

Tk 27.85 cr spent on International Confce Centre

A total of Taka 27 crore 85 lakh and 85 thousand was spent on the construction of the International Conference Centre (ICC) at the President Secretariat, Land Minister Zamrudin Sircar told the Jatiya Sangsad on Monday, reports BSS.

In a written reply to Nurul Islam Mont (Ind-Borguna), the Land Minister said the construction of ICC was completed in November 1988. He said Taka 22 crore 42 lakh and 74 thousand was spent on the construction of Pantha Path and Taka 82 lakh, 78 thousand and 191 on the construction of a fountain at Bijoy Svarani.

He said the government at Jatiya Mohila Party protests police action

Jatiya Mohila Party on Monday held a rally to protest police atrocities on Sunday's procession, reports UNB.

Jatiya Party on Sunday brought out a procession demanding release of JP leaders including its Chairman and former President HM Ershad and Acting Chairman Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, which was obstructed by police at Dainik Bangla crossing while proceeding towards Bangabhaban.

Police resorted to lathi charge when the procession turned violent and pelted stones on police and passing vehicles.

Police also arrested three JP activists and recovered a pistol from one of them.

The protest rally held in front of the Jatiya Press Club this afternoon vehemently condemned police action on a peaceful procession.

Speakers while strongly criticising police harassment of women participants warned that recurrence of such incident would compel Jatiya Mohila Party for launching a greater movement.

They also demanded punishment of those responsible within 7 days and called upon the government to immediately release Ershad and other JP leaders.

The rally over, a procession was brought out which paraded the Topkhana road and dispersed at the Jatiya Press Club.

Miladunnabi observed

Eid-e-Miladunnabi and the 19th founding anniversary of South Goran Ali Ahmed High School were observed through day-long programmes at the school premises in Dhaka Monday, reports BSS.

Both the boys and girls shifts of the school organised milad mahfil, hamd and naat competitions and discussion on Hazrat Mohammad Mostafa (SM) on the occasions.

Ali Ahmed, founder of the school and its committee chairman, presided over the discussion. Mustafiz Billah, headmaster, teachers and students took part in the discussion.

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the directives of the then Works Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam had placed the amount with the Public Works Department for the construction of the fountain. Replying to another question whether these works were done through proper tender notices, the minister replied in the affirmative.

Relief for 24 coastal upazilas

The Ministry of Relief has allocated 1200 tonnes of wheat, 1200 tonnes of rice, 4800 pieces of saree, 4800 pieces of lungi, 24000 tins of biscuit and Taka one lakh 20 thousand as gratuitous relief for the 24 upazilas of 12 coastal districts of the country to tackle the situation following impending cyclone and tidal bore and to help the affected people, reports BSS.

These relief goods have been allocated following a decision taken in an emergency meeting in the ministry of relief with State Minister for Relief Lutfar Rahman Khan in the chair, a PID handout said.

It said that 50 tonnes of wheat, 50 tonnes of rice and Taka 5000 will be distributed among 24 upazilas and 400 pieces of saree, 400 pieces of lungi and 2000 tins of biscuit will be distributed among the 12 districts.

The districts for which these relief have been allocated are Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Noakhali, Feni, Bhola, Patuakhali, Barisal, Bagerhat, Khulna, Satkhira, Barguna and Laxmipur.

Documentary Film on S M Sultan begins today

An exhibition of the documentary film Adam Surat (the Inner Strength) based on the life and activities of eminent artist S M Sultan begins today at the auditorium of Goethe Institute here, a press release said, reports BSS.

On the occasion a discussion will be held at 5 pm and it will be presided over by Mustafa Manower, Managing Director of FDC.

Painter S M Sultan will participate in the discussion, the press release added.

108 held in city on various charges

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) arrested 108 persons on different charges in the city on Monday.

All of them have been sent to court, according to a police press release.

Policy on Mass communication demanded

A forum of ex-students of the Mass Communication and Journalism Department of Dhaka University on Monday demanded the authorities to immediately announce a national communication policy, reports UNB.

Addressing a press conference at the National Press Club in the afternoon, Convener of the forum "Journalism 1985 Batch" Andrew Alak Dewari said a comprehensive communication policy was essential for the country as it could play an active role in national development.

He put forward a 10-point recommendations for properly utilising the science of human communication for the welfare of the country.

The suggestions include additional programmes relating to development communication in the mass media and inclusion of students of communication and journalism in the communication profession. Introduction of development communication in the curriculum of degree class was also suggested.

Joint conveners of the forum Ashrafullah Mahmood and Mostafa Peroz were present.



Members of Bangladesh Trade Engineers Student Unity Council on a token hunger strike on Monday in front of National Press Club in city seeking fulfillment of their various demands. — Star photo

Bridge over Rupsha with rail tracks under study

Communications Minister Oli Ahmed on Monday said a plan for constructing a bridge with provision for rail tracks over the river

Rupsha was under the active consideration of the present government, reports BSS. He was replying to a question from Sheikh Harun-ur-Rashid (AL- Khulna) in the parliament.

The Minister said a feasibility study report on Rupsha Bridge had already been sent to the Planning Commission for consideration.

Oli Ahmed said the previous government did not include the bridge in the fourth Five-Year Plan. But still, he said, considering the importance of the bridge, the present government had taken up this vital project.

Replying to questions from Rashed Khan Menon, (Workers Party- Bakergonj) the minister said work on feasibility report, preliminary survey and design was under way on Sikarpur and Doarika bridges on Barisal-Faridpur highway.

Replying to supplementary questions, Mr. Ahmed said that so far 1,20,000 Kuwatti dinars equivalent to Taka two crore and 30,000 Kuwatti dinars.

Equivalent to Taka 36 lakh, have been received from Kuwait to meet the preliminary expenditures of the Sikarpur and Doarika bridges respectively.

In response to a question from Mr. Mosharraf Hossain (AL- Mymensingh) Mr Ahmed said work was progressing fast to complete the repairing of Mymensingh- Netrokona road.

This road is a part of the feeder road development project of greater Mymensingh district, being implemented under Asian Development Bank assistance.

Suspension of recruitment in govt jobs under fire

The Bangladesh Parliament on Sunday saw a lively debate on suspension of recruitment in government services, reports BSS. The speaker took up the short discussion on "suspension of recruitment in government services" under rule 68 of the Rules of Procedure and invited Principal MM Nazrul Islam (AL-Bhola) to move his motion.

Moving his notice Principal Islam said that the recruitment in government services had been suspended for a long time. He pointed out that the government in an order on March 14, 1990, had stopped recruitments. As a result, frustration was mounting among the youths, he said adding, social resentment, and deterioration of law and order are the other impacts of non-recruitment in government services.

He said people of the country had been deprived of state service. Moreover, it was a denial to the people of their civic right, he added. The Awami League member referred to the recent government decision regarding raising the age-limit for entering government service and said by stopping new recruitment the government had taken back what it had given by enhancing the age-limit for government jobs.

He strongly pleaded for the withdrawal of the order stopping new recruitment in government service. Speaking on the discussion on matter of urgent public importance, State Minister for Finance Mr. Mujibur Rahman outlined the measures taken by the government for creating employment opportunities for the youth.

He said after assuming power, the BNP government which raised the age limit for entry into government jobs from 27 years to 30 years. This step would benefit many educated men and women from the pangs of unemployment caused by the age bar. Such a situation was created by the past autocratic government by stopping new recruitment, he said.

Mr. Rahman told the House that measures would be taken for filling up the vacant posts. The present government would take various steps aiming at the welfare of the people. These measures would also cover the area of employment, he said.

He took serious exception to certain remarks of Awami League MP AKM Jahangir Hussain and urged the chair expunge them.

Plea to pass Tobacco Products Marketing Control (Amend) Bill

Students Anti Smoking Committee (SASC) urged the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina and all MPs to pass the Tobacco Products Marketing (Control) Amendment Bill 90 in the current session of the Jatiya Sangsad, reports UNB.

In a joint press statement signed by 19 eminent personalities from all walks of life, they said not only the advertisement of cigarettes but all kinds of tobacco products should be banned in the mass media including Radio and TV.

The signatories to the statement, among others were National Prof. Dr Nurul Islam, Obaidul Haque, Begum Suфия Kamal, Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed and Prof. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury.

AL public meet today

By Staff Correspondent. Awami League Chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina will address a public meeting at Bangabandhu Avenue today at 3 pm on the occasion of May Day.

The central leaders of Awami League and Sramik League will address the meeting.

Bohra Community chief due May 6

The chief of Dawoodi Bohra community Dr. Sayedana Mohammed Burhanuddin Shaheb will visit Bangladesh on May 6, reports BSS.

According to a press release of the community, Bhai Shaheb, an Emissary of Dr Burhanuddin is already in the city in connection with organising the first ever visit his holiness to Bangladesh.

Bhai Shaheb visited the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban along with the leaders of the Bohra community in Bangladesh and exchanged views with ministers, Leader of the Opposition and members of the parliament Monday afternoon.

The Minister of State for Religious Affairs, Prof MA Mannan is expected to receive Dr Sayedana Mohammed Burhanuddin Shaheb at the airport.

Seminar

A seminar on "corruption and nepotism are the hindrances of development" will be held at 80, New Elephant Road today (Tuesday). Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury will be the chief guest at the seminar organised by 'Anannya Sanskritik Andolon'.

It will be inaugurated by Dewan Mohammad Azfar.

Obituary

Dr Shamsuddin Ahmed, a physician of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, died of a heart attack at the Suhrawardi Hospital here Sunday night. He was 45, reports BSS.

Dr. Shamsuddin left behind his wife, relatives, friends and well-wishers to mourn his death. The Namaz-e-Janaza of the deceased will be held today after Zohar Prayer at the Dhaka University Central Mosque.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Mohammad Masud Khan, a renowned educationist will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) after Aar prayer at his Baridhara residence, reports UNB.

Masud Khan died of cardiac arrest on March 22. Relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to attend the Chehlum.

Dateline Chittagong

Plea to help end CU stalemate

CHITTAGONG, Apr 29: Sammlito Peshajibi Sangsad President Advocate Badtul Alam and General Secretary Principal Muhammad Taher on Monday called upon the concerned authorities to end the stalemate of the Chittagong University by appointing a new Vice-Chancellor for the university, reports BSS.

In a statement here, they expressed deep concern over the continued closure of the university creating uncertainty for several thousand students saying the university needs a non-partisan Vice-Chancellor to run it peacefully.

They demanded publication of the inquiry commission report and implementation of its recommendations.

Mahila majlis

Chittagong City Branch of Bangladesh Islami Mahila Majlis President, Dr. Rizia Ahmed and General Secretary Begum Tayebun-Nahar Monday said that the present Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University had become a controversial person and as such he could not restore normal

Cigarettes seized

Kotwali police seized 1950 cartons of contraband cigarettes worth Taka 8 lakh from a godown at Rezauddin Bazar here today, police said, reports BSS. Acting on Secret Informants

Support to cooperative activities assured

Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman said in Dhaka Monday that the government would extend all possible support to cooperative activities to turn them into a real movement aiming at bringing economic emancipation of the people, reports UNB.

"The present BNP government wholeheartedly supports the cooperative movement as a part of its policy to achieve progress and prosperity in the country," Mustafiz told a seminar Monday morning.

The Minister was inaugurating a seminar on development of human resources through

Lecture series at BUET begin

A four-day lecture-series on "Reservoir engineering fundamentals and applications" began at the Institute of appropriate Technology of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) in Dhaka Monday, reports BSS.

It was organised by the University of Alberta-BUET institutional Linkage Project.

The inaugural session was lectured by Jim Werth, reservoir engineering expert of Canada, Ralph Russell, Director of Mega Engineering Ltd and Prof AMM Saifullah, Project Manager, University of Alberta-BUET institutional Linkage Project. 25 participants from different government, semi-government and autonomous organizations are participating in the programme.

Short stories invited

Proyet Sahitya Sangha — a literary organisation has invited short stories for its monthly journal 'Kaleros'. reports BSS.

According to a press release, Taka 2,000 will be awarded for the best story. Prospective writers have been requested to send their stories to editor, 'Kaleros', 270/1 Fakirpool Dhaka by May 20 next.

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