

Form independent commission to strengthen local govt Speakers tell roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The government should hold local government election taking all political parties into confidence so that development can be achieved at the grassroots level, speakers at a roundtable said yesterday.

The government should play a vital role in eradicating poverty, eliminating illiteracy, controlling population growth, curbing terrorism, developing agriculture and protecting the heritage and culture.

Local parties into confidence. Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, chairman of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), said all democratic and undemocratic governments in the past were indifferent to the local government institutions.

JCD cadres again harass DU students

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), angered by a newspaper report against them, again harassed some students of Suriya Sen Hall of Dhaka University last night. On Wednesday night, they had harassed some 25 students of the hall, the report of which was published in different dailies.



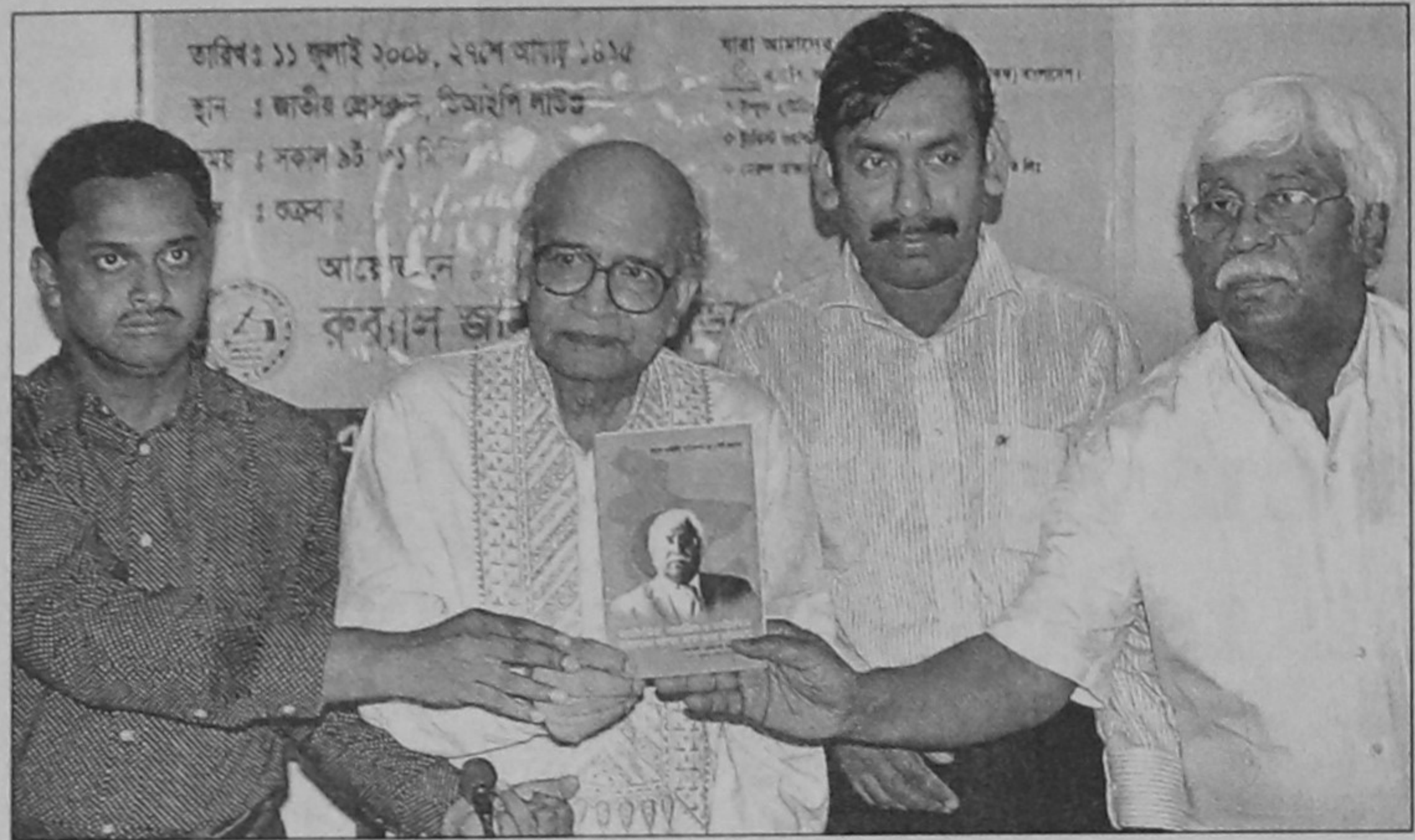
Sapienza University of Rome conferred honorary doctorate degree on Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus in Rome recently.

QUESTION PAPER LEAKAGE AT DU Probe body yet to identify those involved

DU CORRESPONDENT Even after six months of the incident of question paper leakage of Political Science department at Dhaka University (DU), the investigation committee could not identify anyone involved in leakage process clearly.

thought, there might have been an involvement of the examination committee," said Prof Laila Nur, a member of the probe committee. Chairman of the department Prof M Ataur Rahman, Prof AHM Aminur Rahman and an external teacher were the members in the examination committee.

three weeks. Prof Nur added told The Daily Star, "As the job is really difficult and we are not professional investigators, it's taking time. We are trying to clear the weak points in the report. We hope we would be able to submit it soon."



Prof Muzaffer Ahmad launches a book titled 'Seven-point proposal for political, social and economic development' at the National Press Club yesterday. Rural Journalists Foundation published the book.

LOCAL GOVT POLLS BNP to take action against party aspirants Says Rizvi

LOCAL GOVT POLLS BNP to take action against party aspirants Says Rizvi UNB, Dhaka The BNP will take stern action against its leaders who would contest the upcoming local government elections, going beyond the party decision of boycotting the voting, said a party leader.

Ex-BNP lawmaker Joyal freed on bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Former BNP lawmaker Joyal Abedin Faruq was released from Dhaka Central Jail on bail last night. The former lawmaker from Noakhali-1 constituency was arrested on May 25, 2007. He is an accused in 12 cases.

Call for policy to set up night shelters for street children

METRO DESK Incidin Bangladesh, a research-based organisation, called on the government to adopt a comprehensive Child Protection Policy and ensure separate sleeping arrangements for the street children to protect them from violence and abuse.

protection of children at risk, a project run by the Ministry of Social Welfare and the Department of Social Services, and Incidin Bangladesh organised the consultation in order to develop an action plan to establish safe night shelters for the street children.

Pankaj Debnath hospitalised

UNB, Dhaka Detained Awami Swechhasebak League General Secretary Pankaj Debnath was hospitalised after he suffered a cardiac arrest yesterday. Party sources said Pankaj fell ill early yesterday in Gazipur jail and was rushed to the National Institute of Cardiovascular and Chest Diseases in the morning.

Tiger kills fisherman in Sundarbans

UNB, Sathkhira A fisherman was killed in an attack by a tiger at Keyakhali in the Sundarbans under Shyamnagar upazila in the district yesterday. The dead was identified as Monowar Hossain Monu, 45, resident of Burigolaini village.

120 Yaba tablets, 350 bottles of phensidyl seized, 8 arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in separate drives in the last two days in the city seized 120 Yaba tablets, about 350 bottles of phensidyl and huge cannabis and arrested eight people in this connection.

Five injured as Jubo Dal leader attacks neighbours

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail Five people, including three women, were injured in an attack by a Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal man and his accomplices at Sadhurpara Galganda village under Ghatail upazila in Tangail yesterday.



Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over all the six divisions in the next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Injured iron factory worker dies in hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT An iron factory worker died at a city hospital yesterday seven days after he was beaten up by his fellow worker.



Gendaria Kishalay Kachi Kanchar Mela brings out a colourful procession at Muktagan in the city yesterday to celebrate its founding anniversary.

DHAKA TODAY Roundtable Book launching Discussion Science fair Reception Rotary Dhaka Central

Roundtable Bangladesh Academy of Science and The Daily Star jointly organise a roundtable on 'Status of science education in Bangladesh'. Venue: Daily Star seminar room. Time: 9:00am.

KHULNA HARDBOARD MILL Non-wood raw materials being used to reduce production cost

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna Chemical Industries Corporation (BIC), suspended its production on September 14, 2002 due to severe financial crisis. Production, however, resumed on September 16, 2005 with a view to making the KHM a profitable enterprise.

Plaintiff injured in acid attack in Bhola

UNB, Bhola A man, who filed a corruption case against former BNP lawmaker Nazim Uddin Alam, sustained burn injuries in an acid attack by miscreants at Char Fashion upazila on Thursday night.



Death anniversary of Barrister Ishtiaq Ahmed today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Today is the fifth death anniversary of Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, an eminent lawyer and former adviser to a caretaker government, says a press release.

Ohider Nessa

METRO DESK Today is the second death anniversary of Ohider Nessa, mother of the daily Bhorer Kagoj Chief Reporter Aiub Bhuiyan, says a press release.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Mohiuddin Ahmed, former headmaster of Armanitola Government High School, former president of Bangladesh Government Secondary Teachers' Association and former secretary of Dhaka Metropolitan Scouts (Local-1), passed away due to old age complications on July 6 at Birdem Hospital in the city at the age of 75, says a press release.

MA Motaleb

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh MA Motaleb, a senior advocate of Mymensingh Bar, passed away due to old age complications at a hospital in the city yesterday at the age of 70.

Md Nurul Islam

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkhira Md Nurul Islam, head assistant of Sathkhira City College, passed away due to a massive heart attack at his village home under Sadar upazila yesterday at the age of 50.