a city hospital successfully carried out the first ever Modified Bentall Operation.

Amendment to law to punish non-iodised salt producers soon

UNB, Dhaka
The government is going to amend the Iodine Deficiency-caused Diseases Prevention Act to provide punishment to the producers of non-iodised salt.

Adabar ASI suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
An assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of the Adabar Police Station was suspended yesterday for recording a mugging incident as a general diary instead of a case.

Talks should be held in presence of professionals

Says Amu
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Awami League (AL) Presidium member Amir Hossain Amu yesterday said the dialogue between the caretaker government and the political parties must be held as early as possible in presence of representatives of different professional bodies.

Regional workshop on good sanitation, hygiene today

BSS, Dhaka
A three-day regional workshop on 'South Asia Sanitation and Hygiene' begins today at Brac training centre at Rajendrapur to focus on the need for greater access to good sanitation.

Biman to lease Boeing-747 for one year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Biman will lease a Boeing-747 for one year.

More donation to CA's fund

UNB, Dhaka
More individuals and institutions yesterday donated over Tk 7 lakh to the Chief Adviser's Relief and Welfare Fund in aid to the Sidr victims.

DHAKA TODAY
Roundtable: Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS) in collaboration with Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Dhaka and Goethe-Institut Bangladesh will organise a roundtable on 'Strategic change'. Venue: Goethe-Institut auditorium. Time: 10:00am.

WEATHER TODAY
Dry weather likely
UNB, Dhaka
Weather will remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

22 idols of Hindu Goddess damaged in Pirojpur

UNB, Pirojpur
Miscrants early yesterday damaged 22 idols including the images of Hindu Goddess "Kali" and "Saraswati" at Palpara in the municipal area.

Govt weighs today tender proposal

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The bidding will offer attractive gas price prospects, but it also withdraws zero corporate tax facilities for oil companies--a benefit that was offered in the previous block bids.



Thai Ambassador to Bangladesh Chalermphol Thanchitt speaks at a press conference titled 'Thai food to the world' at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Alifa Khatun, mother of Gonoform General Secretary Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, died of old age complications at a city hospital yesterday at the age of 97.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Today is the 6th death anniversary of Partha Sarathi Roy, son of Pranab Chandra Roy, a retired engineer of Bangladesh Betar.