

US support in agri sector sought

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Agriculture Minister MK Anwar has sought US support in agriculture sector to develop a future roadmap to convert agriculture into a commercial profession from the present subsistence sector.

The minister made the request when US Ambassador Harry K Thomas called on him at his office here yesterday.

Stating the past and present of agriculture sector, the minister said poverty alleviation and other components of economic development depend on agriculture which is still the mainstay of Bangladesh.

"Bangladesh has resolvable research outfit and logical set-up, but needs experts and scientists," Anwar said and requested Thomas

to provide support for training to the agriculturists for modern research.

Expressing his eagerness to cooperate with Bangladesh in agricultural development, the US ambassador assured the minister that he would take up the issue of major review with the USAID and other international agencies.

He also inquired about the production and price situation of the crops other than cereals.

They also discussed two projects for toxicological research and entrepreneurship development, proposed for USAID funding.

Agriculture Secretary ASM Abdul Halim and other officials of the ministry and the USAID were also present.



Jubo League Chairman Jahangir Kabir Nanak presents a crest to Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at the extended meeting of Bangladesh Awami Jubo League at Mahanagar Natyamancha yesterday.

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Qatar envoy presents credentials

President for joint business forum

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President Iajuddin Ahmed has stressed exchange of business delegations and setting up a joint business forum between Bangladesh and Qatar to ensure trade flow between the two countries.

He also stressed cooperation in the field of education, particularly in higher education, when newly appointed Ambassador of Qatar Ibrahim Mohamed Abdulrahman AL-Abdulla presented his credentials to the president at the Bangabhaban yesterday.

Recalling the excellent friendly bilateral relations between the two countries, Iajuddin hoped that Bangladesh-Qatar relations would be developed further in future.

"Both the countries can consolidate the friendly relations through further economic cooperation," the president said.

Terming Bangladesh as a good friend of Qatar, the ambassador hoped that the friendly relations would be diversified in future.

He said that many Bangladeshi workers have been employed in Qatar. He also mentioned that both Bangladesh and Qatar have been

working for international peace and development.

Earlier, on his arrival at the Bangabhaban, the ambassador was given a guard of honour by the President's Guard Regiment. He took salute and inspected the parade.

High officials of the Bangabhaban and the Foreign Ministry were present on the occasion.

French envoy meets

Badruddoza

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ambassador of France to Dhaka Sabienne Drought met former president AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury at his KC Memorial office in Baridhara yesterday.

They discussed various issues, said a press release without disclosing the details.

Badruddoza, the founding secretary general of BNP, will attend the inaugural session of fourth founding anniversary of the Krishak Sramik Janata League at Mahanagar Natyamancha today.

RU golden jubilee celebrations end

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The golden jubilee celebration of Rajshahi University concluded yesterday.

A discussion was held at Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium in the morning.

RU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Faisal Islam Faruki attended the function as chief guest while Students' Advisor Prof. Rafiqul Islam was in the chair.

RU Pro-VC KAM Shahadat Hossain Mondol, Treasurer Abdul Jabbar Khan, Registrar Abdus Salam were present as special guests.

Many former students took part in the session and requested the RU authority to take steps to revive the student union that has a glorious past.

Prizes were distributed among the winners of academic exhibition of 44 departments of the university. The exhibitions, however, will continue today.

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal of RU unit organised a programme of 'Lalon song' at Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium in the evening.