

Dhaka Day by Day

GTZ Assistance Will Go On

by Rahat Fahmida

A great deal was learnt about Germany's technical assistance to Bangladesh, while talking to the head of GTZ Project Administrator Office (PAS) in city — Martin Muller. Arriving here only in the beginning of this year Mr. Muller is yet to pick up a lot about this country, but he is thorough about GTZ, its plans and programmes, which was evident during his talk with The Daily Star.

GTZ, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GmbH), or in English the German Technical Cooperation, is a large organisation. The organisation is commissioned primarily by the government of Germany to undertake specialist planning and implementation of Technical Cooperation activities with developing countries.

In addition, the GTZ's form of organisation under private law enables it to operate as a direct agent of developing countries on a paid basis (Reimbursable Technical Cooperation). This may also englobe assistance from other international institutions. For instance the GTZ has been involved in many projects in cooperation with the World Bank, specialised UN agencies, Regional Development Banks, the Commission of the European Communities and other organisations. As Mr. Muller added, "To give you an exact figure, in 1990, GTZ has implemented 116 projects with the value of 123 million DM (Deutsche Mark) as Reimbursable Technical Cooperation."

This organisation's principles are very much in accordance with the organisations for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and, of course, with the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation (BMZ), which is the main financing body for GTZ. As the head of GTZ-PAS, Bangladesh pointed out, they are setting strategic objectives of technical cooperation, a long-term capacity building in developing countries rather than immediate short-term performance improvement.

Mr. Muller said, "Since Bangladesh is an important development partner for us, GTZ, BMZ as well as the German Embassy in Bangladesh have agreed to increase GTZ's capacity in project services and coordination." The tremendous demand for information and support for projects, programmes, partner institutions, national and international organisations has proven that it was worthwhile to

gradually establish this facility in Bangladesh. The local partners appreciate the fact that they run the office by capable local staff and just one expatriate — Mr. Muller.

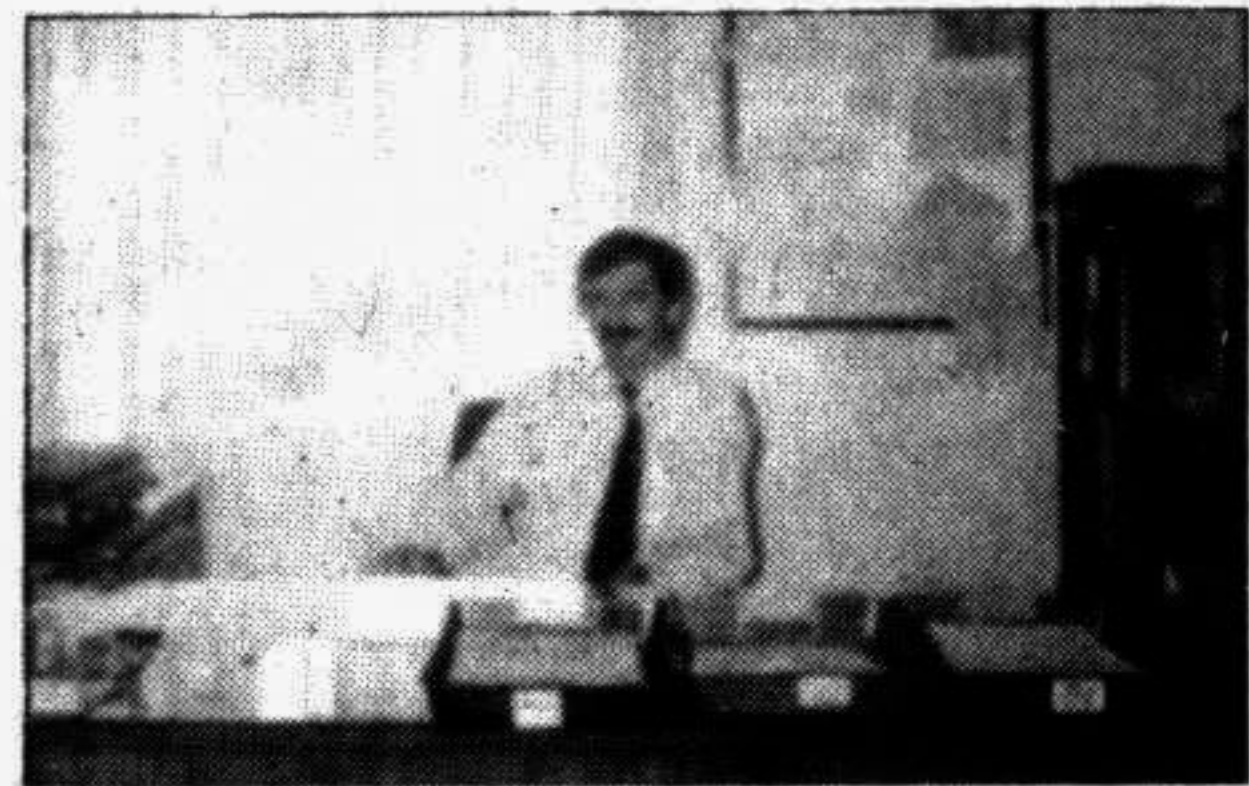
Asked about the major areas in which GTZ is in operation in Bangladesh, he said, that they are working in sectors of agriculture, rural development, rural infrastructure, basic health and family planning, promotion of credit institutions, railway maintenance and repairing, training for power development, promotion of crafts and small industries as well as trade promotion.

Talking further about their projects and how they assess the success of their projects in Bangladesh, Mr. Muller added, that within the ZOPP which cycle the GTZ project activities, they are subject to severe monitoring and evaluation. ZOPP is a German abbreviation and stands for 'objective oriented' project planning. It is a method and an instrument for project planning and implementation, a basis for evaluation. ZOPP is used in all GTZ projects starting in 1982 and meanwhile, many large organisations have adopted it. ZOPP in two words means teamwork and visualisation. It involves the following steps: participation analysis, problem analysis, objectives analysis and analysis of alternatives, explained Martin Muller.

He went on to say, that GTZ is still operating in Bangladesh is a clear indicator of progress. But this does not mean that they do not face any obstacles within their work. Just to name one — complicated administrative procedures tops the list. GTZ commits itself to clearly defined achievements within a specific financial frame. Hence they only finance a project within and up to a certain mark.

The GTZ is currently implementing some 2000 projects in 106 countries valued at DM 3.7 billion. It employs 7, 150 people and what they are proud of is that 50 per cent are recruited locally.

Martin Muller who is quite content with his work here concluded expressing his views about this country and its prospects saying, "Up to now, I had a very busy professional life. I find the Bangladeshis to be very friendly people and appreciate the culture, especially music and dance. But I think in the months to come I will be having a better understanding and would be more precise in expressing myself."



Martin Muller, head GTZ-PAS Bangladesh, at his desk.

DU programme on Jagannath Hall tragedy today

By DU Correspondent

Dhaka University authorities will commemorate today through an elaborate programme the death of 39 students and employees of Jagannath Hall who died in a roof collapse of the hall auditorium in 1985.

The roof had collapsed due to downpour while the students and employees were watching TV in the evening.

The programmes include hoisting of black flags atop the main buildings of the university in the morning, wearing of black badges, mourning procession from the 'Aparajeo Bangla' to Jagannath Hall and laying wreaths at the memorial monument at the hall premises at 6:30 am, prayers of the Hindu, Buddhist and Christian students at the hall premises from 8 am to 11 am. Jagannath Hall Students Union has organised a blood donation programme at 11:30 am, a discussion meeting at 4 pm and an exhibition of the portraits of the deceased at the Jagannath Hall premises from 9 am to 6 pm.

Tk. 15.29 crore earmarked for referendum

By Staff Correspondent

An amount of Taka 15.29 crore was earmarked by the Finance Ministry for the September 15 referendum. The actual expense is being collected.

Local Government Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar said this in reply to a question from Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim in the Parliament on Monday.

He said that the cost of holding the September 11 by-elections was over Taka 6.65 lakh for each constituency on an average. The by-elections in eleven constituencies had cost over Taka 73.21 lakh.

DU exams re-scheduled

By DU Correspondent

The Honours and Masters degree (First and second part) examinations in traditional system under Dhaka University have been re-scheduled Monday by the authorities.

According to the new schedule the Masters preliminary examinations of 1989 will be held on December 7 and the Masters Final of 1989 will be held on January 15, 1992 next.

The degree Honours examination of 1989 will be held on December 10. The detailed time-table of the examinations will be announced in due course.

BAU M.Sc exams Nov 2

The Agricultural University announced fresh dates for holding various examinations leading to M.Sc degrees for the year 1987 and 1988, which were postponed earlier, reports UNB.

A notification by the Controller of examinations said M.Sc. Vet.Sc. M.Sc. AH. M.Sc. Fisheries and M.Sc. Agg. Engg. examinations for the year 1987 will begin on November 2, and M.Sc. Ag. M.Sc. Ag. Ext. Ed. Examination for the year 1987 and M.Sc. Ag. Econ. M.Sc. Ag. Econ. (General) and M.Sc. Ag. Stat. examinations for the year 1988 will begin on November 4.

The detailed schedule of the above mentioned examinations will soon be announced, the notification added.

Call to remove disputes among SAARC states

A former Foreign Secretary of India on Monday said the South Asian countries should now consider removing animosities among neighbours and misperception of public opinion under the changed global situation, reports UNB.

"Opportunities and problems of the South Asian countries are immense... and we have to fully recognise that old animosities among the neighbours are debilitating us," observed Jagat Mehta. The former Indian Foreign Secretary was speaking on "South Asia in the Post-Cold War Era" at the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) in Dhaka Monday afternoon.

He said the Third World countries have been marginalised because a bigger share of the Western assistance is going to be redirected towards East Europe after the changed situation there. "Solution to address the gigantic problems persisting in the countries of the (South Asian) region requires linkage and better understanding among neighbours."

Mehta, who was India's Foreign Secretary for four years since 1976, said it was difficult to quarantine people's thinking because of the information revolution that had taken place recently. He suggested that the SAARC activities should be expanded to remove mistrust among the neighbours and to win each others confidence.

"Each country in South Asia should now identify its own recipe for bringing about socio-economic change," he added. The lecture session, presided over by Barrister AKH Moshed, Chairman of the Board of Governors of BISS, was attended by diplomats, scholars and high civil and military officials.

Officials said they discussed different bilateral issues and matters of mutual cooperation. Both expressed the hope that the relations between the two countries would be further strengthened in future.

Cabinet meet held

Regular weekly meeting of the cabinet was held at Bangabhaban Monday with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair, reports UNB.

Ministers and State Ministers-in-charge attended the meeting.

Pak HC calls on Shamsul Islam

Pakistan's High Commissioner to Bangladesh Anwar Kemal called on Food Minister M Shamsul Islam at his Jatiya Sangsad office Monday, reports UNB.

Officials said they discussed different bilateral issues and matters of mutual cooperation.

Netherlands envoy

The Ambassador of the Netherlands to Bangladesh, H Gajentaan, also called on Shamsul Islam at his Secretariat office Monday.

They discussed matters of mutual interest and cooperation, said an official handout.

Both expressed the hope that the relations between the two countries would be further strengthened in future.

What's on today...

Discussion on poets

A discussion in commemoration of late poets Rudra Mohammad Shahidullah and Milon Mahmud will be held at Bangla Academy auditorium today (Tuesday) at 5 pm. Poet Mohammad Nurul Huada will present an essay on Rudra while Habibullah Shirazi will read a paper on Milon Mahmud. Poets Belal Chowdhury and Asad Chowdhury will take part in the discussion.

White cane day

In observance of the International White Cane and Security Day for the blinds, the Rotary Club of Dhaka South and Rotaract Club of Sir Salimullah Medical College will jointly hold a rally at the panthapath in the city today (Tuesday) at 9.30 pm.

Social Welfare and Women Affairs Minister, Tariqul Islam will attend the rally as the chief guest while the editor of the Daily Dinkal, Syed Zafar will be the special guest on the occasion.

Dristihin Foundation

Dristihin Foundation will hold a discussion at the National Museum auditorium in the city in observance of the International White Cane and Security Day today (Tuesday) at 3 pm.

Law Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz will attend as the chief guest.

Rotary Club of Dhaka meet

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held today (Tuesday) at 5 pm at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

Prof Dr Mostafa Nurul Islam will be the guest speaker and he will speak on 'observance of the World Poetry Day.'

Rotary Club of Dhaka Central

The 376 weekly regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central, will be held today (Tuesday) at 1.30 pm at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

Rtn Magfuruddin Ahmed will be the guest speaker. He will speak on vocational service.

Rotary Club of Ramna

The regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Ramna will be held today (Tuesday) at 5.30 pm at the Hotel Sonargaon. All members have been requested to attend.

Khaleda meets Biswas

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Monday afternoon called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban, reports BSS.

She stayed with the President for some time.

Photograph exhibition from Oct 19

An exhibition of photographs by Felicity Volk, Third Secretary at the Australian High Commission, will be held at La Galerie from October 19 to October 23. The exhibition 'About Face,' presents a series of forty portraits taken by Ms Volk during her travels through Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Laos, says a Press release.

Ms Volk has commented on the international media's pre-occupation with negative images of developing countries such as Bangladesh, including poverty, illiteracy, and natural disasters. Her aim in 'About Face' is to redress the balance



and present more positive view of Bangladesh and other nations in the region.

Felicity Volk was posted as Third Secretary to Bangladesh in November, 1989. She has travelled extensively through Asia in the past six years but has only pursued her interest in photography since 1988. 'About Face' which is Ms Volk's first solo exhibition, has been sponsored by ANZ Grindlays Bank, John Holland Engineering, Sonny Mountains Engineering Corporation (SMEC), and the Sonargaon Hotel (Pan Pacific Hotels and Resorts).

The photographic exhibition of Ms Volk will remain open from 9 am to 8 pm everyday at La Galerie, 54 Kemal Ataturk Ave (4th floor), Banani.

Paddy on 3 lakh acres in grip of Pamri pest

Agriculture Minister Majidul Haq on Monday assured the House that the government will start aerial spray of pesticide to eradicate Pamri pest as soon as the inclement weather goes, reports UNB.

Responding to a call attention on the attack of Pamri pest on paddy in the country's southern districts, the Minister said despite shortage of aircraft, the government conducted the aerial spray eradicating the destructive pest.

He informed the House that Aman paddy on more than three lakh acres of land were attacked by the pest but more

Oxfam begins rehabilitation in N. districts

Oxfam has started a Taka 73 lakh rehabilitation programme for the six flood hit northern districts of the country through partner non-governmental organisations, reports BSS.

According to a press release of the Oxfam, it has already completed a relief programme under which it had supplied food stuff and ors to 50,000 people worth Tk 29 lakh. Under the rehabilitation programme it will supply vegetable seeds cash for work programme, house repairing on a cooperative basis, agricultural rehabilitation and non-crop income generating activities.

The districts where the organisation has taken rehabilitation work are Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Kurigram, Chapainawabganj, Natore and Rajshahi.

TV Tuesday

- 5.00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran Programme summary
- 5.15 Reading from the Geeta
- 5.20 News in Bangla
- 5.50 Cartoon film
- 5.55 Educational programme
- 6.30 Jaramat
- 7.05 Nazrul songs
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Drama: Granthikgon Kabey
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Film: War and Remembrance
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.45 Closing

than two acres of land were freed from the attack of this insect.

The inclement weather and rains caused widespread pest attack in the districts of Khulna, Bagerhat, Pirojpur, Barguna, Satkhira, Jalakathi, Barisal and Patuakhali, he said.

The Minister said that the aerial spray will begin with one aircraft and three more aircraft will be repaired on availability of funds to augment the operation in future.

Earlier, four opposition MPs—Sheikh Harunar Rashid, Dr Mozammel Hossain, Mufti Maulana Abdus Sattar and AM Riasat Ali—in their notice said Ropa Aman on about five lakh acres of land in Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Barguna, Pirojpur, Barisal, Bhola and Jhalakathi districts were attacked by Pamri insect.

Razzaque visits national memorial

Speaker Sheikh Razzaque Ali Monday morning visited the National Memorial at Savar and placed floral wreath, reports BSS.

He also offered monajat for the eternal peace of those who sacrificed their lives in the war of independence of the country.

Weather

Downpour likely

By Staff Correspondent


Met office on Monday forecast heavy rain falls at a few places over Dhaka, Khulna and Chittagong divisions, under the influence of depression which crossed Khulna-Patuakhali coast, during the next 18 hours commencing 6 pm Monday.

Moderate rains may occur at many places over Rajshahi division. The rain would accompany temporary gusty wind. Met office also forecast.

Day temperature may fall by one to two degrees Celsius during the period. Weather is likely to improve from Wednesday, Met office said.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	9 pm
Dhaka	27.5	23.0	95	97
Chittagong	27.8	25.0	80	92
Rajshahi	24.8	22.5	89	92
Khulna	25.0	23.3	98	98
Dinajpur	27.4	21.8	81	86
Satkhira	24.8	22.6	95	93
Barisal	27.6	23.4	100	97
Mymensingh	24.5	21.5	98	98
Sylhet	27.2	21.5	98	98
Rangmati	30.0	24.3	80	82



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THIRD CONVOCATION, BUET, JANUARY-1992

The third convocation of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka is scheduled in the middle of January, 1992. The date and time will be announced later.

Those who have obtained degree(s) from this University between the academic session 1974-75 to 1987-88 (Calendar year 1977 to 1991) and would like to attend the convocation are requested to apply in the form given below (separately for each degree).

A bank draft/postal order in favour of **BUET CONVOCATION - 1992** of Tk 200/= for those within the country and US \$ 20/= for those staying abroad should be enclosed for each degree.

APPLICATION ALONG WITH THE BANK DRAFT/POSTAL ORDER SHOULD REACH THE UNDERSIGNED ON OR BEFORE 24TH NOVEMBER, 1991.

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APPLICATION FORM FOR THIRD CONVOCATION BUET, 1992

(i) The application should be type written or filled in block capital straightway in the following form or in A4 size paper.

(ii) One attested passport size photograph should be attached at the top right hand side corner of the form.

Attach photograph here

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3. FATHER'S NAME : _____
4. PARTICULARS OF POSTAL ORDER/BANK DRAFT : _____
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7. SESSION : _____ (as in provisional certificate)
8. REGISTRATION NO. : _____ (as in mark sheet)
9. FINAL YEAR ROLL NO. : _____
10. PASSED IN : _____ (month) _____ (Year)
11. CLASS OBTAINED : _____
12. MAILING ADDRESS : _____
13. PRESENT POSITION & ORGANIZATION : _____

SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT