

Dateline Chittagong

Tk 43 lakh smuggled goods seized

Chittagong Mar 25 A coastal patrol of Cox's Bazar unit of Bangladesh Rifles captured two mechanised fishing boats with huge quantities of smuggled spices worth Taka 43 lakh and arrested 12 members of the boat crew in the Bay at a point between Sonadia and Mohekhali island Saturday, official sources said, reports BSS.

The patrol led by Major Abdul Khaleq was assisted by Captain Mokhtaruzzaman, and Deputy Assistant Director (BDR) Nasruddin.

The smuggled spices included turmeric, black pepper, pista, cumer seeds, nutmeg, pulses, sugar and tobacco powder.

Attack on garment industry

A group of outsiders Sunday

attacked a garment industry, forced out officials and ransacked its office at Chandgaon area in the port city, police said, reports BSS.

The outsiders are allegedly engaged by a group of employees of Azim Garment industry to strengthen their movement to raise extra financial benefits including increased festival bonus.

Police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. Management of the industry could not be contacted for further details.

CUJ meet tomorrow

CHITTAGONG, Mar 25: The three-day programme of annual general meeting of Chittagong Union of Journalists will begin tomorrow (March 27) at the temporary premises of Chittagong Press Club, reports BSS.

Language Movement hero Mahbul Alam Chowdhury will attend the inaugural function as the chief guest while Rezauddin Ahmed and Amanullah Kabir, President and Secretary General of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists respectively, former BFUJ President Habibur Rahman Milan and former DUJ President Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury will address the function as special guests.

The general meeting of the union will be held on March 28 and election of office bearers of the union on March 29.

Training course for journalists

A journalist training course organised by Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights will start tomorrow (Wednesday) at 9 am at its office at Purana Palton, says a press release.

Joi Bangla Jote for boycotting Indian goods

The leaders of Joi Bangla Sangskritik Oikya Jote comprising 45 cultural organisations on Monday called for boycotting Indian goods and demanded of the government to take steps so that these goods could not enter the country, reports BSS.

The demand was made by 119 intellectuals including the Convenor and the Member-Secretary of the Jote, Salahuddin Badal and Sheikh Abdul Kader.

The Jote leaders said if the government failed to stop the smuggling of Indian goods into the country, they would launch a movement.

They called upon the forces engaged in the border areas to see that Indian goods like sugar, onion, spare parts, cloths, cosmetics, blue picture (video) and Indian cows could not enter the country illegally. They said these contrabands of Indian origin had thrown our economy on the verge of collapse.

People's hopes yet to be realised: NAP

Speakers at a discussion on the occasion of Independence Day on Monday observed that the aspirations of the people for establishing democratic and economic emancipation for which they had waged the War of Liberation were yet to be fulfilled even after 20 years of the victory, reports BSS.

They said the people's expectation for establishing parliamentary democracy was also uncertain now.

The discussion, organised by National Awami Party (NAP-Muzaffar), was presided over by Prof. Abdul Hafiz MP among others. Advocate Ismail Hossain Khan, Dr MA Malek, Moulana Ahmedur Rahman Azmi and Kamal Haider addressed the discussion meeting.

MPs urged to give up smoking

ADHUNIK, an anti-smoking organisation, has appealed to the newly-elected members of parliament to give up smoking, reports BSS.

Prof. Nurul Islam, President of the organisation has congratulated the members of parliament on their election and urged them to "break the tobacco ring".

Moududa chief patron of Bartaman

Moududa Alam Chowdhury, a noted singer and veteran social worker has been made Chief Patron of Bartaman Sangskritik Parishad, says a press release.

Moududa has long been associated with different socio-cultural activities of Bangladesh. An adviser of Dhaka Federal Lions Club, she is the President of Jogajog Shilpi Gosthi and Cultural Secretary of Greater Rangpur Zila Shilpi Gosthi and an executive committee member of the Satabdi Shilpi Gosthi. Being member of women's delegations, she widely travelled in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Thailand and other South Asian Countries.

The newly-elected executive committee of the Bartaman is as follows: President - Shamsuzzaman Chowdhury, Vice-President - Khosh Nur Alamgir, General Secretary - Ahmed Jamil Ibrahim, assistant General Secretary - SMA Jubair and Sultana Razia Minu, Publicity Secretary - Kakhru Hassan, Lipi Islam, Organising Secretary - SM Tareq, Treasurer - Shah Alam Litu.



The All-Party Students Unity arranged a reception for former members of the Presidential Council of Advisers in Dhaka on Monday. Seen in the photo (from left) are Iajuddin Ahmed (Speaking), Imamuddin Chowdhury, Alamgir M A Kabir, Rehman Sobhan and M Musa. - Star photo

Film producers back FDC's decision

By Staff Correspondent

Azizur Rahman Bull, President of Bangladesh Film Producers' Association, in a lengthy rejoinder to statement of Iftekharul Alam, Managing Director of Star Corporation has termed it as baseless, malicious and motivated.

The rejoinder says: "It is the statement of Iftekharul Alam has been intended to create confusion and disruption within the film sector particularly between the Producers and Distributors on one side and the Exhibitors of Metropolitan Dhaka City on the other. The Statement has tried to malign Bangladesh Film Development Corporation, a public sector Corporation in nefarious way. Chalachitra Shilpa Shanrakshan Committee is in fact a committee composed of the representatives of Bangladesh Film Producer's Association and Bangladesh Film Distributors Association (both of them being registered organizations as per Trade Organization Act) to protect the most genuine rights of the film producer's and distributors against unilateral exploitation by the exhibitors of Metropolitan Dhaka. The objective of the committee is to regulate the release of films in a most fair and judicial manner in order to protect the rightful interests of producers, distributors, exhibitors as well as Bangladesh Film Development Corporation. The committee's purpose is to bring discipline and order in film

release so that there is no cut-throat or uneven competition resulting from unplanned and chaotic release. The purpose is to help the producers, distributors and exhibitors, to ensure a fair business out of the film release. The planned release of the films will also help protect the financial interest of B.F.D.C. because chaotic and unplanned release resulting in cut-throat competition is detrimental to the interest of film business which in turn adversely affects all concerned parties including Bangladesh Film Development Corporation. "It is the producers only who have business relation with Bangladesh Film Development Corporation. The producers produce films in F.D.C. by utilizing services of F.D.C. in various forms against which producers make payment to F.D.C. Thus it is legal and genuine for F.D.C. to enter into any sort of understanding or agreement with the producers, represented by their registered Association, to make legal business in the interest of B.F.D.C. and the film producers. Here the interference by an individual cinema hall owner is not only undesirable but also illegal. The news item captioned 'FDC Promoting Corruption' is not only baseless but also malicious and has tried to damage the fair name of this public corporation. No where from the report it is found that FDC has promoted corruption through such a correct and fair decision taken by its Board of Directors which is not only within the competence and legal jurisdiction of FDC but which infact is aimed to serve the cause of film industry as a whole. "The acceptance by B.F.D.C. of the proposal of Shilpa Shangrakhan Committee is not an interference in the operation of free/market economy. In fact the decision has been taken to bring discipline and order in film release business which is within the legal norms of operation of free/market economy. Mr. Iftekharul Alam has tried to distort the meaning of operation of free/market economy thereby showing his ignorance and malicious design. He has been most unethical and unscrupulous when he tried to create confusion by mentioning that the decision will be embarrassing to the present Government and will result in loss of revenue. This is totally wrong. The past and the recent experience of Film release through Release Committee/Shilpa Shangrakhan Committee has proved this".

Eid holiday in JN varsity begins April 1

By A Correspondent

The Eid holiday in Jahangirnagar University will start from April 1. Earlier, the university authorities reduced the Ramadan holidays to face the current session-jam of the university.

Classes will resume after vacation on April 21. Education Minister Prof. A.Q.M. Badruddoza Chowdhury will visit Jahangirnagar University on March 27. He accepted the invitation of the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kazi Saleh Ahmed yesterday, when a group of delegates from Jahangirnagar University met the Minister. Led by the Vice-Chancellor the group included deans of various faculties and some teachers. They congratulated the Minister, Vice-Chancellor and informed him about various problems of Jahangirnagar University.

One shot dead in N'ganj

NARAYANGANJ, Mar 25: Shanti Ranjan Saha, 30, a driver, was shot dead in a broad daylight by armed dacoits at Borpa under Dhaka-Narayanganj highway under Rupganj Upazila this afternoon, reports BSS.

According to Police Superintendent of Narayanganj, Habibur Rahman, the incident occurred when the driver, along with 10 cloth traders, was returning to Narayanganj carrying about five to six lakh Taka, the day's sale proceeds from Babur Hat, on board a microbus.

When the microbus was passing through Borpa Bridge, a gang of four dacoits in a private car followed the microbus and intercepted it at Borpa. The dacoits fired at the driver who lost control of the steering and the microbus fell ditch.

FP for consensus on basic issues

By Staff Correspondent

Freedom Party Chairman Col (Retd) Syed Faruk Rahman and Co-Chairman Col (Retd) Abdur Rashid in a joint statement to the press on Monday expressed their hope that the nation would come to a consensus on the basic issues submerging the divisions and will come forward to build a happy nation.

They hoped that the people of the country will take oath to establish a corruption free, democratic and terrorism free nation.

Hijacker arrested

By Staff Correspondent

Police on Monday arrested four persons including a hijacker and recovered two fire arms and ammunition from their possessions.

Dhanmondi Police on Monday morning recovered an illegal shot gun and two rounds of ammunition from the false roof of a house at 71/9 Sukrabad. The recovery was made according to a statement of one alleged terrorist Md. Swapan.

Babul, (40), a necklace snatcher was caught red-handed by people at Dhanmondi Road No 8.

He was fleeing away after snatching the necklace from a female rickshaw passenger. But his motorcycle hit another rickshaw and he toppled over. People on the street, at the scream of the lady, caught Babul immediately.

Nutrition confce begins June 1

The 5th Bangladesh Nutrition Conference will be held in Dhaka on June 1 and 2, next under the auspices of the Nutrition Society of Bangladesh, a press release said on Monday, reports BSS.

The theme of this year's conference would be 'Nutrition for Development'.

Persons interested to present papers in the conference have been requested to submit their abstracts to Prof. N.H. Khan, Organising Secretary of the conference, Department of Biochemistry, Dhaka University by April, 30, next.

Pak envoy calls on Commerce Minister

High Commissioner of Pakistan in Bangladesh Mr. Anwar Kemal made a courtesy call on the Commerce Minister Mr. Mohammad Keramat Ali his office on Sunday, reports BSS.

They exchanged views on bilateral trade relations and other related matters between the two countries, an official handout said.

Tk 44.90 cr US grant

Bangladesh will receive Taka 44.90 crore (12.472 million dollars) as grant from the USA for two projects under two agreements signed between the two countries in Dhaka, reports BSS.

The US Ambassador in Bangladesh William B Milam and Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Enam Ahmed Chowdhury, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective governments.

The projects are Fertilizer Distribution Improvement-II (FDI-II) and Technical Resources Project-II.

The first agreement signed Monday was the seventh amendment to the Fertilizer Distribution Improvement-II (FDI-II) Project which was originally signed between Bangladesh and the United States of America on August 30, 1984.

The objective of the FDI-II project is to promote and further expand the involvement of private sector in the development of fertilizer distribution system in Bangladesh. Funds under this project are being utilized to finance fertilizer dealers' credit programme through Bangladesh Bank and some commercial banks. Under the seventh amendment United States will provide US dollar 11.85 million for FDI-II project.

With the signing of the seventh amendment to the agreement, the total amount obligated under this project (FDI-II) stands at US dollar 49.444 million. The entire amount received under this amendment will be utilized for private sector fertilizer import and continuation of technical assistance under FDI-II project.

Two arrested with arms

Patrol police arrested two arms holder on Sunday from Fulbaria in front of the Fire Brigade office.

Shameem (25) and Abu Bakar (23) were allegedly carrying country-made pistols in their waist.

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Dateline Khulna

APSU call to resist terrorism

From Syed Isa

KHULNA, Mar 25: The local leaders of the All Party Students Unity (APSU) have called upon the government to arrest the terrorists and political hoodlums of the city including former Deputy Mayor Ikhtiaruddin Bablu and Commissioner Ershad Sdkdar.

The leaders were addressing a press conference at the local Press Club on Sunday.

The APSU leaders announced a week-long action programme which includes holding of meetings and processions, submission of memorandum to the local administration and exchange of views with the local political leaders, trade unions, student leaders and other organisations for launching a joint movement against the terrorists of the city.

Earlier the APSU leaders met the local leaders of BNP, Awami League and Baksal at the premises of Khulna development Action Coordination Committee office where the political leaders assured the APSU leaders of all possible help to root-out the terrorism from the city.

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