JOURNALIST COUPLE MURDER

Stop pressing

investigators

Prof Mizan urges journo leaders

National Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof

Mizanur Rahman yesterday urged the leaders of journalists'

associations to have patience and not pressurize investiga-

tors probing the murder of the journalist couple, Sagar-Runi.

willing to catch anyone without being certain as the issue is

very sensitive," he said, adding that putting pressure on the

for the "Joj Miah drama" Mizanur told newsmen before Jatiya

Press Club in the city after attending a programme of

each trying to describe the cause behind the killings accord-

Maasranga, and his wife Meherun Runi, a senior reporter for

The journalist community is split centring the probe,

Sagar Sarowar, a news editor at the private TV channel

investigators "might not bring any good for us".

Khelaghar Aashor, a children's organisation.

ing to their own observations, he added.

"I think the investigators might have a clue. They are not

Pressing the investigators might provide another scope

# Scientific thinking a must to combat future challenges

Speakers tell international symposium

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-day international symposium started in the city yesterday with speakers stressing the need for propagating scientific method of thinking in the country to face future challenges.

Bangladesh JSPS Alumni Association (BJSPSAA) organised the symposium titled "Science for society" at Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (Barc) commemorating the 40th anniversary of Bangladesh-Japan diplomatic relations.

Supported by Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh, the symposium is being sponsored by Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS).

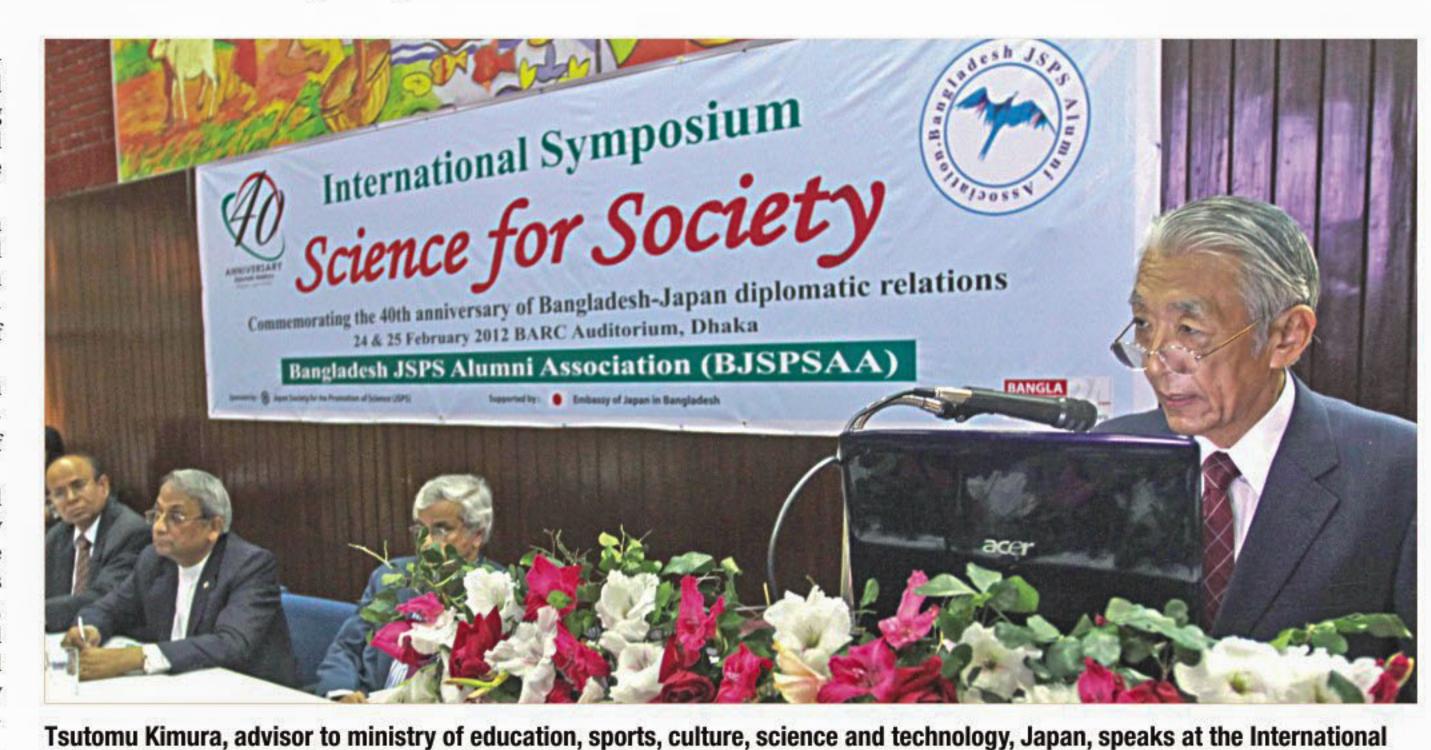
Around 300 researchers from Japan and Bangladesh will participate in the two-day symposium that includes two keynote papers, 10 plenary sessions and 18 sessions on biotechnology and nanotechnology, adaptation to climate change and food security, natural disaster, environmental management, poverty alleviation, e-society and society's mindset toward science, sustainable technologies in agriculture, health, energy and engineering.

Speaking at the inaugural session, Prof Dr M Muhibur Rahman, member of University Grants Commission, said Bangladesh can take a number of lessons from Japan.

Despite facing some bad episodes like natural disasters and world war, it did not take much time for Japan to build back the nation and the magic behind that was science and knowledge, he said.

He also said science gives the answers to inquisitive minds and should be applied for the benefit of mankind.

Climate change would be the biggest challenge for Bangladesh in future and the country needs the technical know-how to



symposium at Barc auditorium in the city yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

face the challenge, he said, stressing the need for capacity building so that there would be enough technical skills to face any situation.

The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam said science may have given tremendous numbers of inventions and discoveries but the biggest contribution of science in human civilisation is scientific

A scientific mind is one that questions, searches, enquires and challenges and does not take as granted whatever is seen, he said,

adding that the major component of scientific thinking is reason should prevail over prejudice.

He said the biggest challenge the country would face, perhaps, is global warming and the only answer to face the challenge will come from science.

The answers to building infrastructure, transportation and civil facilities in the changed circumstances will come from science, he added.

Tsutomu Kimura, advisor to ministry of education, sports, culture, science and technology, Japan, presented keynote paper

on "The state-of-the-art report on science and technology in Japan" and Prof Dr Naiyyum Choudhury, president of BJSPSAA and secretary of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences, presented another keynote on "Science - an instrument of change for society" at the inaugural ceremony.

Charge d'Affaires of Japan in Bangladesh Hiroyuki Minami, Akihiko Satomi of JSPS, Tokyo and BJSPSAA General Secretary Prof Dr Tofazzal Islam also spoke at the cere-

### ATN Bangla, were killed in the early hours of February 11 at their West Rajabazar residence. Investigators are yet to make any headway in this regard. BCL leader expelled

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Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday expelled its deputy secretary for science affairs Mustakin Murshed Limon for breaching disciplines of the organisation.

BCL General Secretary Siddiqui Nazmul Alam said they expelled Limon for his involvement in anti-organisational activities.

"Being a drug addict, Limon failed to carry on the organisational activities. So we expelled him," said BCL President HM Badiuzzaman Sohag.

Meanwhile, Chwakbazar police arrested Limon, also a student of University of Bangladesh Engineering and Technology (Buet), on Thursday in an extortion case filed against him three months ago.

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(From left) Dr Kazi Kamruzzaman, Badruddin Umar, Prof Abul Kashem Fazlul Haque, Communist Party of India leader Santosh Rana and Comrade Jashimuddin Mondal at a programme titled 'Dr Ahmed Sharif commemoration lecture and award giving

ceremony' at Dhaka University business studies faculty yesterday.

### Sense of value declining

Says Syed Manzoor-e-Elahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing concern over the "gradual decline of the sense of values from society", former adviser to a caretaker government Syed Manzoor-e-Elahi yesterday said only good schooling can grow this sense among students at an early stage.

"People now do not give up their seats for elders. Sense of values is disappearing from society, which is a great loss," he said, adding that he is proud to be a student of St Xavier's College where he learnt about such values.

He was addressing a reunion of St Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association, Bangladesh Chapter in the city's Gulshan Club where around 60 members of the association and Kingshuk Nagwere present.

including 29 former students from Kolkata were present.

Bangladesh is the 5th chapter of the association following Singapore, United Kingdom, Thailand and Dubai.

"Today is a golden day. We have been waiting for this day over a long time," said the college Principal Father Felix Raj.

Mentioning that the college's admission process has become more competitive, he said the college plans to exchange students with Dhaka's Notre Dame College.

He also sought cooperation from the association members in setting up a campus of the college in Bangladesh.

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