

New executives of CCCI elected

CHITTAGONG, June 27: Engineer Ali Ahmed has been elected unanimously President of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) for 1991-92 and 1992-93, reports BSS.

ASM Abul Kalam and Jafrul Islam Chowdhury have also been elected unanimously Vice President of the CCCI.

According to a press release today, the election was held at the Chamber's auditorium yesterday with the newly elected member of the Board of Directors, Nader Khan, in the chair.

Ali Ahmed, President of CCCI is the Managing Director of Esteck Ltd, Chittagong while First Vice President ASM Abul Kalam is the proprietor of Messrs Tahin Enterprise and Second Vice-President Jafrul Islam Chowdhury is the proprietor of Messrs Anki and Brothers.

The other members of the Board of Directors are: Messrs Abdullah-al-Ahsan, Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, Alhaj Najmul Islam (Babul), MD Abdus Salam, Md Jahangir Alam Khan, Md Kabir, Mattur Rahman, Nurul Islam, Nader Khan, Selim Ahmed, Sarwar Jamal, Nizam Ali Ahmed, Chowdhury Md Shahabuddin, Kamaluddin Ahmed, Kalipada Das, SM Jamaluddin, Md Nazimuddin, Md Nurul Amin, Mirza Mohammad Babur, Nurul Kayum Khan and Iyabuk Ali Mamu.

48,778 candidates of Ctg to appear at SSC exams

CHITTAGONG, June 27: A total of 48,778 candidates of greater Chittagong district will appear at the SSC examination under Comilla Board commencing June 30, official sources said here today, reports BSS.

The concerned authorities have already finalised all preparations to conduct examinations smoothly at 49 centres including Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari.

Of the total candidates, 29,240 belong to social science group and the rest belong to general science group.

A total of 7,253 candidates will appear at six centres of the Chittagong city.

The SSC examination was due to be held on May 2 last but it was shifted to June 30 on account of devastating cyclone and tidal surge on April 29. Almost all educational institutions were damaged and the candidates were affected by the cyclone and tidal surge.

Momen made Ambassador to Saudi Arabia

The government has decided to appoint Abdul Momen Chowdhury, at present Ambassador of Bangladesh to Bahrain, as Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It was officially announced Thursday, reports BSS.



Moinul Ahsan Saber and Moazzem Hossain were awarded Philips prize Thursday for literature and journalism respectively. Louis P. C. Luckner, Managing Director of Philips Bangladesh Ltd and noted writer and novelist Shawkat Ali also seen.

Philips award distributed

By Staff Correspondent

Philips Bangladesh Ltd on Thursday distributed awards among the recipients of Philips award for the Bengali year 1397 for literature and journalism in a simple ceremony held at Hotel Sheraton.

This year's recipients are, Moinul Ahsan Saber for literature and Moazzem Hossain for journalism. Louis PC Luckner, the Managing Director of Philips Bangladesh Ltd, in his presidential speech said journalists and writers are always held in high esteem in any society. They are the voice of the nation and also play a dominant role in moulding the minds of the people for the development of a country.

Sawkat Ali, a veteran literary personality, in his speech as the chief guest said literature and culture become feeble if these do not get enough incentives from the society. The Philips award serves as the incentive. He congratulated the recipients of the award.

Later, expressing his feelings after receiving the award, Moinul Ahsan Saber said he feels the urge to write even better after receiving the award. He hoped that this urge would lead him towards the goal of a writer.

Moazzem Hossain, who is a Dhaka University correspondent of Dainik Bangla, said he did not think of getting an award when filing the story on the session Jam of Dhaka University. He said his urge was to make the policy makers aware of the consequences of the vicious circle of session jam. He said he would be happy if the authority takes step to solve the problem.

Low literacy an impediment to population control

Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman Thursday said that the present government would give utmost importance to education for effective control of population explosion and development of human resources, reports BSS.

"A massive drive will be taken through education for popularising and executing different programmes of family planning," he said.

The Minister was speaking at the inauguration of the day-long conference to discuss the study report entitled "Impact of population programme performance at district level" held at the NEC building of the Planning Commission in Dhaka. Presided over by Dr Ekram Hossain, Member, Planning Commission, the inaugural session was addressed by Khondkar Asaduzzaman, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; Syed Ahmed, Secretary, planning and Dr M A Mabud, Director, PDEU (Population, Development and Evaluation Unit).

Saifur Rahman said low rate of literacy is a big impediment in containing population explosion and attaining economic development. He said despite

huge spending in the past by the government and other organisations in population control, even minimum target could not be achieved.

He said the overall economic development of the country had been stagnated and suffered due to population pressure. The development process is being hampered as many farm lands have been turned into houses to accommodate burgeoning population, he pointed out.

The Finance Minister said huge funds were being spent to meet the expenses on food, housing, medicare and education of 44 lakh babies born every year.

Saifur Rahman, who advocated for enhanced facilities for education in a planned manner at the primary level to solve the population problem, laid emphasis on female education to address the issue properly. People have to be made conscious about the impact of over population on economic infrastructure. The population planning programme will only succeed through education, he added.

The Minister expressed the hope that the joint efforts of

the planners, experts and the field workers would be crowned with effective solution for controlling population growth.

Planning Secretary Syed Ahmed called for linking research findings with field activities. He also asked for taking effective steps in the light of past failures.

Khondkar Asaduzzaman was of the view that the conference would be able to help establish linkage between the planners and the field workers for the success of the programme. He said if needed crash programme would be taken up for implementation of the objectives in this field.

In his presidential address Dr Ekram Hossain underlined the importance of educating the masses of the adverse impact of population explosion. To achieve that objective, the level of skill in field work and education has to be doubled, he said.

The field level officers at the upazilas and districts engaged in population planning programme attended the conference.

MCH-FP integration with immunisation makes strides

By Dr Muhammad Musa

Outreach Immunization is the new strategy of the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning (MOHFP) of the Bangladesh Government.

The strategy was designed and launched in the country in 1985-86 when the MOHFP realized that the vaccination coverage of infants (under 1 year of age) against

six major childhood diseases, i.e. tetanus, diphtheria, measles whooping cough, tuberculosis and poliomyelitis, was less than 2% for every year of vaccination, despite the fact that the programme had operated in the country since 1979.

It was also discovered that the reasons for this low immunization coverage were not the resource constraints of MOHFP, but rather its center-based strategy, where one EPI technician was assigned to one Upazila Health Complex (UHC). This one EPI technician was responsible for organizing and conducting immunization sessions once a week at the UHC and once a month in every Union health and Family Welfare Centers (UHFWCs). It was expected that village mothers would come to these centers with their children on their own to receive vaccines.

According to the Outreach Immunization strategy, the vaccination sessions are now being conducted at the village level by the domiciliary level health and family planning workers of MOHFP. One Health Assistant (HA) and one Family Welfare Assistant (FWA) from each ward (each ward has an

average population of 6 to 7 thousand) were trained on the technical aspects of immunization and also on the organizational aspect of outreach programming. With the active involvement of the community, eight outreach vaccination sites were selected in each ward, where vaccination services are being offered by a team of HA and FWA on a weekly basis.

A well-designed social mobilization among rural people. The ultimate goal of this new EPI strategy is to immunize more than 80% of women of child bearing age and their children.

CARE-Bangladesh, through its TICA (Training Immunizers in the Community Approach) project became involved in the Outreach Immunization programme in the Khulna Division in 1986, when MOHFP invited Non Government Organizations (NGOs) who were working in the area of health and population control in the country, to assist them in the effective implementation of outreach programming of EPI.

CARE-TICA assigned one Community Organizer and one Health Trainer to each of the 96 upazilas of Khulna Division

Chehlum of Ilias Ahmed today

A milad mahfil marking the chehlum of Awami League leader and ex-MP Ilias Ahmed Chowdhury will be held today (Friday) after Asr prayer at his family residence at Dhanmondi, reports UNB.

Friends, relatives and party leaders and workers have been requested to attend it, said an Awami League press release in Dhaka Thursday.

to work with upazila and union level MOHFP staff. By working together with MOHFP staff, CARE-TICA were involved in the training of government immunizers and their union and upazila level supervisors in the technical aspects of immunization and also in the areas of local level planning, supervision, monitoring, logistics management and community mobilization at the district and the national level.

TICA staff were also involved in strengthening district management and mid level MOHFP. At present, TICA staff are working closely with 5,376 trained immunizers

(HA/FWA), 1,792 union level supervisors (AHI/FPA) and 438 district and upazila managers of MOHFP in Khulna Division.

Each month the trained immunizers organizes 10,752 rural outreach immunization sessions in the Division, and offer immunization services to an average of 322,560 rural mothers and 161,280 children under the age of one. A coverage evaluation conducted jointly by the government of Bangladesh

WHO/UNICEF/SIDA/USAID in 1987 revealed that the full immunization coverage for infants and women of child bearing age was increased by more than 10 fold in one year of outreach programming.

Dateline Chittagong Tk 128 cr CCC budget announced

CHITTAGONG, June 27: Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor Mir Muhammad Nasiruddin today announced the corporation's budget of over Taka 128.22 crore for 1991-92 fiscal year, reports BSS.

Announcing the budget at the corporation's auditorium, the CCC Mayor said it includes government grant of Taka 50 crore for city rehabilitation programme in view of the cyclone storm and tidal surge and Taka 34 crore for World Bank aided environment development project.

Nasiruddin gave a picture of the corporation's financial problems and city development projects as well.

Dwelling on the budget, the Mayor said it would not only be a document for money management but also ensure city uplift programmes despite limited resources. In this respect, he called upon the corporation officials and city dwellers to speed up city development. He said, the object of budget would be to

present a beautiful city worth the name - the mighty worth of the east. Among others, Begum Rosy Kabir, MP and city BNP leaders Advocate Badrul Anwar, Ekramul Karim, Abdur Sabur, A M Nazimuddin and Ex-MP Nazrul Islam were present on the occasion.

1,500 families to get assistance

Another report adds: A total of 1,500 families in eight slum areas of the metropolis will be provided with minimum requirements of life by December this year under Chittagong Slum Improvement Project (CSIP).

CSIP Project Manager and Local Government Engineering Bureau (LGEB) Executive Engineer Wahidur Rahman told this at a review meeting on the project held Thursday at Chittagong City Corporation (CCC).

Held with CCC Executive Officer Abu Hafiz in the chair, the meeting was attended, among others, by UNICEF

Representative Bikram Kishore Chakma

The works on CSIP projects began from the first half of the last year with the inclusion of three slum areas at Parbatipara, Barua Colony and Bandile Sweeper Colony. The CSIP Executive Committee also approved inclusion of more programmes for slums, one each at Kodak Kata, Matzpara and Agrabad Bastuhara Colony. In the meantime 1500 families from these six slums have been enrolled in the project.

Financed by the UNICEF, the programme is being executed by LGEB. Among others, LGEB is entrusted with monitoring, evaluation and supervision of CSIP programmes which include motivation and community organisation of the slum dwellers, health and sanitation, functional literacy, water supply, drainage, footpath street lights, family planning and income generating projects especially for women.

Chittagong City Corporation is responsible for field level execution of the CSIP projects.

ADAB plan to provide sweet water in cyclone-hit areas

By BUET Correspondent

The Agricultural Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB), a non-government organisation, has initiated a massive programme to mitigate the scarcity of sweet water in the coastal areas including sanitation facilities and non-vilification of the pond water following the devastating cyclone and tidal surge.

According to a recent report made by ADAB it has been observed that 80 per cent of the tubewells have been damaged completely or partially in the affected upazilas. In statistics it showed 21,112 tubewells have been affected in 27 upazilas of which 14 are under Chittagong district, 7 under Cox's Bazar, 3 under Noakhali and 3 under Feni district.

The Public Health Engineering Department has sunk 1,030 new tubewells including resinking and repairing of 2,105 and 6,708 tubewells respectively, which is not at all sufficient to meet the necessary requirement for providing sweet water in the coastal regions. The statistics also found 5,820 tubewells are still left for resinking and 2,148 tubewells to be constructed newly.

The report further observed that poor sanitation was still prevailing in the affected areas. The affected upazilas have covered as many as 54 affected village sanitation centres in which 25,527 sanitary latrines have been totally destroyed. Out of them, the

Government will reconstruct 13,500 latrines and the rest 12,027 latrines will be set up by the forum.

Besides ensuring potable water and sanitary latrines in the affected areas, the ADAB has taken a one-year long rehabilitation programme which will be accomplished in three phases.

The programme will include installation of 2,148 new tubewells in the affected regions. It will also cover resinking of 3,650 tubewells and repairing 5,820 tubewells including reconstruction of 7,000 well platforms. Moreover, the forum will consecrate 120 village sanitation centres which will produce and distribute 12,000 sets of sanitary latrines in 27 upazilas under 4 districts (Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Noakhali, Feni) at the cost of more than 3 crore take.

The NGO forum has also introduced a programme to alleviate the salinity of water at 21,000 ponds in 19 upazilas with the assistance of 59 NGOs and BADC.

Meanwhile, it has already purified 5,028 ponds by June 12. To facilitate the salinity alleviation programme the NGO forum has signed an agreement with BADC, according to which 'the latter will provide 900 low-lift pump while the forum will supply fuel and local transportation cost worth about Taka 20 lakh.

£50m British aid for good govt in LDCs likely

Britain would commit 50 million pound from its bilateral aid programme over the next year for direct support for good government in developing countries, reports UNB.

This was stated by British Minister for Overseas Development Lynda Chalker, MP, while speaking at a joint meeting of the Overseas Development Institute and the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London Thursday, says a press release.

Lynda said areas covered would include reforming the structures and procedures of central and local government, economic policy reform, assistance in drafting legislation, training for police, customs and civil servants, election monitoring, support for the media, human rights groups and other non-governmental organisations and improving accountability standards.

"The link between good government and development is firmly established", she said adding that Britain is leading the way on incorporating good government criteria into aid policy.

Replying to the demand that aid should be provided whatever the circumstances, the British Minister said aid cannot be given in a policy vacuum because aid ministers are responsible to their own parliament and people. She said good government

was not an excuse to cut the aid programme. "We simply want to channel our aid to where it will do most good", she added.

FM leaves for SAARC meet

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman leaves Dhaka Monday for Male to attend the meeting of the Council of Ministers of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), reports UNB.

The two-day SAARC ministerial conference begins Wednesday (July 4) in the capital of Maldives.

The Foreign Minister will lead a three-member delegation to the meeting which will draft the agenda for the sixth SAARC summit scheduled for Colombo by the year end.

The delegation comprises Additional Foreign Secretary Riaz Rahman and Director General (SAARC) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Shamsur Mobin Chowdhury.

Aside the Male meet, Mostafiz will also discuss bilateral matters with his counterparts from other member-countries of the seven-nation forum, official sources here said today.

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Khaleda greets Turkish PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has conveyed her warm greetings and sincere congratulations to Mesut Yilmaz on his appointment as the Prime Minister of Turkey, reports BSS.

In a message of felicitation to the newly appointed Turkish Prime Minister Thursday Begum Khaleda Zia said, "I took forward to the pleasure of working with you for further strengthening the friendly relations between the two countries."

Begum Zia also wished Mesut Yilmaz every success in his new office and continued peace and prosperity of the Turkish people.

Wanted

- List of wanted individuals including Secretary, BSWTA, Assistant Director, and other officials with their respective details and contact information.

Tender

- List of tender notices for various projects including Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation, Director General, Directorate General Defence Purchase, and Chief Mechanical Engineer.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the District Food Controller Narsingdi Tender Notice For carrying foodgrains by road to inter L.S.D.'s in Narsingdi District and appointment of Labour Contractors at the L.S.D.'s.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Chief Controller of Import & Export Dhaka Public Notice No. 110 (89-91)/IMPORT (Import Trade Control) Dated: 19-06-91