

Marketing facilities at home and abroad sought

Plea to formulate national aquaculture development plan

A national workshop on aquaculture which concluded in Dhaka Tuesday recommended formulation of national aquaculture development plan considering the prospects and constraints, reports BSS.

It also suggested to attach topmost priority on aquaculture in the national development plan with a view to enhancing fish production and create productive employment opportunities.

In a number of recommendations the workshop also suggested identification of research, technology transfer and policy support for development of aquaculture on the basis of current production and marketing systems of fry fingerling, matured fish, fish feed and equipment related to

aquaculture. It said all aquaculture production and marketing should be made through the private sector and production and marketing policy should be formulated on the basis of marketing opportunities at home and abroad.

Jointly organised by Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), Manila-based Aquaculture Specialist Centre (ICLARM) and USAID, the three-day workshop was inaugurated by the Agriculture Minister, M Majid-ul-Haq on September 29.

The concluding session was presided over by Home Secretary M. Lutfullah Masid. Among others BARC Acting Chairman Dr M Sujayetullah Chowdhury, Members-Secretary of the workshop Dr A K M Nuruzzaman, Fisheries Director A K Ataur Rahman spoke.

The workshop also recommended for setting up a National Fisheries Advisory Committee to determine the research and development strategies in this sector, and formation of a National Screening Committee consisting of competent scientists to examine the desirability of introduction of any new exotics. It demanded strict restriction on further introduction of new exotic species.

It said the indigenous species whose biology, production potential etc are known should be extended for culture.

The workshop also suggested supporting development of fish feed industries as cottage industry, tax relaxation on import of aquaculture inputs, special credit for aquaculture, strengthening of institutional facilities and linkages between different Government organisations, conducting socio-economic research on fisheries and utilisation of the Government farms and hatcheries as training, demonstration and technology transfer centres.

For brackish water aquaculture the workshop recommended classification of prospective shrimp farming areas on the basis of salinity and development of these farms with adequate water exchange facilities and disease control measures.

It discouraged horizontal expansion of shrimp farming and encouraged increase of production per unit area with

due consideration to environmental socio-economic consequences and market demands.

The workshop also suggested distribution of all public waters including ponds, roadside canals, borrow pits, development canals, dead rivers to fishermen, landless and marginal farmers, unemployed youths, people trained in aquaculture, and interested entrepreneurs against convincing production projects. This distribution should be made through the Upazila Parishad, it added.

Referring to environmental aspects, the workshop suggested giving priority on conservation and development of fisheries environment and habitat while planning or considering any development plan affecting that habitat.

Emphasising the need for encouraging private sector participation in aquaculture the workshop suggested providing institutional and financial support to create a positive investment climate.

It recommended adoption of technologies for intensive rearing fingerlings in nursery cases, pens and enclosures as well as study and monitoring of environmental and biological aspects of stocking of exotic species.

The workshop further recommended that floodplain stocking should be supported by effective programmes of conservation and protection with a view to over preventing over-fishing and fishing of under-sized fish. The fishermen should be involved in these efforts, it concluded.



Leo member in Dhaka on Tuesday painting the upper portion of automobile headlights black in their bid to help protect environment. — Star photo

Dhaka to receive \$102m EEC aid

Bangladesh will receive from the Commission of the European Community (EEC) a project grant assistance of Taka 372.29 crore (102.73 million US Dollars) under the terms of two separate financing memorandums signed in Brussels on September 19 between the government of Bangladesh and the EEC, according to a message received in Dhaka, reports BSS.

Under the first financing memorandum EEC will provide a project grant assistance of US dollar 14.70 million. The grant will be utilised by Ministry of Irrigation, water development and flood control for implementation of the river survey project. The project is one of the components of the action plan for flood control which includes collection of reliable all season data on the hydrology and morphology of key section of the country's main rivers system and to undertake special studies regarding the behaviour of the river system.

Under the second financing memorandum EEC will provide a project grant of US dollar 88 million as co-financer with the World Bank for implementation of national minor irrigation project.

The grant will ensure support to agricultural growth through facilitating increased private sector investment in minor irrigation development in the country.

With the signing of these financing memorandums EEC has so far extended US dollar worth 365 million as project grants to Bangladesh since independence.

BDR personnel asked to curb smuggling

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury Tuesday called upon the BDR personnel to effectively resist smuggling throughout the border area, reports BSS.

Addressing the BDR officers at the Peelkhana Headquarters in Dhaka the minister said smuggling adversely affects the economy of the country and it has already done so.

He said about 50 lakh people who are involved in the handloom industries of the country had driven out of the local market because of rampant smuggling.

The minister recalled the events of 9-year struggle to remove the government of Ershad which, he alleged, was involved in international smuggling. So much smuggling was never seen before, he added.

During the regime of President Zia, the minister said, ten thousand tons of sugar were exported where as in the recent times sugar was being smuggled into Bangladesh.

Chowdhury asked the BDR to take serious actions against the smugglers, irrespective of their party affiliations.

The Home Minister congratulated them for taking active part during any national crisis like flood, cyclone, law and order problems.

Earlier, DG of BDR Major General M A Latif apprised the Home Minister of the activities as well as the problems of the BDR. The minister was accompanied by MPs Azizul Huq and Farida Rahman, and Home Secretary Lutfullah Masid.

German Ambassador Dr Karl-Heinz Scholtyssek called on LGRD and Cooperative Minister Abdus Salam Talukdar in Dhaka Tuesday, reports UNB.

They discussed matters relating to further promotion of friendly relations between the two countries.

The LGRD Minister, who is also the Secretary-General of the ruling Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Dal, briefed the Ambassador about the political developments in Bangladesh with special reference to the transition to parliamentary democracy.

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Riyadh to stand by Bangladeshis

Saudi Arabia Tuesday donated 1,686 tonnes of food-stuff for the flood-affected people of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

State Minister for Relief Lutfar Rahman Khan formally received these food-stuff packets from the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia Abdul Latif Al-Ma'manee at his office in Dhaka.

The State Minister apprised the ambassador about the extent of damage caused by the flood and the relief activities taken by the government. Khan expressed thanks and gratitude to the Saudi King and people on behalf of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and the government of Bangladesh for the donation.

The ambassador assured that Saudi Arabia would stand by the Bangladeshi people in the time of any need.

Khan expressed the hope that the existing brotherly and friendly relations between Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia would further strengthen and deepen in years to come.

B H Harun, Secretary General of Bangladesh-Saudi Arabia Brotherhood Society was also present on the occasion.

Italian, Polish support for development assured

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Memorial body formed

"Journalist Ferdous Alam Dulal Memorial Council" was formed in Dhaka Sunday at a meeting of journalists and prominent persons, reports BSS.

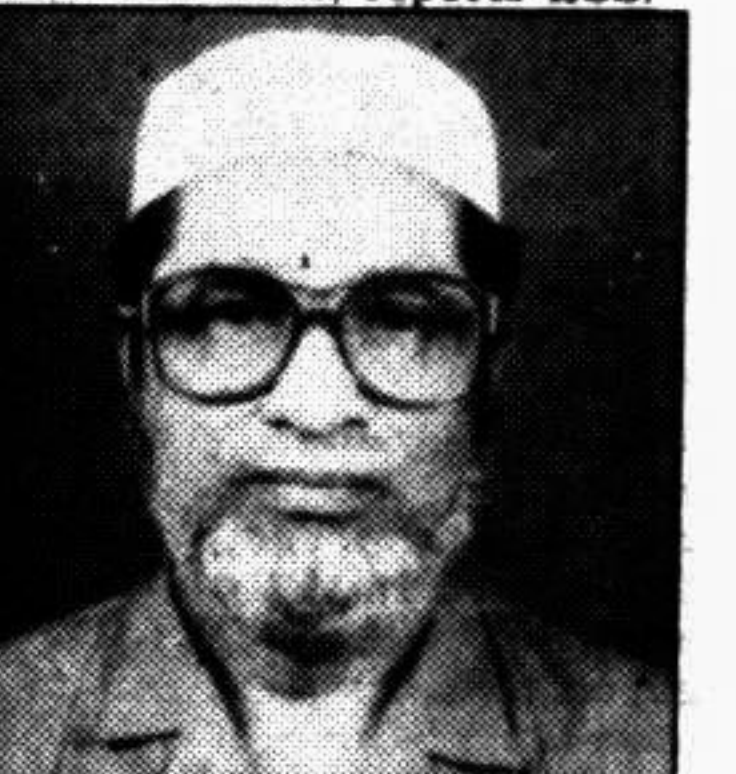
The council will hold a discussion and publish a memoir on the life and works of late Ferdous Alam Dulal, a senior Reporter of BSS, killed by assassins in the city street on May 7 of 1981.

Mizanur Rahman (BSS) and Nayem Nawroz (Al-Amin) were made President and Secretary General respectively of the 55-member council.

The other office-bearers are: Vice-Presidents Afzal Pramanik (Dainik Bangla), Kartik Chatterjee (Sangbad), Wahidur Rashid Murad (Banglar Bani), Fazlur Rahman (Rupali) and Nooruddin (Inqilab), Joint-Secretary General — Delwar Hossain (BSS), Shamsul Alam Belal (Kalbela), Treasurer — Mohsin Khairul Anam (Rupali), Organising Secretary Khairul Alam Bakul (Samachar), Joint Organising Secretaries Kazi Rafiq (Khabar) and Rokeya Kamal (Chitrali), Publicity Secretary — Mahmud Haasan (Banglar Bani), Social Welfare Secretary — Saiful Amin (Sangbad) and Office Secretary — Kamruzzaman Abu (Alin Samaj).

Iranian envoy calls on Hannan

Iranian Ambassador Mohammad Banjidoost Tuesday called on Jute Minister Hannan Shah at his secretariat office and discussed matters relating to bilateral interests, reports BSS.



New DG of Post Office

The government has appointed Mohiuddin Ahmad as the Director General of Bangladesh Post Office on September 26.

Mohiuddin served for 30 years in the postal department. He was also a postal expert of UNDP for three years.

Prior to his new appointment, he was the Director General says a press release.

Short Tender Notice

বিদ্যুৎ বিল নির্মিত পরিবেশ কলন

Description of Work : Reconstruction of damaged tower Nos. 124, 125 & 126 including construction of temporary alternative line in place of the Brahmaputra river crossing tower No. 125 of Ghorashal-Ashuganj 132 KV line. Eligibility of contractor : PDB enlisted A, B, C-class contractors with A, B, C, electric licence. Price of tender : Tk 500/=. Place & date of tender availability : From Chief Engineer (Transmission), PDB, Siddirganj/Project, Dhaka/Office of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, GMD, PDB, Dhaka (south) upto 05/10/91. Date of receiving & opening : 06/10/91 upto 12-30 PM and on the same day at 1-00 PM. All rules and regulations of the tender must be complied with.

Superintending Engineer
Grid & Communication
Circle PDB
Biddyt Bhaban
1, Abul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000
Biddu/Jan-339/(3)91-92
DFP (BA)7891-28/9
G-614

Sadharan Bima Corporation
Common Services (Motorpool) Division
Head office
33, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited from automobile repairing workshops enlisted with this Corporation for repair of an accident damaged car No. SAS-65-2693 of Sadharan Bima Corporation. Tender schedule can be purchased at Tk 50/- (fifty) only (non-refundable) per set. Tenders should be submitted in the tender box kept with Assistant General Manager (Common Services), Head Office, Dhaka on 12-10-91 upto 12-30 minutes, and the tenders received will be opened on the same day at 1 (one) PM before the repairing firms (if any) present. No schedule will be sold on the date of opening tender. Each tenderer must submit earnest money @ 5% of his quoted rate through Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Sadharan Bima Corporation with his tender.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender.

SBC/PR/Tender-27/91
DFP (BA)7912-29/9
G-615

Shah Abul Kashem
Assistant General Manager
Common Services Division.

First class first in B.Com (Hons)

Nausheen Rahman, student of Dhaka University stood first class first in B.Com (Honours) in Finance, says a press release.

She is the daughter of Rafiq-ur-Rahman.

Goods worth Tk 3cr seized at Ctg Port

From Our Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Oct 1: Customs officials recovered one ton of silver and some other contraband foreign goods from a container at Chittagong Port on Tuesday, customs sources said.

The goods valued Taka three crore was imported by a Pakistani garments company named Taxsab at Chittagong Export Processing Zone under the declaration of cotton, the sources added.

The other items of the seized goods include 393 pieces of VCR and 7,000 tube lights.

Another similar container of contrabands was imported by the same company about a month ago, the sources added.

A case had been lodged in this connection.

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Govt of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)
Development Division, Naogaon.

"(RHD) Notice Inviting Tender"

- Tender Notice No.
- Description of works
- Estimated Cost
- Earnest Money
- Time allowed
- Last date and time for Selling tender bids
- Last date and time of receiving tender bids
- Date and time of opening tender bids
- Eligibility of bidders
 - Category of enlistment
 - Type of work completed
 - Total work value
 - Minimum work size
 - Within the immediately Procurement
- Name of Offices for receipt tender bids

1. D. N/1991-92 Eng.
Re-habilitation of flood damage pavement at 17th K.M. (Part) and 18th K.M. of Naogaon-Badalgachi-Patinola Road under I.D.A. Credit No. 2048-B.D under (RHD) Development Division, Naogaon during 1991-92. (Contract No. NAO 3-11)
Ch. to : I.D.A Credit No. 2048 BD.
Tk. 25,33,109/-
Tk. 50,662/-
75 (Seventy five) days
14-10-1991 Eng / 28-6-1988 B. during office hours
15-10-1991 Eng. / 29-6-1988B. Up to 12-30 p.m.
15-10-1991 Eng. / 29-6-1988B. at 12-45 p.m.

A to *B* General Class Contractor of (RHD), as per financial limit.
Road Construction work of bituminous pavement.
Tk. 75,00 Lac.
Tk. 10,00 Lac.
5 (Five) years, ending Up to 30th June/91.
Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD), Development Division, Naogaon/Sirajgonj/Planning and Programming Division, Sarak Bhaban Ramna, Dhaka/Road Construction Division-II, Alenbari, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD) Road Sub-Division, Naogaon/Rajshahi-II/Rajshahi-III (Natore).
Office of the Superintending Engineer (RHD) Construction Circle, Rajshahi/Superintending Engineer (RHD), Project Control Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna Dhaka/Executive Engineer (RHD), Development Divn. Naogaon/Sirajgonj.

Md. Aminul Islam Talukder
Executive Engineer (RHD)
Development Division Naogaon

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Cultural festival in Rajshahi from Oct 8

Swanan, a reciters' forum, celebrating the completion of its first decade this month, is holding a three-day festival from October 8 at Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium of the Rajshahi University, reports BSS.

The highlights of the festival include sessions of songs, recitations and discussion.

The Rajshahi-based organisation said they were expecting poets, litterateurs, reciters and vocalists from Dhaka and Calcutta as participants.

Besides, they said, hundreds of Swanan artists and workers, who were active during the last ten years, have been specially invited.

Swanan is a pioneering organisation in the country, engaged in cultivating recitation as a performing art.

'Bandho korona pakha' (Do not close your wings) is the slogan for the festival. Painter Gayyam Chowdhury has designed a multi-coloured poster for the occasion. A souvenir has already been published with write-ups by Hasan Azizul Huq, Sanat Kumar Shah and Nazim Mahmood.

The Swanan festival is open to all.

Tk 746 cr electrification project approved

A massive programme of rural electrification has been undertaken in conformity with the commitment of the present democratic government to attach utmost priority to rural development and poverty alleviation through income generating activities in rural areas, reports BSS.

In the first meeting of the reconstituted ECNEC, held on 29th September with Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman in the chair a project worth Tk 746 crore for electrification of the 51 upazilas in nine districts was approved.

Besides, three more projects amounting Tk 1415.00 crore covering 76 upazilas of 23 districts under rural electrification programme were also recently approved by the government.

The government has directed the concerned ministry to ensure quick implementation of the projects to electrify 127 upazilas.

This will bring 325 upazilas under the rural electrification programme and government has a plan to bring all the upazilas of the country under the electrification programme by the year 2000 AD.

Army relief operation

Members of the Bangladesh Army are carrying out relief and rescue activities in 58 upazilas of greater Rangpur and Dinajpur districts in co-operation with local administration and other concerned agencies, reports UNB.

Members of the Army Medical teams are also rendering medical assistance to the flood victims at different towns of the affected areas along with other concerned medical personnel since September 21, an ISPR press release said.

34 arrested in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Oct 1: Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) rounded up 34 persons on various charges from different areas of the city today, a CMP press release said, reports BSS.

The arrest included absconders and violators of CMP ordinance.

Cases were filed against them.

Jiban Bima Corporation
Engineering and Estate Division
24, Motijheel Comm. Area
Dhaka-1000.

Tender Notice

Sealed Tenders are invited from reputed firms for supply and installation of air-conditioning accessories and overhauling and repairing works of 500 ton capacity central air-conditioning plant at Jiban Bima Bhaban, 10, Dilkusha C/A Dhaka. The tender documents will be available up to 19.10.91 at the office of the undersigned at a cost of Tk. 500/- (non-refundable) during office hours and will be received up to 11-00 a.m. on 20.10.91 and will be opened on the same day at 11-30 a.m.

The intending contractor must produce the actual experience in supply, installation, operation, maintenance and overhauling works of at least 500 ton capacity chiller of central air-conditioning plant while purchasing the tender documents.

No tender schedule will be sold to firms who did not fulfill the above condition. Firms without experience need not apply.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Dy. General Manager (E/E)