

## UN role in disarmament campaign urged

The United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) organised a symposium Friday at the United Nations Information Centre in Dhaka on the occasion of the United Nations-declared disarmament week, reports BSS.

Miss Sophie De Cane, Assistant Resident Representative of UNDP was the main speaker, a UNAB press release said.

The discussion meeting was addressed by Syed Ahmad Hossain, Secretary General of UNAB and Vice-President of the World Federation of United Nations Associations, Enamul Haq, Inspector General of Police, Dr. Sayedur Rahman, General Secretary, Afro-Asian Peoples Solidarity Organisations of Bangladesh and Professor Bashira Mannan of the Dhaka University, Institute of Social Welfare and Research.

The meeting was presided

over by eminent educationist Professor Salahuddin Ahmed. UNDP Assistant Representative Miss De Cane in her speech called upon for total disarmament throughout the world and outlined the role of the United Nations in world disarmament campaign.

## Hungarian aid for cyclone, flood victims assured

The Charge D' Affaires of Hungary to Bangladesh I B Budy called on State Minister for Relief Lutfur Rahman Khan at his office Tuesday, reports BSS.

The State Minister apprised the Charge D' Affaires of the extent of damage caused by the cyclone and tidal surge of April 29 and recent flood.

## 'Garments a blessing for Bangladesh'

Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan Friday urged the entrepreneurs to set up industries, preferably the export-oriented ones, to provide jobs to the huge unemployed work force and earn the much needed foreign exchange to expedite national development, reports BSS.

He said the government of Prime Minister Begum Zia inherited a host of problems of which unemployment is the most pressing one. Industrialization is the only way out to absorb this huge work force, he added.

The Minister was speaking at the inauguration of the third Apparel Machinery Exhibition in Dhaka Hotel Sheraton. Sponsored by Zakaria Enterprises Ltd, the four-day exhibition has put up a large array of Apparel Machinery.

The inaugural function, attended by a large number of businessmen and garment manufacturers, was addressed, among others, by K. Onodera, Managing Director of Juki Corporation of Japan, manufacturers of Juki Machine widely used in garments industry in Bangladesh, Mohammad Mosharraf Hossain, President, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association, and Muhammad Zakaria Bhuiyan, President of Zakaria enterprises.

The Labour and Manpower Minister termed garments industry as the most appropriate industry in the country



A gaping hole on Kawran Bazar road in the city has long been hampering vehicular movement. —Star photo

## Tk 400cr road reconstruction programme to start soon

CHITTAGONG, Oct 25: Communications Minister Oll Ahmad Friday said the government had undertaken a comprehensive road development, reconstruction and repair programme during the current financial year involving an expenditure of several hundred crores Taka, reports BSS.

He said the programme would cover development of national highways, important district and upazila roads, besides construction of a large number of bridges.

Talking to local journalists at the Circuit House here, the Minister said the road development and reconstruction programmes would be implemented with financial grants from the Asian Development, Governments of Japan, Germany, Netherlands and other friendly countries. He listed 16 bridges on Dhaka-Aricha Road, Rupsa Bridge, Jamuna Bridge, Karnaphuli Bridge, road from Noakhali to Teknaf, Barguna-Patuakhali Road, Dhaka-Chittagong Road, Pabna-Serajganj Road, Pabna-Mulatooly-Rajshahi Road, Hatiya-Noakhali Road and some other important roads of northern districts Rangpur, Dinajpur and Barisal.

The Government felt the necessity of taking up a comprehensive road development programme to improve the overall road communications system of the country. The development programme includes, he said, linking of upazila headquarters with district Roads and Highways if possible.

He said besides, the comprehensive programme, the local bodies and Road and Highways Department would also develop or reconstruct important roads at upazila and district levels.

The Communications Minister said Bangladesh

Railway East Zone had also taken up a Taka 16-crore railway rehabilitation programme under which cyclone battered railway tracks and other installations in the Chittagong region would be rehabilitated.

He said in the cyclone affected Chittagong and Cox's Bazar districts, Taka 51.75 crore and Taka ten crore respectively would be spent for road development and repair while Taka 159 crore would be spent for the road from Noakhali to Teknaf. In addition, Taka 13 crore would be spent for roads under annual

## Neutrality in reporting emphasized

The Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Sheikh Razaque Ali Friday said the journalists could play a very vital role in the development of the country by identifying the basic national problems and giving correct suggestions to the government for their solution, reports BSS.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the publication ceremony of weekly 'Protibad' at the BARC Auditorium in Dhaka Friday evening.

The function was presided over by the Editor of daily 'Dinkal' Syed Zafar and addressed, among others, by Tariqul Islam Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs and Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Ashraf Hussain.

The Speaker hoped that the journalists working in weekly Protibad would project in their paper all national events objectively without fear or favour. "You must have the courage to report all events as they occur and put forward constructive suggestions for improving the lot of the commonman," he added.

## Dateline Chittagong

## 'People of all religions enjoy full freedom'

CHITTAGONG, Oct 25: Abdullah Al-Noman, Minister for Environment, Forest, Fisheries and Livestock, said here Friday that the emergence of democracy in the country has opened new prospects for upholding their religious and socio-cultural activities, reports BSS.

Addressing a vast gathering at Mohananda Sangharaj Vihar as the chief guest at village Mohamuni, about 20 km off here, on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of a new Monastery Complex, the Minister called for unity and harmony among all people, irrespective of religions, for national development.

The meeting, presided over by the most venerable Sangharaj Shilalanker Mohathero, Religious Head of the Bangladesh Buddhist and Chief of Bangladesh Sangha Council, was addressed, among others, by Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin and Japanese Buddhist Monk venerable T N

Watanabe was special guests and Advocate Badrul Anwar, Acting President of City BNP.

D P Barua, Managing Director and Chief Editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha, who was the Chairman of the Reception Committee, presented an address of welcome.

Earlier, the Minister ceremonially laid the foundation stone of the complex of the monastery building.

Abdullah Al-Noman said the present democratic government under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia had been working to uphold the democratic values and give democracy an institutional shape.

The minister said, the sovereign Parliament is the outcome of the success of anti-autocracy movement and the present democratic government is up and doing to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of the common masses.

The Minister stressed the important role of opposition parties saying they should play a constructive and responsible

development programme in Chittagong region.

He said Taka 80 crore would be spent for roads in greater Barisal district during the next five years while plan has been finalised for construction of high embankments in the coastal and island regions of the country.

The Minister said Taka 300 to 400 crore road reconstruction programmes would start all over the country very soon while similar amount would be spent for the same purpose during next five years.

Oll Ahmad said a Taka 2.25 crore educational institutions repair and rehabilitation programme would be implemented in Chittagong and Cox's Bazar cyclone and tidal surge affected areas. The government would make separate allocation for government schools. He said in Chittagong and Cox's Bazar 134 and 176 primary schools respectively had been selected for repair. Twelve colleges of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar districts had been included under rehabilitation programmes, he added.

The Communications Minister said that 1203 shallow and over 1000 deep tubewells would be sunk during the current financial year in 14 upazilas of Chittagong with UNICEF and Saudi Government assistance while 944 shallow and 279 deep tubewells would be sunk in Cox's Bazar district during the year.

## Certificate awarding ceremony held

The certificate awarding ceremony of a week-long lecture series on different management topics was held at Goethe-Institute and German Cultural Centre in Dhaka Thursday, reports BSS.

## Hindu Parishad to observe Black Day Oct 30

The Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu Parishad has called upon its all branches to observe October 30 as a 'Black Day' as the autocratic Ershad regime had resorted to destruction of Hindu temples and places of worship on October 30 and 31 last year, reports BSS.

In a statement in Dhaka, Prem Ranjan Dev and Chitra Narayan Das, President and General Secretary respectively of the organisation, said the orgy of violence let loose by the Ershad government in Dhaka, Chittagong and some other places in the country has no parallel in the history of this country.

The incidents had severely tarnished Bangladesh's image abroad. They said and added that the leaders of three alliances before the Jatiya Sangsad had agreed on the need for providing compensation to the victims of communal incident.

They urged the present BNP government, a component of the alliance, to implement the promise of compensation for the welfare of the Hindu community and strengthen national unity.

## Muktijodha Sanghati to introduce Bijoy Padak

Muktijodha Sanghati Parishad has decided to introduce 'Bijoy Padak' (Victory Award) on the occasion of Victory Day, says a press release.

Political leaders who provided a leadership role during the liberation war, freedom fighters, organisers, artists, literary figures, journalists, teachers, diplomats and others who directly or indirectly took active part in the freedom movement will be eligible for receiving the 'Bijoy Padak'. Members of the public have been requested to send nominations for the Award to GPO Box: 3455, Dhaka-1000 before November 20.

## Body recovered from hotel room: 4 arrested

The body of a boarder was recovered by police on Friday from a hotel room at Gabtoli and four persons were taken into police custody for interrogation in connection with a murder case registered with Mirpur police.

Abul Jabbar (30), a resident of Rajshahi Upashahar, booked a room of hotel Hazrat Shah Ali at Gabtoli Tuesday last. As his room remained closed since Thursday afternoon, the management of the hotel became suspicious and informed the police.

Mirpur police opened room no 30 of the hotel and found the body lying in bed stained with blood.

A packet of saline was also found beside the body.

A murder case was registered with Mirpur police station and the body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Police took two of the managers of the hotel and two other workers there into custody for interrogation.

## Revolution Day programmes

The government has chalked out an elaborate programme to observe the National Revolution and Solidarity Day on November 7 marking the political changeover in 1975, reports UNB.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will deliver messages to nation on the eve of the day.

The day will be a general holiday.

National flag will be hoisted atop all government and non-government buildings, said an official handout tonight.

Special prayers will be offered and milad-mahfil held in mosques seeking peace and prosperity for the nation. Special prayers will also be held in temples and churches.

Newspapers will publish special supplements and radio and television put up special programmes highlighting the significance of the day.

Shilpakala Academy will arrange session of patriotic songs on the occasion. Documentary films will be screened in cinema halls for students.

Army, Navy, Air Force, BDR, police and Ansar-VDP bands will play at select places in the city. Ansar-VDP will also arrange cultural functions.

Exhibition football matches have also been arranged in the capital and in district towns.

## HERE and THERE

### Democratic League

The President for Democratic League on Friday said the overall situation of the country indicates that the government has totally failed to run the country smoothly.

Speaking at a workers' rally of Ganatantrik Chhatra League of Dhaka city, he said the government has no control over prices of essentials. The law and order situation has also alarmingly deteriorated and terrorism is gang on unabated, he pointed out.

### Kali Puja committee

Bangladesh Jatiya Puja committee on Friday formed a 101-member Jatiya Kali Puja observance committee with Ratan Kumar Sircar as its President. The committee demanded the declaration of government holiday on Kali Puja and also urged the government to declare Ramna Kali Mandir as the National Temple.

The committee also demanded its construction by the government.

### Army relief operation continues

Army personnel from the Bogra and Rangpur areas continued their relief activity in the flood affected northern districts, an ISPR release said, reports BSS.

They assisted the local administration in distributing more than eight hundred seventy six metric tons of relief goods including rice and wheat at different places of Rajshahi, Sirajganj, Pabna, Natore, Bogra, Naogaon, Nowabganj, Rangpur, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh districts on Monday.

They also assisted in distribution of more than two lakh seventy three thousand Taka in cash and other essential commodities.

Meanwhile, army medical teams are also continuing their activity in full swing.

### 4.82 lakh tons wheat arrive next month

A huge quantity of wheat, 4.82 lakh metric tons from different donor countries and agencies is expected to arrive in Bangladesh before the end of next month, reports UNB.

Of the total, 1.5 lakh metric tons as food aid from EEC and the US under PL-480 programme, which have already arrived in the Chittagong Port, is in the process of being unloaded.

### Khelafat Majlis

Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis on Friday held a rally at Baitul Mokarram in support of free Palestine and protesting repression on the Muslims in Burma.

The rally presided over by Maulana Azzul Haq was addressed by Obaidul Haq, MP, Prof Ahmed Abdul Kader and others.

The speakers of the rally termed the forthcoming peace conference in the Middle East as an eye wash and said this conference would bring no good to the fate of the Palestinians.

### Barisal Division Implementation Body

A meeting of Barisal Division Implementation Committee was held at the residence of Selima Rahman, MP at Eskaton in Dhaka on Friday. A full-fledged 51-member committee to turn Barisal into a division was formed at the meeting with Selima Rahman as its chairperson and Syed Moazzem Hossain as Secretary. A detailed programme was adopted to implement decisions taken at the meeting, says a press release.

### Open gruel kitchen in flood-hit areas: Obaid

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Janata Dal Chairman KM Obaidur Rahman Friday called upon the government to immediately set up langarkhana (gruel kitchen) at every union of the northern districts where a 'famine-like' situation was prevailing.

Addressing a group of political activists who joined the BJD at its Asad Avenue office, in the evening Obaid said, the government was making public its weakness through 'hiding the famine in the northern region.'

He alleged that thousands of people in the area were dying out of starvation after flood.

Obaid further said the government was badly headed to take up rehabilitation steps including distribution of agricultural equipments and sanction of agricultural loans.

Party leaders including AM Alim, Khan Md Anwarul Wadud, Enamul Haq Choudhury, Abdul Kader, Abul Bashar Lashkar and Salahuddin also addressed the gathering.

## Department of Supply & Inspection Inviting application for Pre-qualification

Pre-qualification/renewal of manufacturers and supplying firms for import of security paper, non-judicial stamp paper, cheque paper and goods of similar nature for the Deptt. of Supply and Inspection for the year 1991-92.

Applications in prescribed form are invited from bonafide and experienced Bangladeshi firms who are registered with this Deptt. as Class-I contractor.

1. Pre-qualification for supply of different kinds of security paper for different kinds of tenders under the Deptt. of Supply and Inspection.

2. Prescribed forms for current Pre-qualification/renewal and terms and conditions may be collected from the Deptt. of Supply and Inspection, 48, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, Deputy Director, Supply (Shipping), B. G. O. Building No-1, Agrabad, Chittagong and Asstt. Director, Supply (Shipping), 261, Sher-e-Bangla Road, Khulna Office, on payment of Tk. 100/ (Non-refundable).

Applications along with necessary documents must reach the office of the Deptt. of Supply and Inspection, 48, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka on or before 20th November '91. Application received after the aforesaid date will not be entertained. Previous Pre-qualification will also be treated as cancelled if the application is not found within the specified time.

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Applications are invited from bonafide citizens of Bangladesh for filling the following vacancies:

Name of post	Pay Scale (National Pay Scale '91)	Educational qualification
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1. Stenographer	Tk 1475-3150/-	Should have minimum Higher Secondary Certificate from any recognised Education Board with short-hand speed in English and Bengali minimum 80 and 50 words per minute respectively and in typing 30 and 25 words respectively.
2. Steno-typist	Tk 1375-2870/-	Should have minimum Higher Secondary Certificate from any recognised Education Board with short-hand speed in English and Bengali minimum 70 and 45 words per minute respectively and in typing 28 and 23 words respectively.

### Terms and conditions

- Age of the candidate should be between 18 and 30 years as on 30-9-91. Relaxable as per rules in case of woman, Freedom Fighter, candidate from backward area and in-service candidate.
- Attested copies of educational qualification and experience (if any) certificates, nationality certificate from respective Union Parishad/ Pourashava Chairman or Pourashava Ward Commissioner, Character Certificate from two gazetted officers, in case of freedom fighter candidate — certificate from Central Command Council/Muktijoddha Sangsad Chairman and two copies of recent passport size photograph should be attached with the application.
- Candidate in service should apply through proper authority channel.
- All quota fixed by the government will be maintained.
- Application in plain paper stating name, father's name, permanent and present address, nationality, age (date of birth), educational qualification and experience should reach the undersigned by 31-10-91. Applications received later than the date will be treated as rejected.

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## BCIC INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

General Manager, Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Ghorasal, Narsingdi, Bangladesh invites sealed quotation for supply of Hydraulic Tube Puller and Gas Welding Torch with Set of Flexible Type Nozzle under Tender No. UFFL/FP-CMW/15/90-91/268 on C&F (C) Chittagong Sea Port/Dhaka Air Port basis. Tenders will be received up to 11-00 A.M. on 04-12-91. Tender documents will be available at Taka 50/- from (1) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A., Dhaka, (2) BCIC, 6, Agrabad C/A., Chittagong and (3) UFFL. No Tender documents will be sold on the date of opening.

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## Tender Notice

Tenders under sealed cover in Form No. T-1 are invited from PDB enlisted valid A, B, C class certificate holder contractors for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be available at the price mentioned below from Chief Engineer, Central Zone, Power Development Board, 41 Chamelibagh, Shantinagar, Dhaka and Superintending Engineer, Operation and Maintenance Circle, Power Development Board, Mymensingh as well as Janata Bank, main branch, Kishoreganj up to 13-11-91. Prior to purchase of tender, permission should be obtained from the stated office chiefs. Tenders will be received at the above offices including this office up to 12-00 Noon on 14-11-91 and opened the same day at 12-30 pm before the tenderers (if any) present. All tenderers should quote their rates in figures and words. It may be mentioned that the undersigned is not bound to accept any rate, partially change or reject all the rates. At the time of purchasing any tender schedule, affidavit of the owner of the firm and in case of any representative of the firm, authorisation letter from the owner, should be produced, which should be attested by a First Class Magistrate otherwise no permission for the tender will be given.

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