

Disaster preparedness programme undertaken

The government has taken up a disaster preparedness programme under the Fourth Five-Year Plan in the health sector to observe the United Nations Declaration of the 1990s as the international decade for natural disaster reduction, reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference held in observance of the World Health Day at the office of the WHO representative in Bangladesh here Wednesday, the Director General of the Health Services, Prof. MAT Siddiqui said, the heavy toll of life and property taken by disasters and adequate preparedness for them were being highlighted in this year's programmes.

The theme of this year is, 'should disaster strike, be prepared'.

Last year's theme was, 'let us talk about health'.

Mr Siddiqui said unfortunately, the countries in WHO's South-East Asia region frequently witness such disasters which take a heavy toll of life and destroy property resulting in adverse effects on health, social and economic development in the country.

Narrating the different natural calamities in Bangladesh, the Director General said the consequence of the post disaster period are fatal, because epidemic diseases break out for want of pure drinking water and proper medicare.

He said, adequate preparedness could help mitigate the loss-both in economic and human terms.

In collaboration with the

WHO, the government has taken up various programmes to observe the day on April 7 at national and district levels to make people aware of proper health care and the adverse effects of disaster, Mr Siddiqui added.

The programmes of the day include seminar, discussions, distributions of posters and leaflets, exhibition of health education drive on hygiene, release of commemorative stamps, essay competitions, illuminations of roads and islands, special discussions on mass media and publications of special supplements in the news-papers highlighting the significance of the day.

WHO representative Dr ANA Abye Sundere and high officials of different health sectors were present on the occasion.



Prof. Dr. M. Abu Taher Ali, Director, Bureau of Research Testing & Consultation (BRTC) BUET & Mr. M. Maniruzzaman Chowdhury, Chairman, BSCIC, signed an agreement on Technical assistance on Tuesday at BUET.

DMC crash programme to fight mosquitoes

By Inam Ahmed

Dhaka Municipal Corporation (DMC) in a meeting on Wednesday has taken up a crash programme to fight mosquito menace in the city.

Sources said the Mayor expressed his dissatisfaction over the present increase of mosquitoes and urged the official to take immediate action. However, DMC will not use aerial spray this time as it was proved to be little effective and environmentally unsound.

It will intensify ward based programme to spray insecticide through spraysmen. Zonal health officers will monitor the programme and make field visits to inspect the job.

The Corporation has also decided to use its two fogger machine and three Ultra Low Volume (ULV) machine for vehicle mounted aerial spray. The spraysmen will be deployed to kill mosquito larva and destroy mosquito breeding places while the fogger and ULV machine will be used to kill flying mosquitoes in the dusk.

DMC sources said it has acute shortage of aerial spray machine. It has purchased the UVL machine from Italy which are now in Chittagong port. With the availability of these new machines, the programme will take momentum, sources hoped.

DMC has also taken up programme to make people aware in keeping their surroundings clean. It may also file cases against those who keep their backyard dirty. DMC filed 145 cases last year in its cleanliness drive. Municipal Ordinance empowers it to fine upto Taka 1000 for keeping household dirty.

Meanwhile, sources said last year's aerial spray programme by aircraft failed because of foggy weather and hot weather. They said insecticide could not reach ground as it evaporated due to heat. The insecticide supposed to be diluted with kerosene could not be done so in fear of catching the aircraft on fire. Sources said the aircraft available for spraying is very old and therefore could not do the job well.

Naming of road after Nafia demanded

By DU Correspondent

Dhaka University Central Student Union (DUCSU) held a mourning meeting Wednesday at the TSC seminar room to condole the death of Nafia Kamal Ghazi, a student of the Economics Department.

The meeting presided over by Dr. Syed Manzurul Islam was addressed among others by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Moniruzzaman Miah, Dr. Shafiquzzaman, Ali Imam, Al Mujahid, Niamat Ilahti and Nafia's father Kamal Ghazi.

Speakers at the meeting

demanding exemplary punishment for the truck driver, for whose reckless driving Nafia had to die.

The speakers also demanded naming of the street in front of 'Mauchak' market after Nafia's name.

The meeting decided to create a fund from the money of Nafia's sold books and to organise a literary competition each year in the Dhaka University.

Meanwhile, Nafia's friends Nazmoon Nahar Ratna read out a part of Nafia's diary and Syed Masud a short biography of Nafia's life and thoughts.

Iftar party

The Foreign Minister, ASM Mostafizur Rahman, hosted an iftar party in honour of the Jatiya Sangsad Members belonging to the Bangladesh Nationalist Party at Sangsad Bhaban cafeteria in Dhaka on Wednesday evening, reports BSS.

US envoy calls on Health Minister

The US Ambassador to Bangladesh, William B. Milam, called on Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf at the latter's secretariat office Wednesday, reports BSS.

They discussed matters of common interests and mutual cooperation including development issues of health and family planning sector and international issues. They hoped that Bangladesh would prosper in the coming days under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, an official handout said.

They also hoped that the existing friendly relations between Bangladesh and US would be strengthened further in the years to come.

BNP to pursue policy of market economy

The BNP government would pursue a policy of market economy as pledged in the party manifesto to help overcome the economic ills of the country, Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan said in Dhaka on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Addressing a reception accorded to him by the Singair Upazila Samity, Islam said the present government would also encourage setting up of industries in the private sector for rapid industrialisation of the country. Alongside, he said, steps would be taken for increasing the productivity of the public sector corporations.

He said industrialisation was the only way to help overcome the unemployment problem. In this connection, Islam mentioned that there were about 1.25 crore educated unemployed youths in the country.

The Minister said the faulty economic policies pursued by the autocratic regime during the nine years instead of solving any problem had given birth to manifold crises on the economic arena including the staggering unemployment problem.

Islam said the present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia had already started to workout a strategy for attaining desired economic goals of the country including quick

industrialisation and solving the unemployment problem.

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THE DAILY STAR

Kohl greets Khaleda Zia

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of the Federal Republic of Germany has felicitated Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and hoped under her leadership, "the friendly relations between the two countries will be continued and strengthened for the benefit of our two people and peace in the world."

Stolen car recovered, 2 held

Police on Tuesday recovered a stolen car from Azampur and arrested two persons in this connection.

The car Chittagong Kha-3596 was hijacked at 7.30 p.m. on Monday from Bata crossing, Elephant road in the city.

The two persons arrested are Akhbar Hossain Babul (25) and Abu Ahmed (30).



Former National Press Club President Gias Kamal Chowdhury addressing a discussion meeting on Independence Day and Iftar party arranged by Swadesh Samaj Kalyan Sangha at Labagh recently.

BFUJ, DUJ condemn firing of Dainik Desh journalists

Leaders of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) have condemned the firing of 14 journalists by the Dainik Desh Management.

Reazuddin Ahmed, President of BFUJ, Amanullah Kabir, Secretary General, BFUJ, Zahurul Huq, President, DUJ and Ruhul Amin Gazi General Secretary, DUJ in a joint statement on Wednesday said it was the part of conspiracy by ousted autocrat Ershad's associate former Minister Mayeedul Islam to put the new democratic government into an embarrassing position.

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DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICE

USE OF RURAL MATERNITY CENTRE IN POPULATION PROGRAMME

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(Mrs. Rawshan Rabbani) Project Director
Project for Population Programme
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Govt urged to reduce fuel price

The launch, cargo and oil tanker owners Wednesday demanded of the government to reduce the fuel price, reports BSS.

The associations of launch owners, cargo owners and oil tanker owners, in a joint press conference held Wednesday evening at a city hotel, said if the fuel price, raised during the Gulf war period, was reduced they would withdraw the enhanced passenger and cargo fares.

The association leaders said the fuel price per barrel had gone upto 37 US Dollars during the Gulf war but now it has been reduced ... to the previous price level of 18 Dollars per barrel.

They said the sufferings of the vessel owners as well as the passengers had aggravated due to the increase of the fuel price. The price of the essential commodities was also going up with the increasing transportation cost.

The association leaders also alleged that duty on the essential spare parts of the carriers was also raised to 80 per cent.

They appealed to the new elected government to look into their problems in the public interest.

The association leaders, present on the occasion, were K. M. Mahmudur Rahman, Group Captain (Retd) Shamsul Haque and Gias Ahmed.

Dateline Chittagong

15,000 tons of salt washed away

CHITTAGONG, Apr 3: At least fifteen thousand tons of crude salt was washed away, twenty dwelling houses were damaged and five persons injured when a norwester accompanied by rain hit Cox's Bazar-Kutubdia coastal belts during the past three days, according to official sources, reports BSS.

Chakaria, Moheshkhali and Kutubdia are the places where salt beds were affected by rains and houses damaged and people injured by 45 to 60 k. m. per hour norwester. Meanwhile, according to unconfirmed reports 15 fishing boats and four sampans were missing with over 150 fishermen in the Bay.

Maj (Retd) Khaled buried
Major (Retd) S. M. Khaled (45), a freedom fighter who died in Thailand was laid to rest at his Rashidabad village graveyard of Patiya in Chittagong.

His body was brought to Dhaka and from there to Chittagong Tuesday morning.

A large number of freedom fighters received his body. It was kept at Muktijoddha office at Darul Fazel Market for some time and his admirers placed floral wreaths on it.

The namaz-e-Janaza of late Major (Retd) Khaled was held at Laidighi Maaidan. Freedom fighters, political leaders and prominent citizens including Prof Muhammad Khaled, editor Danik Azadi and ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury of Awami League were present at the Janaza.

The body was then taken to Rashidabad village for burial.

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Reception to BCI Managing Director

Bangladesh Commerce and Investment Ltd (BCI) employees arranged a reception in honour of Mustafizur Rahman, Managing Director of BCI, on his being elected as Member of Parliament (MP) from Chittagong-3 constituency.

The function was presided over by the Executive Vice President of BCI Kabir Ahmed. Directors of BCI were also present on the occasion.

Dateline Khulna

Plea to decentralise ad policy

Weekly Chayapatha.

Our Khulna Bureau adds: The annual general meeting of the Khulna Union of Journalists will be on April 10. The elections to the office-bearers of KUJ will be held on April 11.

It may be mentioned that seven persons were declared unopposed as there were no other candidates against them till March 30, the last date for submission of nomination papers. They are: President Ayub Hossain (Ittefaq); Treasurer - Jotirmoy Mallik (Banglar Banti); Organising Secretary - Amio Kanti Paul (Purabanchal); members - Abu Kazi, Saiful Islam, S. M. Habib and Samar Kanti Roy.

Abdul Kader Khan, Maqbul Hossain Mintu and Sk Abdul Kayum are contesting for two posts of Vice-presidents. Two

union leaders A. K. Hiru and Kazi Motahar Rahman Babu are fighting for the post of General Secretary while Nazimur Reza Rubel and Hare Krishna Ghosh will contest for the post of Joint Secretary of the KUJ. Two union leaders Chandra Kanta Sarkar and Mostafizur Rahman are contesting for the post of Publicity and Office Secretary of the union.

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