

China to help exploit energy, mining

China will extend its best cooperation for the development of energy and coal mining of Bangladesh, reports BSS. This was stated by the Chinese Ambassador in Bangladesh Chen Songlu when he made a call on the State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources, Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain in Dhaka on Sunday.

Exhibition on World Astronomy Day

The National Museum of Science and Technology has arranged a discussion and exhibition on April 23 at 4 pm at its auditorium at Agargaon in observance of the World Astronomy Day '91, reports BSS.

Saifur leaves for Canada today

Finance and Planning Minister Saifur Rahman will leave here today (Monday) for Canada to attend the 24th annual meeting of the Board of Governments of the Asian Development Bank, reports BSS.

The three annual ADB Board of Governor's meeting will be held in Vancouver city, Canada from April 24. Rahman who is also the governor to the ADB meeting will lead a five member Bangladesh delegation.

Enam Ahmed Chowdhury, Secretary of the Economic Relations Division of the Ministry of Finance is the alternate Governor to the ADB meeting.

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EM to visit Moscow Better ties with Dhaka soon: Soviet envoy

The Soviet Ambassador in Bangladesh, Mr Vitali S Smirnov, on Sunday said his country expected a greater cooperation with Bangladesh reports BSS. "We believe political, economic and cultural relations between Moscow and Dhaka will enhance after the recent changes in Bangladesh," he told newsmen in Dhaka.

He deplored that there was no high political level visit from Bangladesh to Soviet Union in last many years and expressed the hope that a visit by the Foreign Minister to Soviet Union would materialise shortly, "we will be happy as soon as the visit takes place", the Ambassador observed. Speaking about V I Lenin's 121st birth anniversary, Mr Smirnov said today's innovative changes in the Soviet Union in the form of Perestroika would strengthen the concept of socialism envisioned by Lenin.

Security measures in Ctg Varsity

CHITTAGONG, Apr 21: The Chittagong University administration has taken some measures to ensure safety and security of students and a congenial academic atmosphere on the campus when its halls and classes reopen on April 23 and 24 respectively, a university press release said today, reports BSS.

While staying on the campus the students shall have to carry their identity cards with them all the time. Unauthorised outsiders will not be allowed to enter the university area. Only those students who have been allotted seats will be allowed to reside in the halls. The resident students will only be allowed to enter the halls between 10 am and 9 pm. On April 23 and until further order between 9 am and 9 pm.

BFUJ, DUJ concerned at Observer situation

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) have resented the despotic acts and conspiracy to destroy the Bangladesh Observer by the owner of the paper Hamidul Huq Chowdhury.

Labour Minister off to Beijing

State Minister for Labour and Manpower, Rafiqul Islam Mia left Dhaka for Beijing, China Sunday to attend the 12th conference of Labour Ministers of the countries of Asia-Pacific region to be held from April 23 to April 26 there, reports BSS.



Soviet Ambassador Vitaly Smirnov addressing a Press briefing in city Sunday on Lenin — Star photo

Kartini Day celebrated 'Democracy helps tap women's potentials'

Democracy in Bangladesh has helped develop potentials of women so much so that it is unique in the whole world Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition in the South Asian country are both women," according to a noted Indonesian writer Hestia Soemakno. But then she pointed out women in power in Bangladesh did earn men's love and sympathy as the latter had given the former the mandate to run the affairs of the country either as Prime Minister or the Leader of the Opposition.



Hestia Soemakno leading a musical chorus in honour of Kartini, a pioneer of women's liberation at a function in city on Sunday. A discussion meeting was organised by Dharma Wanita (Association of Indonesian Civil Servants' Wives)

Dateline Chittagong

Fund crisis hits re-excavation work of Chaktai Canal

CHITTAGONG, Apr 21: Uncertainty looms large over re-excavation of Chaktai Canal known as "Sorrow of Chittagong" as land acquisition and other formalities are yet to be completed. A concerned official said, after proper arrangement of fund, the land acquisition and re-excavation works would begin in full swing. Presently, some silt traps only were prepared as a part of initial work. The demolition of unauthorised constructions from both the sides of canal was completed one year back.

Our Chittagong Office Chittagong and also became a cause of headache for the administration here, as leaders of local units of different political organisations and city dwellers jointly organised movements and hartals on several occasions demanding the re-excavation of Chaktai Canal to mitigate the sufferings of the people. Shrimp farmers assured of assistance BSS adds: State Minister for Environment, Fisheries and Livestock Abdullah Al-Noman Saturday assured a delegation of 10-acre shrimp project owners Association of Cox's Bazar to solve the genuine problems of the project owners, an association press release said.

The Minister gave them a patient hearing and assured his cooperation in solving the genuine problems of shrimp project owners. The delegation comprising association General Secretary S. M. Yunus, Joint General Secretary Aftabuddin Chowdhury, Treasurer Kamaluddin and others called on Noman at his Mehdiabag residence in Chittagong and apprised him of their various problems. The problems listed by the association delegation included restoration of ownership of 26 rejected shrimp projects, exemption from payment of land revenue of the projects where shrimp culture could not be done because of flood, long-term lease of shrimp project according to recommendation of World Bank, improvement of roads, electrification and proper security measures in project area, granting of loans among project owners, marketing facilities for shrimps and subsidy for the flood affected project owners.

Construction of Mahananda Bridge begins next year

The construction work of 1500 feet long Mahananda Bridge near Chapainawabgonj will begin by the end of 1991 with Chinese assistance, reports BSS. The Chinese Ambassador in Bangladesh, Chen Song Lu, said this when he called on the Communications Minister Oli Ahmed at the Bangladesh Secretariat Sunday.

Development Bank and the Japanese government have shown keen interest in the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge project. Japan and Soviet Union have indicated their interest to assist in Meghna-Gumti Bridge and Rupsha Bridge respectively. United Kingdom has shown interest for the construction of Dhaleswari and Arial Kha Bridges.

The Minister requested the Chinese government to assist in the construction of two more bridges including one near Munshiganj over the Dhaleswari river and another over the Shangu river on Arwara-Banshkhal road. The World Bank, Asian

IO in Faridpur to probe Khokon murder

The Investigating Officer of Khokon murder case of Zahurul Haque Hall of Dhaka University gone to Faridpur for further investigation. Police said the IO has gone there on clues and statements made by the arrested girls Baby and Setu.

Munshiganj roads to be developed

Communications Minister Col (retd) Oli Ahmed has said some projects would be taken up within one and a half months for development of different roads and by-passes in Munshiganj district, reports BSS. The Communications Minister was addressing a cross section of people, while visiting the Fatullah-Munshiganj-Lauhajang and Rampal-Dighirpar roads of Munshiganj on Saturday.

The Communications Minister said the present government would remain accountable to the people for all its actions. Of the 37 kilometre Fatullah-Munshiganj road, only 16 kilometres have so far been metalled. Of the 18-kilometre Rampal road, brick-work on only two kilometers was completed. Meanwhile the condition of the Fatullah-Mukhtarpar road has further deteriorated due to heavy traffic by trucks, carrying cargoes and food items from Katpatti ghat. The Mukhtarpar-Munshiganj road along the bank of Dhaleswari will be threatened by erosion in the coming monsoon if preventive measures are not taken before hand.

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The discussion meeting was attended by about 80 prominent ladies of Dhaka including wives of the Dutch, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Chinese envoys, representatives from the UNDP, WVA, Gulshan Ladies Club and members of the ASEAN community.

JSD leaders resent BSF firing

Noor Alam Jiku and Professor Humayun Kabir Hiru, President and General Secretary respectively of Jatya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) have expressed concern at the killing of four Bangladesh nationals in firing by Indian Border Security Force (BSF). In a statement on Sunday the JSD leaders said the killing by BSF was an attack on the sovereignty of the country.

Documents of vehicles to be inspected from May 8

Inspection of documents of the vehicles plying on the roads will begin on May 8, an official handout said, reports BSS. Actions would be taken against the vehicles which will ply without valid documents and with expired fitness certificates according to the Motor Vehicle Ordinance. The Government has taken this decision as a large number of vehicles are plying on the roads without valid documents and fitness certificates. Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) has requested the transport owners to keep all valid documents in their respective vehicles for all the time.

Dr Sirajul Islam awarded

Dr Sirajul Islam, an eminent child specialist and Associate Professor of Child Health of Dhaka Shishu Hospital, has been awarded the Commonwealth Foundation Fellowship for one month, reports BSS. The prestigious Commonwealth foundation fellowship is awarded to persons with capabilities of leadership for the improvement of Commonwealth understanding. Dr Sirajul Islam will visit the United Kingdom for two weeks and three other South Pacific countries, namely, Western Samoa, Tonga and the Solomon Islands for another two weeks. He will present a paper on his speciality of community child health. He had left for UK last night. Dr Islam is also popularly known as poet "Munir Siraj".

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