

WFP distributes biscuits among flood victims

The World Food Programme (WFP) Bangladesh has distributed high-energy biscuits among the flood-affected people in 11 districts.

In collaboration with the NGO partners, the WFP has distributed 56 metric tons of biscuits among

74,650 people in Rangpur, Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari, Munsiganj, Manikganj, Rajbari, Sirajganj, Pabna, Jamalpur, Sherpur and Narsingdi districts since July 26.

Each flood victim has received a daily ration of 150 grams of high-energy biscuits fortified with vitamins and minerals, says a press release.

'Implement 7-pt demand of newspapermen'

BSS, Dhaka

Leaders of the Sangbadik, Stramik-Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SSKOP) at an emergency meeting here yesterday urged the government to take immediate measures for implementing its seven-point demand.

The SSKOP will again meet on August 7 at 1 pm to take next course of action.

The biscuits are being produced locally with a grant from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

The WFP also maintains a Rapid Emergency Response Facility (RERF) through which up to 5,000 tons of foodgrains, usually wheat, are distributed annually as immediate relief operations.

Upon the onset of a sudden disaster, WFP is able to activate standby arrangements with NGOs to distribute food supplies available under RERF.

DU exams postponed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University authorities yesterday postponed all final examinations scheduled to be held today and tomorrow under course and traditional system due to unavoidable circumstances.

Fresh dates of the examinations will be announced later on.

Death anniversary

The fourth death anniversary of Prof Mohammad Faruque, former Chairman of Bengali Department of Jahangirnagar

University and former head of Bengali Department of Karachi University, will be observed today, says a press release.

On the occasion a miltadmahfil will be held.

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Manzur Murshed, former president of Bangladesh Specialised Textile Mills and Powerloom Association will be held at his residence in 333/3 Segunbagicha, Dhaka after Asr prayers today.

Murshed breathed his last on Thursday at Dhaka Central Hospital after suffering from cancer for a long time. Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the programme.



Ainjiabi Oikya Parishad held a rally on the Supreme Court Ainjiabi Samity premises yesterday protesting the programmes for boycott of court.

JU students observe 'August 2'

JU CORRESPONDENT

General students brought out a silent procession on the Jahangirnagar University (JU) campus yesterday under the banner of Jahangirnagar University Shangkritik Jote (JUSJ) in observance of the "August 2".

On this day in 1999, the students including the females ousted the "killer" and "rapist" group of the Bangladesh Chharta League (BCL) from five dormitories.

The procession began from central cafeteria and ended at the Supuribagari. Later, the JUSJ held a rally at the Supuribagari.

Alliance desperate to cling to power: Hasina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-Jamaat alliance is desperately trying to cling to power fearing that people will not vote it to power once again, Opposition Leader and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina said yesterday.

The people have already protested the misuse of the government by voting against the ruling party in pourasava elections in Narayanganj and other places, she said.

Addressing a reception to two newly elected pourasava chairmen from Narayanganj district at the party's Dhanmondi office, the AL president urged the party workers

to resist repressive activities of the government.

She said the defeated forces of the War of Liberation killed Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975 and their patrons ruled the country for long, but did nothing for people.

Listing the development programmes of the previous AL government, Hasina said, "During our rule, we raised the food production and there was food security in the country."

Mahbubur Rahman Khan, chairman of Tarabo Pourasava, and Mujibur Rahman Bhuiyan of Kanchan Pourasava, also spoke on the occasion.

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