



Mofidul Haque speaks at a seminar titled 'Spirit of the times and society in poetry' on the Dhaka University library premises yesterday on the last day of the National Poetry Festival yesterday.

'Formulate national language policy'

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Speakers at a press conference yesterday called on the government to formulate a national language policy and give recognition to the language movement martyrs as national hero.

Although the language movement in 1952 had paved the way for the struggle for independence, the language movement veterans and martyrs are yet to get due recognition, they said.

The Bhasha Andolon Museum (Language Movement Museum) organised the press conference on its premises in the city where the museum committee placed a seven-point demand.

The demands include incorporating the history of language movement into textbooks, reviewing the syllabuses of English medium school and madrasa and promoting the languages of indigenous communities.

The speakers said the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) pledged one and a half years ago to provide a piece of land for the Bhasha Andolon Museum, but no step has yet been taken to this end.

Language movement veteran Mirza Mazharul Islam, Chairperson of the museum committee Begum Piyari Mahmud, Prof Abul Kashem Fazlul Haque and Mill Rahman, wife of Bir Shrestha Matur Rahman, spoke at the press conference.



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DEATH OF BANGLADESHI WORKERS Instruction to bring back bodies from S Arabia

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury has instructed foreign secretary to immediately bring back bodies of Bangladeshi workers who died in an accident in Saudi Arabia on Thursday night.

The adviser, also in-charge of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Ministry, gave the instruction while talking to Foreign Secretary M Tauhid Hossain over telephone from Gaibandha.

Chowdhury, in a condolence

message, expressed profound shock at the death of Bangladeshi construction workers who died in a road accident in Saudi Arabia.

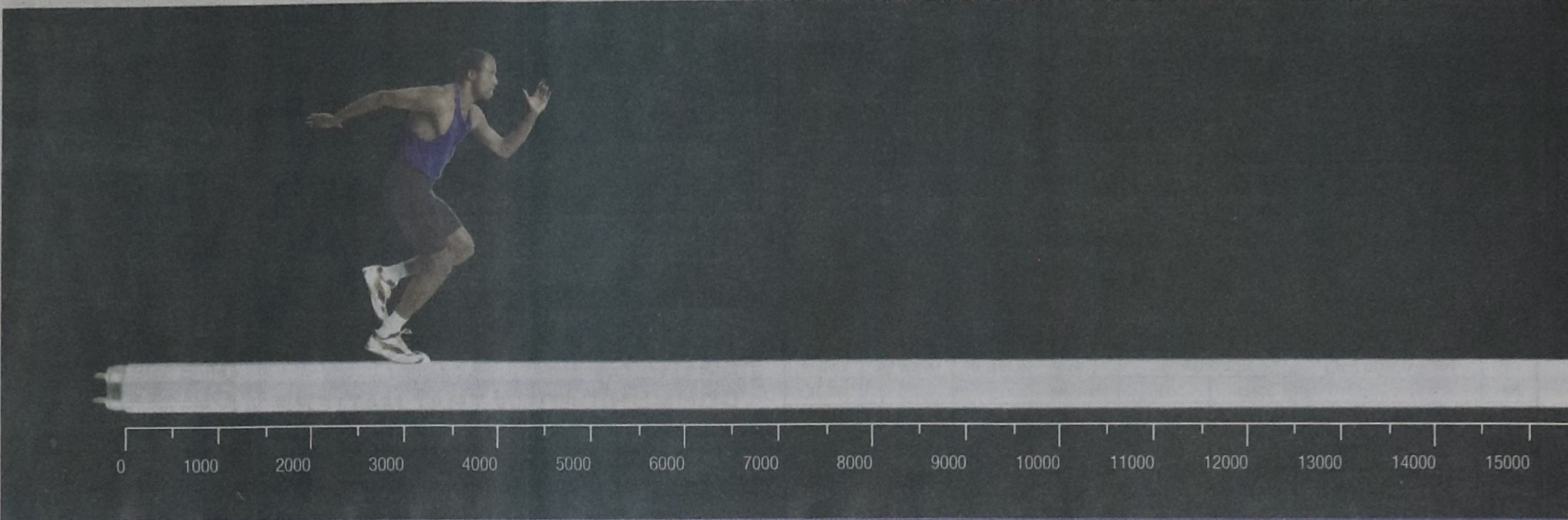
He prayed for the salvation of the departed souls and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved families.

The adviser said the bodies of the Bangladeshi workers would be flown in as soon as possible.

Eleven Bangladeshi construction workers were killed in a terrible road accident at Abkik near Dammam, about 400 km off capital Riyadh, on Thursday night.



A solo exhibition of paintings by artist Ruhul Amin Kajal began at Zainul Gallery of the Institute of Fine Art, Dhaka University, on Friday. Eminent artist Qayyum Chowdhury, middle, inaugurated the exhibition. A total of 50 pieces of artwork have been put on display. The exhibition will remain open from 12:00 noon to 8:00pm daily up to February 15.



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