

IOM to talk resettlement

A three-member team of International Organization for Migration (IOM) headed by Mr Marco Gramigna, Special Advisor to the IOM arrives here today on a seven-day visit, reports BSS.

The team will hold discussions with senior official of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Labour and Manpower to explore possibilities of IOM's involvement concerning resettlement or reinsertion of migrant workers repatriated from the Middle East.

The delegation will also call on the Foreign Minister Mr A S M Musaffar Rahman, State Minister for Labour and Azim, Gazi elected MTSF President, Secy Gen

SSMCH Correspondent

Prof. A. K. M. Anwar-ul-Aziz and Dr. Gazi Abdul Haque have been elected President and Secretary General respectively of Bangladesh Medical Teachers Samity Federation for the year 1991-93.

The election was held at the premises of IPGM&R Hospital. The other office bearers are Vice-Presidents — Dr. M.A. Haidi, Dr. Mohammad Moazzem Hossain, and Dr. Rashid-e-Mahbub; Joint Secretary — Dr. M.A. Mannan, Treasurer — Dr. Shamsuddin Ahmed, Organising Secretary — Dr. M. Iqbal Arsalan, Science and Cultural Secretary Dr. A.K.M. Antul Haque.

'Maj Jainal was not a Sector Commander'

Bangladesh Naval Commando Association on Wednesday protested against the mentioning of Major Jainal Abedin as the Sector Commander of Sector No. 10 of the Liberation War in an article in the Eid issue of 'Shishu', a juvenile magazine published by Bangladesh Shishu Academy, reports BSS.

The Commando Association, in a statement, said Sector No.10 was specially identified for the naval commandoes among the eleven sectors of the Liberation War.

According to the best of knowledge of the Association the name of Major Jainal Abedin was in the list of 11 Sector Commanders, the statement said.

The Commando Association termed provision of 'false and incorrect' information to the present generation as a heinous design to distort the history of Liberation War and called upon the persons concerned to refrain from doing so.

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The recipients of IFPRI certificates in computer training are seen with officials. Seen in the photo are (from left) Selim Chowdhury, Abu Naser, Mohammad Giasuddin, Dr Harold Rice, Resident Representative, Malcolm Purvis, Deputy Director, USAID Nilufar Jahan, Ruhul Amin and Anwar Hossain.

Trainees get IFPRI certificates

by Staff Correspondent

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) held the certificate awarding ceremony at its Dhanmondi Office premises on Wednesday afternoon.

The certificates were awarded to the participants in computer training course organized by the Institute for the senior and mid level officials of the Ministry of Food. Mr M Muttur Rahman, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Food was the Chief Guest on the occasion and was attended by Dr Malcolm Purvis, Deputy Director, USAID, Dhaka.

In his opening address, Dr Harold L Rice, Chief of Party, IFPRI, Dhaka stated that the purpose of the training programme was to familiarize the participants with analytical tools in computer programming so that they could use these techniques in their professional work. He thanked the Ministry of Food and USAID for supporting the project. The course faculty included IFPRI and local experts.

IFPRI specializes in global food policy issues with its home office in Washington DC is currently implementing the Bangladesh Food Policy Project on medium and long-term food policy issues in collaboration with Food Planning and Monitoring Unit (PPMU) of the Ministry of Food and funded by USAID.

Seminar on Post-war developments in Gulf

A seminar on "Post-war developments in the Gulf" will be held at the National Museum in Dhaka tomorrow (Friday) under the auspices of the International Alumni Association, Dhaka University, says a Press release.

The seminar will be participated among others by Dr. Akmal Hussain, Associate Professor of the department of International Relations, DU, Mohammad Ganji Doost, Ambassador of Iran in Bangladesh, Vitali S. Smirnov, the Soviet Ambassador and William B. Milam, the American Ambassador in Bangladesh, A.T.M. Shamsul Huq and Quazi A. K. Refaul Huq.

Pen Pals Club President leaves for Karachi

Mahbubuddin Chowdhury, President, International Pen Pals Club and Secretary-General of the National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh left Dhaka for Karachi on Wednesday at the invitation of the National Youth Council of Pakistan, says a press release.

Mahbub will also attend the 9th Executive Board meeting of Asian-Pacific Federation of UNESCO Clubs and the evaluation meeting of UNESCO Co-Action Learning Centre Programme in South Asian Region to be held in New Delhi from April 28-30, 1991.

USSR to expand trade

Soviet Ambassador in Bangladesh Mr Vitali S Smirnov Tuesday said that the relations between Bangladesh and his country would further improve with the expansion of trades in the coming years.

Speaking at a meeting of Board of Directors of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCC&I) at the Chamber House. He said, as a step towards this end Soviet Union would purchase jute bags, shoes, ceramic products, crockeries, telephone sets, television and other consumer goods in huge quantities from Bangladesh.

He hoped that the new government of Bangladesh would adopt favourable measures in order to expand trades and facilitate joint ventures between the two countries.

The Soviet Envoy said that his country in spite of economic problems would continue to help Bangladesh in her efforts towards economic development. "We would continue our assistance in the field of power development in Bangladesh," he added. He said that the Soviet Union would also extend cooperation in developing nuclear power station in Bangladesh. Earlier, CCC & I President Mr Amir Khashru Mahmud Chowdhury welcoming Mr Smirnov said that a new avenue was opened for expansion of trade and commerce between Soviet Union and Bangladesh after adoption of perestroika and glasnost by the Soviet Union.

APSU, Shibir protest CU closure

CHITTAGONG, Apr 24: Students of Chittagong University today protested the closure of the university saying the decision was undemocratic and an interference in the autonomy of the university, reports BSS.

Rafiqul Islam Helal addressed it.

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Khaleda greets Kuwait's PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has congratulated Crown Prince of Kuwait, Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah, on his reappointment as the Prime Minister of the state of Kuwait, reports BSS.

In a message of congratulation Begum Khaleda Zia said: "I am confident that under your wise guidance and benevolent leadership, the brotherly people of Kuwait will overcome the problems being currently faced by them."

Dateline Khulna

No house for 50 pc of Khulna city dwellers

Our Khulna Office

KHULNA, Apr 24: Residential problems are acute in Khulna city. About 50 per cent of the Khulna city dwellers have no houses. At present there is a requirement of about two lakh houses to accommodate the city population so that slums are growing rapidly at various places in the Khulna metropolitan area.

These were observed in a paper prepared recently by Group Capt (Retd) ABM Zakaria, Chairman of Khulna Development Authority (KDA).

According to the paper, the population targeted in the 1961 Master Plan of the KDA made after its inception, surpassed to early by 1974. But with the increasing population, civic amenities were poor. The paper further said that the accommodation problem should be considered as the number one problem.

From the inception, KDA has taken up five projects for development of residential areas. Of those four projects were completed at a cost of Taka 3.40 crore.

At the Sonadanga residential area, 208 plots on 30 acres of land were allotted while at Nirala residential area of 67 acres of land 542 plots were allotted. Similarly, at Mujganji residential area of 66 acres of land 513 plots were developed and allotted. At Daulatpur residential area of 5.53 acres land 81 plots were allotted. However, only 1,344 plots could be allotted for residential purposes and only another 429 plots are being developed at the Sonadanga residential area phase two at a cost of Taka eight crore.

Besides, the KDA has taken up a programme for development of residential plots for the low income group at Shironomi area of the city. The project comprising 182 residential plots of below two kathas would cost Taka two crore. It is learnt that the KDA abandoned a scheme of 32 flats of 1000 square feet two years back due to the poor.

The KDA is considering a massive housing programme for development of 2,000 plots in an area of 150 acres of land near interdistrict bus terminal at a cost of Taka 51 crore which will be depended on availability of fund.

Dateline Chittagong

CU students vacate halls

from Chittagong Office

CHITTAGONG, Apr 24: Resident students of Chittagong University vacated their halls today following sudden closure of the university, reports UNB.

Students began returning to their residential halls Tuesday morning and classes were scheduled to resume today (Wednesday).

The University authorities Tuesday night hurriedly announced the closure of the University for 10 more days hours after reopening the campus after four months.

The University was closed on December 22 last year following a bloody clash between supporters of All Party Students Unity (APSU) and the Islami Chhatra Shibir.

APSU leaders Md Nazimuddin and Azmuddin Ahmed termed the closure anti-educational and undemocratic.

Islami Chhatra Shibir also held a protest meeting at Anderkilla and submitted a three point memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner.

Their demands include immediate withdrawal of the closure order and dismissal of the Vice Chancellor. Central Secretary of the Shibir AZM Obaidullah were among others who addressed the rally.

Monowara Ali, Managing Director, Hotel Hawaii, Chittagong alongwith the Director General of Tourism of the Government of the People's Republic of Indonesia at PATA conference held in Bali recently.

24 houses gutted in Mirzapur

A devastating fire at Dighulia village under Mirzapur Upazila of Tangail district on last Thursday completely destroyed the Houses and belongings of 13 families and forced them to live in open, reports BSS.

According to a delayed information reaching in Dhaka the fire originated from a kitchen and quickly spread to the entire area gutting a total of 24 houses of 13 families. Because of the absence of any water bodies in the neighbourhood.



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Dhaka's call to implement child action plan

Bangladesh has underscored the importance of reactivating the growth and development as well as voluntary reduction of debt of developing countries to support their efforts in promoting child survival, protection and development, reports UNB.

This viewpoint was voiced by the leader of the Bangladesh delegation, Dr. Ekram Hossain, while participating in the general debate in the UNICEF Executive Board meeting now being held in the UN Headquarters in New York, according to a message received in Dhaka Wednesday.

He expressed the hope that UNICEF would continue to accord priority attention to the less privileged children and mothers particularly of the least developed countries.

Speaking of the commitment of the Government of Bangladesh to education, he said gross enrollment rate of primary education had increased from 60 per cent in 1986 to about 70 per cent in 1990.

Dr. Ekram Hossain, member of Bangladesh Planning Commission, in his speech referred to the implementation of the plan of action of the world summit for children which assigned high priority to the allocation of resources to the essential needs of children.

The Golden Jubilee of Fuzul Huq Hall of Dhaka University will be celebrated May 13-14, reports UNB.

The question, he said, is linked to the revitalisation of economic growth, poverty alleviation, human resource development and environmental protection in the developing countries.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the jubilee observance committee here Wednesday with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder in the chair, a PID handout said.

Implementation of the plan required commitment to the goals of children at community, national and international

The meeting was attended by Commerce Minister M Keramat Ali, Shipping Minister MK Anwar, Rural Development Secretary Hasanat Abdul Hye, former minister AK Fataul Huq, former cabinet secretary HT Imam, former food secretary Mesbahuddin Ahmed, former IG of Police EA Chowdhury, hall Provost Dr Abu Jafar Mahmud and committee's member-secretary Omar Faruque Bhuyan.

Diarrhoea claims 22 lives in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Apr 24: Diarrhoea has broken out in 18 unions of seven upazilas of the district. The disease has so far claimed 22 lives while 1227 were affected in those areas, an official handout said here Wednesday, reports BSS.

The meeting, which discussed budget and organisational affairs of the jubilee, also decided to institute a trust fund for the association.

This was informed at a meeting of district diarrhoea task force, held today at DC's conference room with Deputy Commissioner Md Saifuzzaman in the chair.

The meeting was also informed that 67 medical teams were constituted and of them 25 have been working in the diarrhoea affected areas. Sufficient amount of medicine and oral saline have already been supplied in the affected areas and stock position of medicine in the district headquarters is satisfactory.

Public Health Engineering Department has also been working to repair disordered tubewells.

New BUET VC takes over

Dr M Shahjahan, a renowned water resources expert and Professor of Water Resources Engineering Department of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), took over as Vice-Chancellor of the University Wednesday, reports UNB.

Prof Shahjahan was appointed VC for a four-year term Tuesday.

He replaced Prof Mosharraf Hossain Khan who has been appointed a member of the University Grants Commission for four years.

Prof Shahjahan while taking over the charge of VC at a simple ceremony sought cooperation of all concerned in discharging his new responsibility.

The function was attended by deans, heads of departments and senior officials of the University.

Speaking on the occasion, the outgoing Vice-Chancellor Prof M H Khan thanked all concerned for their cooperation during his tenure and also urged them to extend similar cooperation to the new VC.

Death anniversary

Death anniversary of former Deputy Secretary of Finance Ministry Mohammad Nurul Haq will be observed on Thursday with a milad mahfil after Azar prayer at his residence 726 Dhanmondi staff quarter, road-14, in the city, a press release said.

All friends and well wishers of Nurul Haq who was also a noted social worker, have been requested to attend the mahfil.

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