

Seven projects worth Tk 1,848cr okayed

BDNEWS, Dhaka The Executive Committee of National Economic Council (Ecne) yesterday approved seven projects with an outlay of Tk 1,848 crore, including Tk 112 crore in foreign aid component.

The projects approved in the meeting include UP complex building construction (2nd revised) project involving Tk 755 crore, construction of academic buildings of selected private secondary schools at a cost of Tk 631 crore and setting up of fire service and civil defence stations in 47 strategic places involving Tk 99 crore.

The meeting also approved electricity distribution (2nd revised) project of greater Rajshahi involving Tk 631 crore, including Tk 112 crore funded by Kuwait and OPEC fund and Indian government.

Ramchandrapur-Nagerkandhi road in Moulavibazar district costing Tk 22 crores were also approved in the meeting.

'Approach MDGs from country's perspective'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lessons from the War of Liberation - integrity, equality, responsibility, democracy and secularism - must be translated into actions to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), speakers at a roundtable said yesterday.

efforts, which will protect the people's interest," he added. Ataus Samad, advisory editor of the Amar Desh, said political will and sincerity and transparency among the politicians are the key to achieving the MDGs.

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DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

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Members of Bangladesh Book Publishers' and Sellers' Association march towards the Prime Minister's Office in the city yesterday to submit a memorandum in protest against price hike of paper.

INCLUSION OF 8 F-7 BG FIGHTER AIRCRAFT Make Air Force more dynamic: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday asked the Air Force members to be more active for making the force more disciplined and dynamic.

told the Air Force members. "A consolidated national security is necessary for steering the country towards peace and progress," she said, adding that Bangladesh Air Force has been raised through a bloody independence war and now it has been recognised as a disciplined and professional force.

over to it for building up a modern air force in addition to procuring MIs-171, a VIP helicopter, some GSA radar and weather satellite receivers.

added to the Air Force fleet yesterday. On her arrival at the BAF tarmac, she was received by Chief of Air Staff Air Vice Marshall Fakhrul Azam and Air Office Commanding the BAF base, Kurmitola, M Delwar Hossain.



Participants at a discussion on two books -- 'Bangladesh Threat of War' and 'Dharmar Rajnaitik Byabohar O Jangibad' (Use of religion in politics and militancy) -- at the Liberation War Museum in the city yesterday.

Worker dies as roof collapses in Chittagong

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

One worker was killed and two others injured when a roof collapsed while dismantling a dilapidated building at Chawkbazaar area in the port city yesterday morning.

2 die in road accidents

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Two people, including a primary school student, were killed in two separate road accidents on Dhaka-Archa highway in Manikganj yesterday.

Manikganj Sadar upazila at 11:00am while he was crossing the road on his way to school, police said.

Bangladesh-born US citizen made attorney

BSS, New York

Nazmul Alam, the first Bangladesh-born US citizen, who has been working here for a long time as an expert on immigration and civil and criminal affairs, has been appointed an attorney of the US Supreme Court in Washington DC recently.

Morocco keen to import Bangladeshi leather Ambassador tells president

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajudin Ahmed yesterday said there could be cooperation between Bangladesh and Morocco in fertiliser and leather sectors.

underscored the need for exchange in the field of education. Earlier on his arrival at Bangabhaban, the ambassador was given a guard of honour by the President's Guard Regiment (PGR). He took salute and inspected the parade.

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shilpi Begum, a mother of two children, has appealed for financial assistance for her treatment as her heart valve has been damaged.

Canadian architect Safdie arrives tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

Internationally acclaimed Canadian architect Moshe Safdie will travel to Bangladesh for a two-day visit beginning tomorrow at the invitation of the Asian University for Women Support Foundation.

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Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met office said.

Table with 3 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

Gayoom visits Bangladeshi painting exhibition

UNB, Dhaka

Maldives President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom visited Bangladeshi painting exhibition at the National Art Gallery in Male on Monday.

Disciplinary action against 16 JU students

BDNEWS, JU

The Jahangirnagar University (JU) syndicate has taken some disciplinary measures against 16 students at a meeting following recommendations of the University Disciplinary Board.

Department, Government and Politics Department and Philosophy Department.

The syndicate also awarded one-year permanent expulsion and one-year suspended expulsion to a student of Urban and Planning Department for teasing a female student of the same department.