

Chhatra Front rally today

By DU Correspondent

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, the student wing of BSD (Khalique) decided to hold a rally today (Tuesday) in the Madhu's Canteen premises to observe the Education Day.

It will also submit memorandum to the Ministry of Education to press home its demands.

People greeted for giving 'yes' votes

Public leaders and different organisations representing various shades of opinion Monday congratulated the people for giving massive 'Yes' votes in the just concluded referendum for reverting to the parliamentary democracy, reports BSS.

Issuing statements, they said the mandate of the people in favour of parliamentary system of government would give institutional shape to democracy and establish accountable government in the country.

In a press statement, State Minister for Education Principal Md. Eunus Khan expressed his gratitude to the people for taking part in the referendum and giving 'Yes' verdict for parliamentary democracy.

Shahjahan Siraj and Nazrul Islam, President and General Secretary respectively of JSF (S) said now that the parliamentary system of government was going to be established in the country through the verdict of the people, the political circles would be better able to devote themselves to the task of economic emancipation of the common man.

Dr Abul Ahsan, President, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry and members of its executive council and Narayanj Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Alhaj Hohammad Fazlur Rahman expressed the hope that the establishment of the parliamentary democracy through the mandate of the people would usher in a new era of progress in political, social and economic fields.



Students of Rokeya Hall of Dhaka University showing their identity cards before entering the hall on Monday. —Star photo

Bankers asked to extend credit to rural people

Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman Monday called upon the managements of both nationalised and private commercial banks to extend more credit facilities to the countryside — both in farming and rural industries — for the twin goal of activating the economy and helping people improve their economic condition, reports BSS.

"There is no dearth of fund. What was needed was to channelise those through good borrowers in rural areas," he told a meeting of the Managing Directors of the nationalised and private commercial banks, heads of development financial institutions and representatives of foreign banks operating in Bangladesh also attended the meeting held at the NEC building at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

Governor of Bangladesh S B Chowdhury also addressed the gathering.

The Finance Minister asked the bankers to extend credit to the rural people on the basis of the practised client and customer relationship. Reminding them of their social obligation, the minister said banks also have to share the burden of working for the welfare of the people.

Saifur Rahman said in a

market economy, the banks, the financial institutions, have a great role to play. He said the role of banks was further felt in our economy seriously affected by years of mismanagement.

Referring to debt relief of farmers up to certain limit, the Finance Minister pointed out that the directives of the government have not been properly followed. Rather poor farmers are being harassed, he noted. He asked the Managing Directors of all those banks which extended farm credits to see that government directives were implemented without any delay and harassment to loanee.

While sounding a note of warning to the public sector banks about implementation of the government policy on debt burden of farmers, the Finance Minister asked the Managing Director to submit quarterly report on loan forgiveness.

Reiterating that the present government was democratic and at the same time answerable to the people, the Finance Minister said farm credit should be extended liberally as there was no "shortage of fund or credit crunch." He also asked MDs to visit districts and zones to instruct managers to work accordingly.

While emphasising on fair practice while extending credit, the minister said in a deregulated economy there was no scope for corrupt practices. He also noted that in a free market economy, transparency was the compelling element in banking transactions. He said banks should give priority in extending loan to the rural sector, larger allocation had been made in the budget for this.

The Finance Minister said the government would ensure stable environment and rule of law and assured the bankers that no arbitrary actions would be taken against any one.

As for the defaulters, the minister said efforts would be made vigorously to realise money. He asked if loans were not realised wherefrom will the fresh credit will flow? He asked the foreign banks to take part in social economic development in extending credit in rural sector. He also urged them to use their expertise and experience in helping the economy.

Addressing the gathering Bangladesh Bank governor said though agriculture's contribution in the GDP was about fifty per cent, credit flows to that sector was about 25 per cent.

HERE and THERE

BSD

Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) leader Khalequzzaman Bhuiyan on Monday felicitated the people for voting in favour of parliamentary system of government.

He said that with the final passage of 12th Amendment Bill, transition to democracy has been stepped up. This will be more fruitful if the 2nd, 5th 7th, and 8th Constitutional Amendment Bills are repealed, he added.

Pragatishil Chhatra Dal

Pragatishil Jatiyatibadi Chhatra Dal on Monday expressed concern over the reopening of Dhaka University without taking proper measures to curb violence and terrorism.

Bail granted

By A Court Correspondent Justice Ismailuddin Sarker and Justice Kazi Saifuddin, granted bail to Ranu Mia of village Manikura, PS Golapganj of Sylhet district.

The prosecution case is that Ranu Mia took Taka 80,000 from the nephew of the informant Mozu for sending him to Libya but could neither send him nor refund the money taken from the complainant's nephew.

The upazila magistrate, Golapganj, Sylhet found the petitioner guilty U/5 420/406 BPV and sentenced him to one and half years rigorous imprisonment (RI) and to pay a fine of Tk 5000 in default to suffer 1E for further three months.

The petitioner preferred an appeal before the Session Judge, Sylhet, who had transferred the appeal to Hasan Siddique, Additional Session Judge First Court, Sylhet, for disposal. Additional Judge refused bail, pending hearing the appeal, while there was no objection from the public prosecutor in granting bail.

The petitioner then preferred an application for bail pending hearing of the appeal and their Lordships pleased to enlarge him on bail till hearing of the appeal.

The petition was moved by G A Khan Advocate, assisted by M A Majid.

BEXIMCO declares 20 p.c. dividend

Annual General Meeting of Bangladesh Export Import Company Ltd (BEXIMCO) was held recently at ICMA Bhaban auditorium, says a press release. The meeting was presided over by the Chairman and Managing Director A S F Rahman.

BEXIMCO declared 20 per cent dividend and elected directors for the next period. Audited accounts for the year 1989-90 was accepted by the shareholders unanimously.

The company achieved total turnover of Taka 153.25 crore and earned profit of Taka 1.58 crore. Company contributed Taka 847 crore to the national exchequer in the form of taxes, duties, etc. during that year.

The shareholders expressed their fullest confidence on the Beximco management and lauded Beximco's performance. Shareholders also assured their continued support to Beximco and requested the management to undertake new industrial ventures to create employment and help the country economy to prosper.

meeting with organisation's President Motahar Hossain Chowdhury in the chair adopted a resolution demanding insurance from the authorities that no untoward incident would be occurred on the campus.

Yousuf Ajar, Dulal Chandra Karmakar and Hamdul Islam Pavel also spoke at the meeting, said a press release.

Acting Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Abbas Ali Khan on Monday urged the government to send immediate relief materials to the flood affected areas otherwise, he feared many people would die.

During his visit to Dinajpur and Nawabganj flood-hit areas, the Jamaat leaders saw a large number of people were starving. He distributed breads among the flood victims of the areas, the press release added.

Dhaka College Students Union

Dhaka College Students Union on Monday demanded the withdrawal of false charges against the VP and Social Welfare Secretary of beating a Jubo League worker.

Mir Sarfat Ali Sapu, VP of the union in a press conference at the National Press Club said Harun who was claimed to be a Jubo League worker, was a known 'hijacker' of New Market area.

The college union leader was not aware of the incident in which Harun was manhandled by the Awami League was splashing propaganda against Sapu and Mir Newaz Ali.

He also alleged that AL supporters created violence in presence of Sheikh Hasina during by-election on Wednesday in Mohammadpur area.

He also demanded immediate arrest of alleged terrorist Harun alias Goga Harun.

Tributes paid to Anukul Thakur

Speakers at a discussion meeting in Dhaka Monday paid glowing tributes to Sree Sree Anukul Chandra Thakur and recalled the universal ideals and humanism, preached by him, reports BSS.

The discussion meeting was held in observance of his 104th birth anniversary at the auditorium of the Bishwa Sahitya Kendra.

Organised by Bangladesh Satsanga Asram, it was presided over by Dr Ashraf Siddiqi, educationist and Chairman, BSS Board of Directors.

Dr Parsh Chandra Mandal, Prof Dhaka University, D P Barua, Managing Director and Chief Editor, Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha, Al-Amin, former Vice-Principal of Faujdardhat Cadet College, Shamsul Alam, Principal Adarsha College and Kazi Salauddin Ahmed took part in the discussions.

Sree Rajbharhi Aditya, Acting Secretary of the Asram presented a paper evaluating the outstanding contributions of Sree Sree Thakur.

Dr Ashraf Siddiqi said great men like Anukul Chandra Thakur are not born in all ages but they are born to preach universal ideals for mankind. He said Anukul Thakur preached spiritualism to uphold humanism. "The essence of all religions is humanism," he said and called for following his ideals and philosophy for communal amity and harmony.

Notice inviting applications for pre-qualification of Contractors for work under the emergency cyclone protection project

1. Applications from the enlisted "A" Class Contractors of BWDB having valid Registration for 1990-91 are invited for pre-qualification for the work detailed below :-

Name of the work with location	Approximate estimated cost	Contractors entitled to participate
Construction and Re-construction of embankments in Polder No. 71, Kutubdia, Polder No. 69, Moheshkali and Polder No. 66/3, Cox's Bazar, all under Cox's Bazar O&M Division.	15 separate contracts to a value of approximately 30 Million Taka each.	"A" Class contractors of BWDB enlisted for 1990-1991.

2. Approximate scope of each contract package shown in the following table:-

Contract No.	Polder No.	Embankments (K.M.)		Hydraulic structures Nos.	Earth work Quantity M ³ x 10 ³	Hydraulic fill M ³ x 10 ³
		Reconstruction	New			
1.	71	6.5	-	-	435	-
2.	71	6.5	-	-	435	-
3.	71	-	6.5	-	435	-
4.	71	-	6.5	-	435	-
5.	71	6.5	-	-	435	-
6.	71	6.5	-	-	435	-
7.	71	-	-	3	-	-
8.	71	-	-	3	-	-
9.	66/3	10.1	2.0	-	300	-
10.	66/3	-	-	3	-	-
11.	69	4.3	-	-	300	-
12.	69	4.3	-	-	300	-
13.	69	4.3	-	-	350	-
14.	69	-	-	4	-	-
15.	71	-	-	-	-	1200

3. Contractors who have successfully completed earth work in embankment with mechanical compaction and similar works amounting to minimum Tk.100.00 (One hundred) lacs in a single contract in last three years can apply for embankment and those who have completed works of Bank Revetment, Hydraulic structure, Bridges, Syphons, Regulators, Sluices costing minimum of Tk. 150.00 (One hundred fifty) lacs in a single contract in last three years can apply for hydraulic structures in group Nos. 7, 8, 10 and 14.

Contractors with experience in and have the required equipment for dredging and placing hydraulic fill are encouraged for pre-qualification.

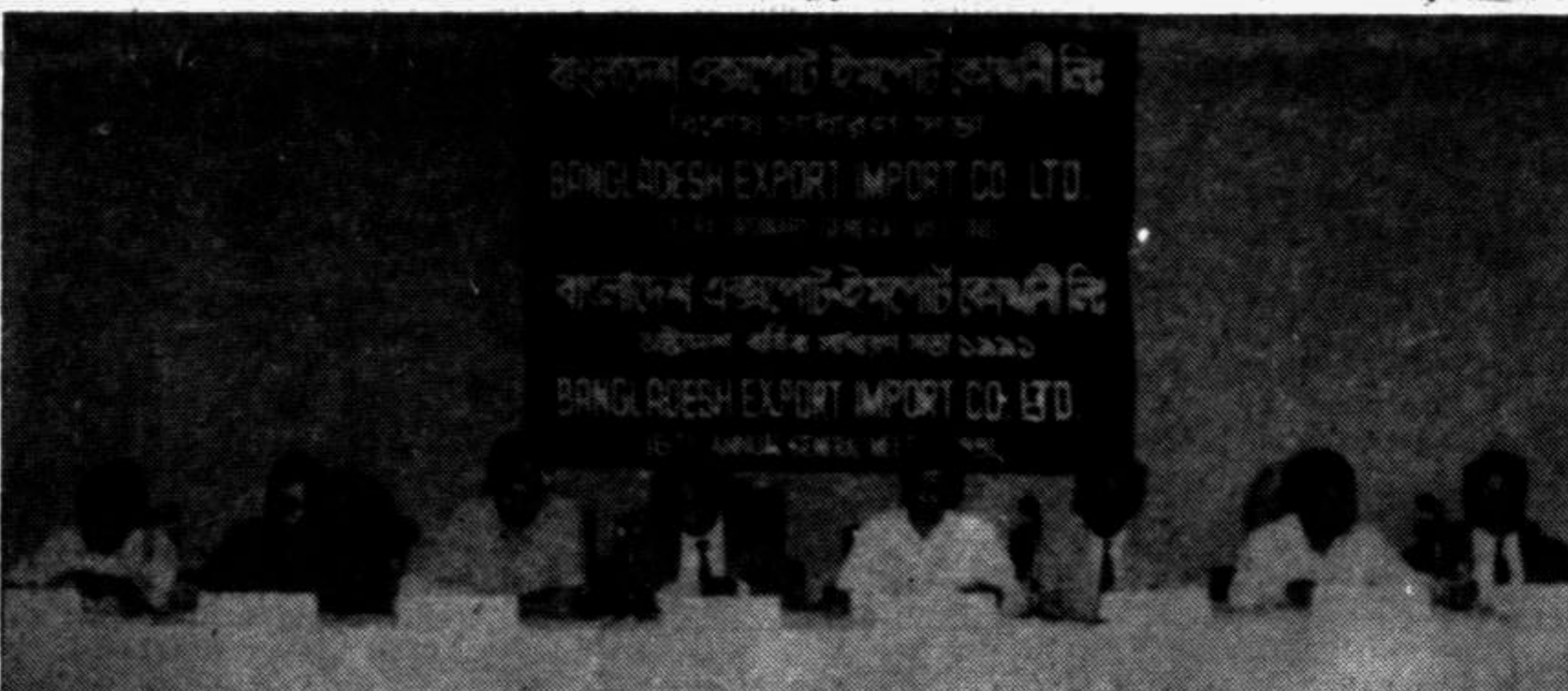
4. The work will be financed by the Saudi Govt. and the Govt. of Bangladesh.

5. Interested contractors may obtain pre-qualification form from the following offices during office hours on payment of Tk. 700.00 (Taka seven hundred) per set.

- Office of the Addl. Chief Engineer, South Eastern Zone, BWDB, Comilla.
- Office of the Addl. Chief Engineer, Monitoring and Evaluation, BWDB, WAPDA Building, Dhaka.
- Office of the Superintending Engineer, Chittagong O & M Circle, BWDB, Chittagong.
- Office of the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka O & M Circle, BWDB, Dhaka.
- Office of the Executive Engineer, Cox's Bazar O&M Division, BWDB, Cox's Bazar.
- The last date of receiving the application is 6-10-1991 up to 12.30 P.M.
- The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the pre-qualification applications without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Executive Engineer,
Cox's Bazar O&M Division,
BWDB, Cox's Bazar.



Annual general meeting of Bangladesh Export Import Company was held recently at ICMA Bhaban auditorium.

Tk 103 cr allocated for 44 dists

The National Implementation Committee for Administrative Reforms (NICAR) Monday night allocated Taka 103 crore for the construction of infrastructure for the newly created 44 districts of the country in the current financial year, reports BSS.

The meeting chaired by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, was attended by Education Minister Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Agriculture Minister Majedul Haque, Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman,

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukdar, Shipping Minister Keramat Ali, Communications Minister Oli Ahmed, State Minister for T and T Shamsul Islam, State Minister for Establishment Osman Ghani Khan, Cabinet Secretary Siddiqur Rahman and concerned secretaries.

The meeting allocated Taka 32 crore to Works Ministry for construction works in the 44 new districts, Taka 50 crore to road and road communication division for construction of

connecting roads with upazila, Taka nine crore to T and T for providing telecommunication facilities at upazila headquarters, Taka six crore to local government division for construction of quarters at upazila headquarters, Taka four crore to the Home Ministry for construction of jails in the new districts and Taka two crore for purchase of government vehicles.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Met Office on Monday forecasts light to moderate rain or showers at many places over Rajshahi division and a few places over Khulna, Dhaka and Chittagong divisions during the next 36 hours commencing from 6 pm Monday.

Day temperature is likely to rise by two to four degree Celsius during the period.

Little change of weather has been forecast during subsequent two days.

Rainfall on Monday were 65 mm in Dinajpur, 59 mm in Rangpur, 17 mm in Ishwardi, and 8 mm in Rajshahi.

There were little rain or traces in some other parts of the country, Met offices said.

Sunset at Dhaka on Tuesday at 6-01 pm and sunrise on Wednesday at 5-46 am.

Temperature and humidity recorded in important cities and towns on Monday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.2	24.5	77	78
Chittagong	33.9	25.5	79	75
Rajshahi	30.6	24.2	92	100
Khulna	33.0	25.4	82	84
Sylhet	33.0	23.6	88	72
Srimangal	33.2	24.8	80	77
Comilla	33.5	25.0	73	81
Faridpur	32.0	24.9	83	78
Bhola	32.4	25.0	93	90
Barisal	32.6	25.0	78	81
Ishwardi	30.6	25.5	92	97
Dinajpur	26.0	25.4	95	91
Stakundu	34.2	25.7	78	73
Mymensingh		23.2		86



BCIC Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited by Managing Director, Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd from valid A, B, C, Licence holder Government/Semi-government/autonomous organisations enlisted contractors for electrification works of under construction buildings in Poisaka Residential Area. Contractors must submit certificate from an engineer of minimum Executive Engineer's status to the effect that the contractor has executed similar work equivalent to Taka 10 (ten) lakh under a single work order at the time of purchasing tender.

Sl No	Description of work	Estimated cost	Total cost	Price of Tender	Date of receiving and opening of tender
1.	Electrification work of 5-storey building No E-4	Tk 4,91,860/-	Tk 9,83,720/-	Tk 750/-	25-9-91
2.	Electrification work of 5-storey building No E-6.	Tl 4,91,860/-			

Earnest money 5% of quoted value (refundable). Before purchasing the tender, the contractors should obtain prior permission from Additional Chief Engineer (Power), Poisaka Ltd or Senior General Manager (EIC) Div, BCIC, Dhaka.

Each contractor can purchase the tender schedule by paying its price as mentioned against the stated work from Accounts Department, Poisaka Ltd, Polash, Narasingdi or Chief Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31 Dilkusha Commercial Area on all working days during office hours up to 24-9-91.

Tender and necessary documents in sealed cover will be received in the Tender Box kept at the office chamber of Additional Chief Engineer (Power) or Senior General Manager, EIC, BCIC, on 25-9-91 up to 11-00 A.M. and will be opened the same day at 11-30 hours in presence (if any) of the tenderers. No schedule will be sold on the date of opening tender. Earnest money at the rate of 5% of the total quoted amount should be submitted with the tender through Bank Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled Bank in favour of Managing Director, Poisaka Ltd, Polash. Tender without earnest money will be treated as cancelled.

The authorities reserve the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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