

Increased aid to stabilise democracy needed: Saifur

Bangladesh needs increased external assistance to stabilise her newly achieved democracy, Finance and Planning Minister Saifur Rahman has told donors assuring implementation of necessary reforms conducive to a free-market economy, reports UNB.

Bangladesh will implement macro-economic reforms tempering with people's aspiration and political reality, but it needs increased resources for investment in priority sectors, he said addressing the 24th meeting of the Board of Governors of Asian Development Bank (ADB) at Vancouver on April 25 (Thursday).

"At this juncture, Bangladesh requires and deserves increased flow of resources to support its development needs to ease the path of reforms and stabilise democracy in my country," a message received in Dhaka from the Canadian city quoted Rahman as telling the Governors of ADB, the second biggest multilateral donor to the country after World Bank.

ADB gives Bangladesh about 400 million US dollar in soft credit annually for different development sectors.

Prime Minister of Canada Brian Mulroney inaugurated the three-day (April 24-26) ministerial meeting, ADB Pre-

sident Kimimasa Tsurumizu presided.

Explaining economic policies of the new Bangladesh administration, Rahman said the government is firmly committed to democratic pluralism, deregulation and market-oriented economic programmes and policies.

"The government is committed primarily to providing socio-economic infrastructure, assisting human resource development, alleviating poverty through generation of employment and thus setting in motion a process of self-reliant economic growth."

He said agriculture would get the highest priority in the country's development endeavours, and policies about this sector "will have to be carefully tuned to the political and social reality of Bangladesh."

About new government's commitment to encouraging free and competitive economy, Saifur Rahman said the government wanted to create a stable macro economic environment conducive to private sector initiatives and enterprise. "What the government wishes to do is hold out our assurance of certainty and durability in its policies and programmes -- less regulation, less ponderous decision mak-

ing process."

Pointing to government's intention to ensure greater involvement of women in the mainstream of economic activities, Rahman sought ADB's help to find innovative projects for quick accomplishment of the purpose.

Call to make teacher-employee trust effective

A delegation of Bangladesh Federation of Teachers Association (BFTA) led by its Secretary-General Principal AKM Shahidullah called on State Minister for Education Principal Md Eunus Khan at his office in Dhaka on Saturday, reports BSS.

The delegation apprised the State Minister about different problems of the teachers community and requested him to take steps towards making the Teacher Employee Welfare Trust for non-government teachers effective, paying teacher's benefit on monthly basis and solving problems of government colleges.

They also assured the State Minister of all cooperation for making mass literacy programme of the BNP government a success.

Concern over intrusion of Indian gunboats

Political parties on Saturday expressed grave concern over intrusion of Indian naval gunboats into Bangladesh waters and kidnapping 12 fishermen, reports UNB.

Four Indian gunboats, according to press reports, forced into South Talpatty Island in country's southwestern coast last Sunday and took away the Bangladesh fishing there.

The incident occurred three days after violation of internationally recognised border by Indian Border Security Force at Kaptipur in Meherpur, where the BSF shot dead four Bangladeshis.

Party (PNP) Chairman Shawkat Hossain Nilu in a statement termed the Talpatty incident an "aggression" against the independence and sovereignty of the Bangladesh.

ASM Solaiman, President of Krishak Samik Party (KSP), also condemned the encroachment. He demanded that the Government take proper steps to resist what he said Indian expansionist activity against its neighbour.

The main channel of river Haribhanga, which constitutes the boundary between the two countries in the area, flows to the west of South Talpatty, clearly marking it an integral part of Bangladesh territory.

Unnayan Parishad's founding day today

By DU Correspondent

The 11th foundation anniversary of "Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad" will be held today (Sunday) at 4.30 p.m. at the auditorium of the National Institute for Education Administration Extension and Research (NIEAER) in the city.

Prof. Maniruzzaman Miah, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University will attend the function as the chief guest.

Mohammad Sirajuddin, member of Planning Commission will deliver a lecture on "the political culture of Bangladesh".

IJC session concludes

\$19.7 lakh projects approved

The International Jute Council (IJC) in its just concluded session has approved four projects, involving a total expenditure of 19,70,000 US dollars, reports BSS.

The fifteenth session of the IJC, the governing body of the International Jute Organization (IJO) assessed and reviewed

the current jute situation in the world market and examined the competitive position of the natural fibre vis-a-vis synthetics. The four-day session that ended Friday is the first meeting of council after the new international agreement on jute and jute products came into force on April 12.

Besides producers and consumers, representatives and observers from international organisations and donors took part in the session which was chaired by P. Poetray of Indonesia. IJO came into being in 1984 under an agreement signed in 1982. Its five years duration was extended by another two years and during that period IJC approved 20 projects, costing 10.62 million dollars. Fifty per cent of the projects, were implemented and four projects were at various stages of implementation, the session was told.

Shamsul Haque Chishty, executive director of IJO, at a briefing on the outcome of the

council session said with the common fund for commodities began working, the availability of resources to take up projects had been slightly eased. He said although the overall position of the jute in the world has not improved, the response from western Europe for jute products had also been observed.

Chishty said the council noted that though the production of the fibre (jute) continued to increase, its supply position did not improve much. The council estimated that the total export of fibre in the world during current fiscal year was likely to be lower than the previous year and a declining trend in respect of jute products had also been observed.

Chishty said the projects, approved by the council, were earlier recommended by the committee on projects, which preceded the council session. He said both the committee on projects and the council had expressed satisfaction with the progress of various projects, being executed by IJO.

The Executive Director said the council decided to hold three-day 16th session from October 25 in New Delhi. It elected LV Satharishi of India the next chairman and Inger Myhre of Norway Vice Chairman, who in two years time is likely to become the first woman chairman of IJO.

Mokarram Hossain memorial lecture today

By DU Correspondent

Khondokar Mokarram Hossain Memorial Lecture of Dhaka University will be held today (Sunday) at 11 a.m. at the Department of Chemistry of the University.

Renowned Indian chemist and Chairman of the Department of Chemical Sciences of the Indian Institute of Science Prof. V. Krishnan will address the programme.

Solo painting exhibition

A solo painting and copper beating exhibition of Husne Ara Latif will start on May 5, 1991 at 6 pm at German Cultural Centre, 23 Dhanmondi R/A Dhaka, says a press release.

Prof M Shamsul Huq, Chairman University Grants Commission will inaugurate the exhibition while Prof Shamsur Ali, eminent Scientist and Educationist will be the special guest.



Speakers at a discussion meeting on Sher-e-Bangla in city on Saturday. The meeting was organised by Bangladesh Jatiya Gabeona Kendra (National Research Centre).

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Moazzem sued for loss of Tk 4.5 cr

The Bureau of Anti-corruption on Saturday filed two cases against former Deputy Prime Minister Shah Moazzem Hossain for causing loss of about Tk 4.5 crore to the government, reports UNB.

A government handout said, the former DPM, who was also in charge of the Ministry of Food, issued an order to purchase one lakh tons of wheat from Hungary paying seven dollars more for each ton.

The former minister of the ousted Ershad regime paid no heed to the Secretary's recommendation to invite quotation from Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Australia for the procurement.

A case has been instituted against Shah Moazzem with Tejjan police under article 5 (2) of the Anti-corruption Act of 1947.

A separate case was also filed against him by the department for unnecessary purchase of nine lakh pieces of gunny bags misusing about Tk 2.15 crore from the government exchequer.

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Former State Minister Nurunnabi Chand was named a co-accused in the case.

IDA to give \$180m for health project

Negotiations on the Fourth Population and Health Project with IDA and 10 other donors ended in Washington Friday, according to a message received in Dhaka on Saturday, reports UNB.

IDA, the soft-loan affiliate of the World Bank, has agreed to give 180 million US dollars out of the 435 million to be provided for the project by a consortium of 11 donors.

The 800 million US dollar project will strengthen family planning and health service delivery and women's nutrition programmes in Bangladesh.

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SAARC Agri Information Centre meet begins

The fifth meeting of the Governing Board of the SAARC Agricultural Information Centre (SAIC) begins in Dhaka today, reports BSS.

Board members from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka will attend the three-day meeting.

The board will review technical matters and strategic plan for the SAIC, SAIC budget for the year 1991-92, staff rules for support services employees, financial rules and accounting procedures for the SAIC and other relevant matters pertaining to the SAIC.

The governing board will also discuss matter relating to organization of SAIC as a full fledged professional institute.

The meeting will be presided over by the current chairman of the governing board and Executive Vice-Chairman, of the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council Dr M Sujayet Ullah Chowdhury.

Flood information centre at BWDB

A Flood Information Centre will start functioning from May 2 for speedy collection and dissemination of latest news on river positions and floods, says a press release.

The centre located in the 8th floor of WAPDA Building will work round the clock.

Interested quarters are requested kindly to contact the centre at phone numbers: 233118 & 231680.

Death anniversary

The seventh death anniversary of Mohammad Hussain, a renowned industrialist and founder-Chairman of Robin Printing and Packages, will be held today (Sunday) at his 42-43 Purana Paltan residence.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the milad mehfal after Maghreb prayers.



Begum Hosne Ara Khalil, Chairman of the Dhaka Banani Lioness Club recently handed over a cheque of Taka one lakh to the Chairman of the Bangladesh Lions Foundation (BLF) for four beds in the BLF hospital.

Dateline Chittagong

APSU threatens to foil move to remove Vice-Chancellor

Form our Chittagong Office

CHITTAGONG, Apr 27: Chittagong University unit of All-Party Student Unity (APSU) warned it would thwart any "conspiracy" to remove the Vice-Chancellor, reports UNB.

In a statement here today, APSU expressed concern at press reports on a telephonic instruction from the Education Ministry through the University Grants Commission Chairman asking VC Alamgir Mohammad Sirajuddin to quit.

The student alliance will hold a protest meeting on Sunday at 10 am at Saheed Dr. Milton Square against the reported move to change the VC thumping the University Ordinance 1973.

It will also submit memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner and the Police Commissioner after the demonstration.

The varsity has been closed for over four months since December 22 last after violent clashes between Islami

Chhatra Shibir and APSU supporters during a non-cooperation movement for resignation of the VC following his comment against anti-liberation forces. An APSU leader, Faruquzzaman, was killed.

The campus was reopened for students amid tight security on April 23 but closed hours afterwards following an instruction from the Education Ministry fearing re-eruption of violence.

Reopening CU demanded

Leaders of Sammilito Chhatra Oikya Parishad, Bangladesh Adarsha Sikkhak Parishad and Sir AF Rahman Hall Chhatra Sangsad today called for reopening of the Chittagong University and appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor for the university.

In separate statements here they criticised continuation of the closure of the university saying the students were facing uncertainty and the guardians facing huge financial

loss. The signatories to the statements were Adarsha Sikkhak Parishad president Prof. Nurul Karim and General Secretary Abu Taher, Chhatra Oikya Parishad Convener Jasim Uddin Ahmed and Joint Convener Mahfuzul Karim, Sir AF Rahman Hall Chhatra Sangsad Assistant General Secretary Nasir Uddin.

Bangladesh Mohila Parishad leaders and members called upon the government to extend necessary cooperation to Chittagong University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Alamgir Muhammad Serajuddin in restoring a congenial academic atmosphere in the university.

In a statement they said it was undemocratic to ask the university Vice-Chancellor to resign on the pressure of any group. The Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University was a democratically elected person and as such he cannot be asked to resign, they said.

Tk 50,107 cr aid, grants so far

Bangladesh received 21,630.773 million US dollars equivalent to Taka 50,106.98 crore as foreign grants and aid from December 16, 1971 to February 28, 1991, reports BSS.

This was stated at the Jatiya Sangsad Saturday by State Minister for Finance Mujibur Rahman, in reply to a question from M Nurul Islam Moni (Ind Barguna-2).

The Minister said out of the total amount 10,454.182 million US dollars equivalent to Taka 23,665.12 crore as grants while 11,176.591 US dollars equivalent to Taka 26,441.86 crore was received as loans.

The Minister informed the House that the amount of loans received as foreign loans between July 1982 and

February 1991 was 7376.687 million US dollars equivalent to Taka 24,661.14 crore.

In reply to another question from Moni, the State Minister said that the question of proper utilisation of foreign loans needed assessment and review. He said the donor countries or agencies had their own systems of evaluation regarding the proper utilisation of the loan-money. Besides, the Comptroller General of Bangladesh and the Inspection, assessment and evaluation department of the Planning Ministry prepare the inspection and evaluation reports on related matter, he added.

The Minister said that the reports might be examined by the Public Accounts Committee of the Jatiya Sangsad.

Dhaka to get UNESCO Clubs membership

Bangladesh will be offered the membership of Asian Pacific Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations (APFUCA) in its 3-day meeting to be held in New Delhi from April 28, reports UNB.

The President of International Pen-Pals Club and Secretary-General of National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh Mahbubuddin Chowdhury, will attend the 9th Executive Board meeting of APFUCA.

Mahabubuddin left for Karachi on Wednesday at an invitation of the National Youth Council of Pakistan.

Surprise over rejection to make Radio, TV autonomous

By Staff Correspondent

Alhaj Abdus Samad Advocate and Kazi Aliul Islam, President and General Secretary of Bangladesh Gano-Azadi League have expressed surprise and anger at the rejection of the resolution to make the radio and television autonomous bodies.

In a joint statement on Saturday they said the government has violated the joint declaration of the three alliances by rejecting the resolution.

Jamuna devours 100 dwellings

Continued erosion by the Jamuna has made more 15 families homeless and threatened the town protection embankment of Strajganj, reports UNB.

Officials said the homesteads had been destroyed in Paikpara and Ghonapara villages in Sadar upazila of the district in the last 24 hours till evening.

A Water Development Board source said the embankment protecting the municipal area was on the verge of eroding into river Jamuna, now slightly rising.

Standing crops on the two-kilometre bank from Strajganj launch had gone under water due to breach in the embankment, the source said. More than a hundred dwellings in Chaklapara, Molsahapara, Moorgram and Biara

villages in the Sadar upazila have been devoured by the river in the last few days.

About 2,000 metres of the town protection embankment from Railway ferry ghāt which was damaged during last year's flood are also on the verge of collapse.

ABKD executives

By Staff Correspondent

The Annual General Meeting and election for executive committee of 1991-93 of Asia Bunka Dosoki-ABKD (Association of Bangladesh nationals educated/trained in Japan) were held in Dhaka on Friday.

Mr. Momtazuddin Bhuyan and Mr. Reajuddin were elected President and General Secretary respectively of the organisation.

The other members of the committee are: Vice Presidents - Dr. A B Khan, Dr. M K Alam and Dr. Aminul Islam, Joint Secretaries-Nurul Islam Bhuyan and Alauddin Ahmed, Treasurer-A K M Shahidullah, Cultural Secretary-Lokman Ahmed, Publicity Secretary-Reza Ali and the executive members are Ziauddin Ahmed, Badruddin, Ibrahim Hossain, Abdur Rashid Bhuyan and Dr. Matur Rahman Mollah.

Painting show

La Galerie, 54 Kemal Ataturk Ave. holds a painting exhibition of the artist G.S. Kabir from April 26 to May 5. It was inaugurated on April 25 by Serge Degallaix, the Ambassador of France. The exhibition is open daily from 9 am to 8 pm, says a press release.

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