

New loan agreement

FROM PAGE 12 programme will be declared along with the budget of FY1972-73. It will be a part of the first five-year plan. It will also complement the next development budget.

The government is also preparing an estimate for the country's total demand in food, agriculture and industrial sector up to June 1974. A primary assessment shows that total demand will exceed Tk 1,000 crore. **INDO-BANGLA LOAN AGREEMENT** Three loan agreements worth Tk 24 crore are signed today between Bangladesh and India. The first agreement stipulates that India will give Tk 10 crore for revival of the rail and telecommunication system and purchase of tools and machineries for power stations. Under the second agreement Indian will give Tk 6 crore loan for purchase and maintenance of two F-27 aircrafts and two ships. According to the third agreement India will supply unrefined oil worth Tk 8 crore.

BANGABANDHU'S MEETING WITH DP DHAR Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur

Rahman today holds a meeting with DP Dhar, chairman of policy planning in the Indian external affairs ministry, at Gonobhaban. It is reported that the discussion focuses on bilateral relations between the two neighbouring countries, including the recently concluded Indo-Bangla trade deal.

2.5 LAKH BALES OF JUTE EXPORTED IN APRIL

Bangladesh has exported 2.5 lakh bales of raw jute and finished jute products in April. The total amount of jute export since independence is 8 lakh bales. Currently, jute is the only source of foreign currency for the country.

AGRICULTURE COMMISSION WILL BE SET UP SOON

Agriculture Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz informs today that an agriculture commission will be set up soon. The commission will work for reconstruction of the agricultural sector to make it more productive and people-oriented.

SOURCE: May 17, 1972 issue of Dainik Bangla.

2 killed in 'shootouts'

FROM PAGE 12 the "gunfight" took place around 12:30am when a team of Rab-1 raided near T&T Bottola area on information that drug peddlers gathered there.

Sensing presence of the law enforcers, the gang opened fired, prompting the Rab officials to retaliate, triggering the "gunfight" that continued for around 10 minutes, he claimed.

Later, the gang members seized firing and backed off leaving the bullet-hit body of Jalil behind. He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead, Kamruzzaman added.

A Rab personnel was also injured during the incident, he claimed.

Rab claimed to have recovered two firearms, twelve bullets and 500 pieces of yaba pills from the spot.

Meanwhile, another man was killed in a "gunfight" with police in

Khilgaon. The dead Billal Hossain, 29, was accused in at least 16 cases for robbery, mugging and murder, said Arsel Talukder, a sub-inspector of Khilgaon Police Station.

The SI said a team of police picked Billal up on Thursday afternoon from Goran area and the "gunfight" took place when they took him in Shekher Jaiga area to arrest his accomplices around 11:30pm on Thursday.

Sensing presence of police, the criminals opened fired at them, prompting them to retaliate, triggering the "gunfight", leaving Billal wounded with bullets, he claimed.

He was rushed to DMCH where doctors declared him dead, Arsel said.

The bodies were kept at DMCH morgue for autopsy.

The Daily Star, however, could not independently verify the law enforcers' claims.

Narcos active again

FROM PAGE 12 residents, is infamous for drug trading.

With some coronavirus cases and deaths, the place is one of the high-risk spots for Covid-19 infection. The drug dealers grabbed this opportunity.

A few days ago, drug peddlers in the camp used to sell narcotics in adjacent areas after police crackdown. Now, however, they have started selling again inside the camp, said several sources at the camp.

At least 100 drug peddlers, mostly women, now run this illegal business, while customers are also visiting the camp.

Among the drugs, cannabis, heroin, and yaba pills are on the top of the customers' choice.

Wishing not to be named, a drug peddler said the demand for cannabis is now high with its price doubled. Now, a small pack (puria) of cannabis is being sold for Tk 100. Prices of a yaba tablet are stable, which is available for Tk 250 to Tk 300. Each puria of heroin is being sold for Tk 150.

"As no one obstructs them from selling drugs and no drives are being conducted by law enforcement agencies, they [drug peddlers] became active again," said a camp leader, preferring anonymity.

While visiting the rail line and Wasa Bhaban areas in Karwan Bazar recently, these correspondents saw young women with babies selling cannabis on the streets in broad daylight.

It was also seen that a drug peddler, selling cannabis, switched quickly to begging from people when she saw a

police vehicle arrive. A shopkeeper there said 10 to 12 women sell cannabis near Wasa Bhaban.

In Mirpur, Jheelpar slum is infamous for drug trading. Eight to 10 people led by one Dulal run the illegal business. Although Dulal lives in Narayangani, his men control yaba and cannabis trade in the slum.

In Gudaraghat Bazar in Mirpur-1, a poultry seller under cover of his trade is selling drugs by some drug peddlers, said sources.

There are more such spots in Mirpur like road no 9 in "H" block, road no 8 in Sareng Bari, Kingshuk Balur Math, and Shine Pukur Slum.

Drug dealers' attempts amid the shutdown came to light with some recent drug seizures and arrests.

On May 12, Rab recovered 2,475 yaba pills from a person in Shyamoli.

In another drive, the force detained a youth with 700 purias of heroin from Mohammadpur area.

Khorshid Alam, an assistant director of DNC, said they filed at least 150 drug cases in Dhaka north area on March. But in April, it came down to under 50.

"We have to get close to the suspects to catch them, which is unsafe at this time. Some of our colleagues are also in quarantine," the DNC official said.

Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of DMP, said there is monitoring has not become lax, but the current situation is responsible for limiting their activities.

Debesh Roy

FROM PAGE 12 He was admitted to the hospital near his residence at Baguihati, on the eastern fringes of Kolkata, on Wednesday after exhibiting symptoms of sodium-potassium imbalance and breathing problems, his family members said.

Roy's condition deteriorated on Thursday night and he suffered a massive cardiac arrest and died at 10:50pm India time, our New Delhi correspondent reports quoting the family.

A regular contributor to a number of Bangla dailies, he was a staunch critic of the attacks on liberals in India in recent times and attended protest meetings despite his failing health.

Born in Pabna, Bangladesh on December 17, 1936, Roy, whose career as a writer spanned five decades, made his debut with Jajati.

Shifting to Jalpaiguri from Pabna, Roy came under the influence of leftist ideology that went on to form his political views, leading to his eventual involvement in workers' movements in Kolkata.

The northern part of West Bengal formed the setting of many of his books, which include Udbastu, Borisaler Jogen Mandal, Samay Asamayer Brittanta, Kolkata O Gopal, Nirastrikan Keno, Shorirer Sarbassayata, Teestapuran and Manush Khun Kore Keno.

Trump

FROM PAGE 12 The comments came after Trump further hardened his rhetoric towards China, threatening to cut ties with the rival superpower completely as relations have steadily deteriorated over the pandemic.

"There are many things we could do... We could cut off the whole relationship," Trump said Thursday in an interview with Fox Business News.

"You'd save \$500 billion if you cut off the whole relationship."

Trump said that his relationship with Chinese President Xi Jinping is "very good" but added: "Right now I just don't want to speak to him."

The threat came a week after a trade call between US and Chinese trade negotiators in which both sides stressed their commitment to the Phase One trade deal reached in January.

However, fulfilment of the deal looks increasingly tenuous in the face of the pandemic and a looming global economic downturn.

In the pact signed in January, China agreed to buy \$200 billion more in US goods over two years than it did in 2017 -- before the trade war erupted and triggered tariffs on billions of dollars of two-way trade.

'DARKEST WINTER' An ousted US health official warned Congress on Thursday that President Donald Trump's administration has no "master plan" to fight the coronavirus pandemic and is unprepared to distribute enough vaccines to immunize millions of Americans.

Rick Bright told a House panel that without clear planning and an improved coordinated response, "2020 could be the darkest winter" in decades for Americans.

Bright was removed last month from his post as head of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), the agency charged with developing a vaccine against coronavirus.

In his first congressional appearance since his demotion, he presented a grim picture to lawmakers.

"We don't have a single point of leadership right now for this response, and we don't have a master plan for this response," Bright said.

He also warned that the 12- to 18-month timeframe being discussed for developing a viable vaccine might be too aggressive.

'No worries' for next six months

FROM PAGE 1 This is only the public stock that the government uses for supporting economically vulnerable people. But the main stock remains with the farmers and others in private sectors. And this year, the Boro production was good, he said.

PUBLIC FOOD STOCKS

Until May 11, rice stock at public godowns was 9.97 lakh tonnes and wheat stock 2.82 lakh tonnes. The food ministry says the current food stock at public warehouses is "satisfactory".

The government started procuring paddy and wheat from April 26. The total target of procurement is eight lakh tonnes of paddy and 11.5 lakh tonnes of milled rice (parboiled and sunburnt).

The food department bought 104 tonnes of paddy and 826 tonnes of rice until May 11. Besides, it procured 15,280 tonnes of wheat against the target of 75,000 tonnes from this year's harvest.

The government has the capacity to store 19.3 lakh tonnes of food grains in its godowns. Besides the food stock, the market has seen quite good supply of rice.

BORO RICE

Farmers planted rice on 47.54 lakh hectares of land in the current Boro season, according to the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE).

"Based on crop cutting data, it can be said that we will be able to achieve our Boro production target of 2.04 crore tonnes this Boro season," said Md Shahjahan Kabir, director general of state Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI).

"As we are going to have a good crop yield, we will have a stock of rice for the next seven to eight months. There will be no problem."

Boro accounts for more than half of annual rice production in the country.

In a report on Bangladesh last month, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), also predicted higher Boro production this season, thanks to favourable weather and low pest infestation.

Besides, Kabir said, the agriculture ministry gives incentives during the

coming season of Aus paddy.

The ministry last month declared Tk 9 crore of incentive to provide seed and fertiliser to small and marginal farmers to encourage cultivation during the Aus season. The government also reduced irrigation charge by half for the pumps owned by Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation.

Aus cultivation target has been raised to 13.26 lakh hectares in the coming season, 20 percent higher than the previous season. Aus production target has been set at 35 lakh tonnes, up from 27.75 lakh the previous year.

"We are also proceeding with good plan regarding Aman. Everything will be good if there is no natural calamity," said BRRI director general.

Boro is harvested in April-May period of the year and it accounted for 54 percent of total rice production at 3.64 crore tonnes estimated in fiscal 2018-19.

And the rain-fed Aman rice season brought 38 percent while Aus season contributed to the rest 8 percent to the annual rice basket.

Kabir said Bangladesh's annual consumption requirement is 3.5 crore tonnes and the estimate shows last year's total production was higher than the estimated demand.

And increased production helped the nation to largely cut dependence on imported rice.

Rice import tumbled 98 percent to 4,180 tonnes between July 1 and May 12 of the current fiscal year from 205,790 tonnes in the whole fiscal of 2018-19.

"We are self-sufficient in rice," he said. "With record production and harvesting of rice in every three months, there is no scope of famine in the country. The main task is to ensure access for all. At the same time, market should be monitored to curb price volatility."

As per the USDA data, with a production of 3.6 crore tonnes of rice Bangladesh stands in third position globally in rice production after China and India that produce 14.6 crore tonnes and 11.6 crore tonnes respectively. Earlier Indonesia was in

third position, producing 3.49 crore tonnes of rice.

Agricultural economist MA Sattar Mandal said nearly two-third of rice would come safely if there is no unfavourable weather in the rest of the harvesting period.

"It appears that there would be good buffer," said Mandal, also a former vice chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University.

Quazi Shahabuddin, former director general of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), said paddy farmers usually market 50-70 percent of total production of Boro.

So, from the production forecast, it appears that marketable surplus of the grain would be one crore to 1.40 crore tonnes, he said.

Mandal said focus should be given also on Aman as much as possible as the rain-fed rice crop is the second major crop after Boro. Aman accounts for 38 percent of the total yearly rice production.

HOW MUCH FOOD NEEDED

Asked how much food we need every year, Akhter Ahmed, agriculture researcher and country representative of IFPRI, citing USDA research said Bangladesh had a supply of 3.73 crore tonnes of food grains (rice and wheat) from May 2019 to last month.

As per the monthly statistics of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Bangladesh consumed total 3.58 crore tonnes of food grains in last one year, he said.

VEGETABLES, PROTEIN SOURCE

Asked about the food stock situation, Dr M Asaduzzaman, former research director of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) said, once the Boro is harvested, the country would not face any food shortage at least for next six months.

So, the government now should concentrate on fixing the supply chains of vegetables and other food items, he said.

"Farmers are unable to send their vegetables to different parts of the country. The government should immediately fix it," added Asaduzzaman.

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০২	প্রকল্প/প্রতিষ্ঠান	সরকারি ইউনানী ও আয়ুর্বেদিক মেডিকেল কলেজ ও হাসপাতাল, মিরপুর-১৩, ঢাকা।
০৩	সম্মান্য কর্মসূচীর নাম	অধ্যক্ষ-কাম-অধীক্ষক।
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০৫	প্রকল্প/সেয়ারের নাম	ঔষধ, এচিপিএনএসপি।
০৬	টেন্ডার প্যাকেজ নাম	জিডি/এএমসি/ওটিএম-০১
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০৯	দরপত্র গ্রহণ প্রতিষ্ঠান/পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত (OTM)।
১০	বাজেট ও তহবিলের প্রকৃতি	উন্মুক্ত।
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১৩	দরপত্র তফসিলের মূল্য (অন্যবর্তমান) ও প্রকৃতি	(প্যাকেজ নং-১) ইউনানী ও আয়ুর্বেদিক ঔষধের জন্য ১০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা হইবে, (প্যাকেজ নং-২) চিকিৎসা যন্ত্রপাতি এবং (প্যাকেজ নং-৩) ল্যাবরেটরী যন্ত্রপাতি এর জন্য ১০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা হইবে। টেন্ডারের মাধ্যমে অধ্যক্ষ-কাম-অধীক্ষক, সরকারি ইউনানী ও আয়ুর্বেদিক মেডিকেল কলেজ ও হাসপাতাল এর অনুমুখে যে কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংক অফিসের মাধ্যমে জমা দিয়ে, অনলাইন ডিপোজিট প্রিন্টের মূলকপি জমা কর্তৃক দরপত্র তফসিল সনাক্তি নিয়ন্ত্রককারীর দপ্তর এবং পরিচালক, হেডিকো ও দেশের চিকিৎসা, স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর, মহাশয়ী, ঢাকা এর অফিস হইতে, অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সন্মোজন করা যাইবে।
১৪	দরপত্র তফসিল সন্মোজনের তারিখ ও সময়	১৪/০৫/২০২০ইং বৃহস্পতিবার হইতে ০৪/০৬/২০২০ইং বৃহস্পতিবার পর্যন্ত মোট=২১ (একুশ) দিন অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে।
১৫	দরপত্র তফসিল দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	০৪/০৬/২০২০ইং বৃহস্পতিবার সকাল ৯-০০ ঘটিকা হইতে দুপুর ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দরপত্রসমূহ অধ্যক্ষ-কাম-অধীক্ষক এবং পরিচালক, হেডিকো ও দেশের চিকিৎসা, স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর, মহাশয়ী, ঢাকা এর অফিস কক্ষে প্রকৃত টেন্ডার ব্যাগে নামের উপরে এএমসি দরপত্র উপস্থাপন কর্তৃক দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
১৬	দরপত্র তফসিল খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০৪/০৬/২০২০ইং বৃহস্পতিবার মধ্যাহ্ন ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।
১৭	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর পদবী	অধ্যক্ষ-কাম-অধীক্ষক।
১৮	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর ঠিকানা ও টেন্ডার	সরকারি ইউনানী ও আয়ুর্বেদিক মেডিকেল কলেজ ও হাসপাতাল, মিরপুর-১৩, ঢাকা-১২২১ ও ফোন নং-৯০৩২০৪৮
১৯	অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী	ক. দরপত্র দাখিল ও খোলার দিন সরকার কর্তৃক ছুটি ঘোষণা করা হইবে, সেই ক্ষেত্রে পরবর্তী কর্মসূচি দরপত্র দাখিল ও খোলার তারিখ হিসাবে গণ্য করা হইবে। খ. দরপত্রের সকল শর্তাবলী দরপত্র তফসিলের অনুলেখনসমূহে সন্নিবেশিত আছে।
২০	বিশেষ নির্দেশনা	ক. কর্তৃপক্ষ সকল দরপত্র/ফটোকপি/অনুলেখন/অনুলেখন দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও বাতিলের সর্বময় ক্ষমতা রাখেন। খ. সর্বক্ষেত্রে পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন-২০০৬ ও পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা-২০০৮ এর সর্বশেষ সংশোধনীর বিধিবিধান অনুসরণ করা হইবে।

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