

Ban on movement of old buses relaxed

Fitness certificates of motor vehicles made valid for 1 yr

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Sangsad Saturday passed two bills - The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, and the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Bill by voice votes.

The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill provided for making fitness certificates of all types of motor vehicles valid for one year, and relaxation ban on movement of over 13 years old buses and minibuses, and over 18 years trucks and tank lorries on inter-district routes.

It replaces an ordinance promulgated following a strike observed by motor vehicles owners in July 1990. An agreement was signed between the government and the Bus Truck Owners Association on September 19 and the ordinance was meant for implementing terms of the agreement.

Fifteen members spoke in opposition to the bill. They argued that the bill which was promulgated by the previous government under pressure would only give licence to owners and operators of motor vehicles to recklessly operate motor vehicles causing more accidents.

They observed that the government should instead strengthen the Road Transport Authority and stop corruption in respect of issue of fitness certificates and driving licences. They alleged that fit-

ness certificates can now be bought as motor vehicles inspectors do not check vehicles before issuing fitness certificates.

In reply, Communication Minister Col (ret'd) Ol Ahmed who piloted the bill in the House said that steps have already been taken to strengthen the procedure for issuing fitness certificate through proper checking.

He said that during the rule of the previous government Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) was not adequately equipped to properly discharge its functions.

He said already committees have been formed to guard against violation of traffic rules by operators of motor vehicles and emission of black smoke. Instructions have also been issued to check operation of vehicles without fitness. Steps are underway to stop overloading, and to make owners, operators and pedestrians aware of traffic rules.

The Communication Minister said that the government would fill all vacant posts of motor vehicles inspectors in districts. The bill was passed by a voice vote.

MPs who took part in the discussion on the bill were: Mustafizur Rahman, Principal Nazrul Islam, Azizur Rahman, Rahmat Ali, Khan Tipu Sultan, Dharendra Debnath Sambhu, Sudhansu Sekhar Haldar of Awami League, Shamsur Rahman, Enamul Huq, Latifur Rahman and Sheikh Ansar Ali of Jamaat, Abdur Razzak of BKSAL, Shahjahan Straj of JSD (Siraj), Ziaur Rahman Khan of BNP and independent member Nurul Islam Moni.

The National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Bill seeks to rename the board as National Sports Council.

Opposition bench members who took part in the discussion on the bill said that more changing of the name would be meaningless if the government did not ensure an overall transformation of the sports arena. They complained that sports organisations were plagued by corruption and indiscipline. All sports federations and the National Sports Council should be run by elected executives, they suggested urging the government to free the sports organisations from machinations of coterie interests.

Rly West Zone earns Tk 65.30 cr 34,000 compete for 3,000 RU seats

RAJSHAHARI, Apr 28: About 34,000 students applied for admission into first year honours classes for 1990-91 session in Rajshahi University for 3,000 seats, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Railway West Zone earned Taka 65.30 crore during the last nine months of the current fiscal year, an official handout said on Sunday.

This year's earnings are 28 per cent higher than that of the corresponding period of the previous year.

During this period Bangladesh Railway West Zone carried on crore 58 lakh passengers and earned Taka 19 crore while Taka 3.40 crore was earned from parcels.

The railway carried nine lakh 34 thousand metric tons of goods and earned Taka 33.50 crore. The railway also earned Taka 1.60 crore from estate revenue and Taka 7.80 crore from sundries, the handout said.

Newspaper holiday May 1

The offices of all the newspapers will remain closed on May 1 on the occasion of May Day, reports BSS.

There will be no issue of newspapers on May 2.

Essay contest

By Staff Correspondent

Hilful Fuzul Sangsad will arrange an essay competition on the life of Hazrat Muhammad (S), role of youth organisation against drug and role of youth in establishing democratic society, says a Press release.

The competition will include three groups-Ka, Kha and Ga. School level students upto Class X will be treated for Ka Group, College level students upto HSC for Kha group and graduates and masters level students for Ga group.

The interested students are requested to contact Hilful Fuzul Sangsad, 35/4, Kazirbagh, Wari, Dhaka.

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BFUJ Secretary-General Amanullah Kabir speaking at a discussion meeting at Taher auditorium in city on Sunday. The meeting organised by the Five-party Alliance, focussed on the form of government. Story on Page-1.

Independent member Maj (Ret'd) Hafizuddin Ahmed, Treasury bench member Lt Gen (Ret'd) Mir Shawkat Ali, and Opposition bench members Mohiuddin Ahmed, Abdur Rouf, Rashed Khan Menon, Mizanur Rahman Manu, Jahangir Hossain, Sheikh Hasunur Rashid, Abdul Mattin Khasru, Rashed Moshraf, Khademul Islam and Prof. Rafiqur Islam took part in the discussion on the bill.

Morning walkers welcome New Year

The morning walkers of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar held a function near the Sangsad Bhaban on Friday to welcome the Bengali New Year, reports BSS.

Presided over by eminent banker Lutfar Rahman Sarkar, was also addressed by eminent educationist, Dr Mustafa Nur-ul Islam. Artists rendered Tagore, Nazrul, modern and patriotic songs in the three-hour function which was largely attended.



Tel bey-kardos at the key board at the residence of the US Ambassador W. B. Milan.

Romance on the keynotes

To hear Beethoven and Chopin in Dhaka is a rarity. To have it played with finesse, expertise and grandeur, as did Richard Tetley-Kardos on Friday at the US Ambassador's residence at Gulshan was indeed a great pleasure. His music remained passionate, lyrical and full of excitement. He had warmth, variety and was intensely romantic.

In Japan, he played in 20 cities and worked for Nippon Victoria and Columbia Records. He has played before excited crowds in India, Pakistan and Hong Kong. As for his connection with Europe, his playing was met with such tremendous success that he stayed on there and continued to perform in Europe for a decade.

The pianist who had published his work at 17, hates manuscript writing, and decided to be "a very good pianist" rather than a "half-good composer". His present tour took him to Taiwan, Philippines and to Bangkok. The musician, who grew up in Los Angeles, enjoyed meeting the local students in the Far East and has great praise for the Japanese and Taiwanese players. From Dhaka he proceeds to Calcutta.

167 women rescued

The Leader of the House and Prime Minister, Begum Khaleda Zia, Wednesday told the Jatiya Sangsad that the Government had recovered 167 women out of 170 while they were being sent abroad illegally from January 1989 to December 1990, reports BSS.

Call to remove man, woman disparity

Former Presidential Advisor Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui said that disparity between man and woman in all spheres of national life could be removed only through education, reports BSS. "Pragmatic education at least at primary level is indispensable for every male and female," Prof Siddiqui said while addressing as chief guest the inaugural session of a three-day conference on 'education and gender equity' at the auditorium of the National Museum in Dhaka on Sunday.

Menon's call to uphold ideals of May Day

Rashed Khan Menon, General Secretary of Bangladesh Workers Party, in a statement on Sunday said this year's May Day has a special significance for the working people as the country is now free of autocracy. He said the working people should take the oath to push forward the struggle of the toiling masses in the light of democracy.

Three held in city

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Body recovered, killer father arrested

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Dateline Chittagong

Boat with smuggled cigarettes seized

CHITTAGONG, Apr 28: A ship of Bangladesh Navy has apprehended one mechanised boat from high seas south-west of Cox's Bazar and recovered 500 master cartons of smuggled foreign cigarettes worth about Taka two crore during routine patrol on April 25, an ISPR press release said today, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Navy personnel also arrested all the 11 crew members of the boat who were later handed over to the police while the smuggled cigarettes were deposited with the local customs authorities. Meanwhile, with the active support and information given by the Bangladesh Navy, the Chittagong police authority carried out a surprise raid in the town and arrested the ring leader who is alleged to be the kingpin behind cigarettes smuggling in the country, the press release said.

VC's removal demanded

One hundred and three lawyers of Chittagong District Court have called for removing the present Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University saying he has become a disputed person and failed to run the University peacefully. In a statement in Chittagong on Sunday they said, the university remained closed for more than four months but the situation did not improve as a result of

CUJ's appeal to Observer management

Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) on Sunday called upon the management of the Bangladesh Observer to stop repression on Journalists and other employees of the daily.

A meeting of CUJ, held at press club in Chittagong with its President Mr. Akhtarunabi in the chair, presented the violation of court order by the Management of the paper regarding the dispute between management and journalists.

Final MA exams postponed

Chittagong University authority on Sunday postponed the Master Degree final examinations of 1988 and First year BBA (Hons) of 1990 due to unavoidable circumstances, a university press release said. The examinations were scheduled to commence in the first week of May. Fresh time-table of the ex-

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SAARC meet on tourism begins in Colombo

A three-day meeting of experts from SAARC countries on tourism begins in Colombo Monday, official sources said in Dhaka Sunday, reports BSS. A four-member Bangladesh team has left Dhaka Saturday to attend the meeting. The members of the team are Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism Dauduzzaman Chowdhury, Director of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation Rashidul Huq, President of Association of Bangladesh(ATAB) Dr HEM Iqbal and ATAB Vice President Ferose Ahmed.

Seminar on sanitation tomorrow

A day-long seminar on promotion of rural sanitation in Bangladesh will be held on April 30 at a city hotel, reports BSS. The seminar, sponsored by Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) in collaboration with UNICEF and the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) is being organised by interchain project consultants, an SDC press release said in Dhaka Sunday, reports BSS. Minister for LGED and Cooperatives, Abdus Salam Talukder, will be the chief guest while Mushfiqur Rahman, Secretary of the Local Government Division and Cole P. Dodge, Resident Representative of UNICEF will be the special guests on the occasion. The seminar will be participated, among others, by representatives of the UN and donor agencies, government authorities including Planning Commission, NGOs and private producers involved in sanitation activities in Bangladesh. Swiss Charge d'Affaires A. Mehr shall also address the gathering.

JN varsity teachers condemn terrorism

The Teachers' Association of Jahangirnagar University on Thursday strongly condemned the different terrorist activities by so-called students especially the threat to the life of Dr Arefin Siddiqui, of Dhaka University and forcing former VC Prof Abdul Mannan to withdraw the expulsion order, reports BSS. In a joint statement, Prof Enamul Haq Khan and Dr. Alauddin Ahmed, President and General Secretary respectively of the JUTA, said, education and terrorism could not co-exist and they called upon those students who had created glorious chapters in different movements to root out the ambushed arms holders.

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