

Sound scientific knowledge needed for flood control

The need for taking into account the environmental consequences of flood control, drainage and irrigation (FCDI) projects to ensure long-term sustainability of development programmes was underlined at a technical workshop Saturday, reports UNB.

The point was made by State Minister for Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Mosharef Hossain Shahjahan while inaugurating a two-week workshop in "Applied Remote Sensing in Environmental Impact Assessment and Monitoring" at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) Auditorium in Dhaka.

The State Minister said that sound scientific knowledge and variable data were now needed for future flood control, drainage and irrigation policy and development plan.

"Remote sensing by using satellite images is one of the more advanced technologies now available to make up-to-date monitoring of environmental changes and impact assessment", he said.

Shahjahan said the so-called FCDI projects are the major instruments to advance the twin government policy objectives of increasing food production and reducing flood vulnerability.

He said frequent floods damage not only standing crops, but also life, properties and various sectors of the economy including industries,

communication, infrastructure and buildings.

The State Minister said that though the urgency of agricultural growth could not be underestimated, overt emphasis on a single objective in the past had often implied.

"There were complaints about the embankment projects to protect standing crops against flood damage" Shahjahan said adding that in many cases adverse affects were reported on fishery and navigation.

He observed that the FCDI projects in sensitive areas had increased erosion and river bed sedimentation affecting the drainage conditions of the locality and region.

Shahjahan said that implementing environmental FCDI projects could adversely affect the soil fertility and moisture and ground water on which agri-product depends.

Unfortunately the environmental impacts of FCDI projects are discussed by the experts without relevant information. Hence, it will not be possible to take measures for a sound environment policy, he added.

Shahjahan stressed the need to evolve a modern technology by developing appropriate methods.

He hoped that the workshop would help find out ways and means in promoting transfer of advanced technology and manpower development in the field.

Organised by the Institute of Flood Control and Drainage Research (IFCDR), the workshop was sponsored by the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm.

Presided over by IFCDR Chairman Dr Mohibuddin Ahmed, the workshop was also addressed by Dr S A Wasimi and KTH representatives Goran Hansson and Rolf Larsson.

It was participated by a large number of scientists from home and abroad.

Call to make anti-smuggling drive a success

CHITTAGONG, Nov 23: Forest and Environment Minister Abdullah Al Noman today called for all-out efforts to make the anti-smuggling drive a success, reports BSS.

He was addressing the Deputy Commissioners and the regional Task Force officials at the DC's conference room.

Abdullah Al Noman said in view of adverse effect of smuggling on national economy, the present democratic government attached due emphasis to apprehend the ring leaders of smugglers. He called upon the Task Force members to take appropriate steps against the smugglers without any fear or favour. Chittagong Divisional Commissioner Muhammad Omar Faruk presided over the meeting.



Bangladesh Sakharata Samity brought out a procession in the city on Saturday demanding education for all.

'Paintings to be official gift'

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman Saturday said government would patronise the qualitative improvement of paintings, reports BSS.

He was inaugurating a painting exhibition, organised by the Saeu Art Gallery at Gulshan. National Prof Nurul Islam and French Ambassador Serge Degallax also spoke on the occasion. The minister said from now on official gifts would be paintings.

The Finance Minister urged the educated and the affluent to come forward to patronise the paintings so that painters could improve quality and devote more time to their work.

Some 226 paintings of 134 artists were on display in the exhibition.

Rebate offer for holding tax payers

The Dhaka City Corporation authority will give tax-payers seven and a half per cent rebate on three instalments of holding tax of the current year provided they clear the arrears by November 30, reports BSS.

A press release of the Corporation urged tax-payers to avail themselves of the opportunity to pay the arrears within the stipulated time.

BDRCS Board team calls on Biswas Cooperation to consolidate democracy sought

A 15-member delegation of the Adhoc Managing Board of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society led by its Chairman Shahidul Haque Jamal MP called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban Saturday morning, reports UNB.

They warmly felicitated the President for assuming the highest office of the country.

During the discussion, Jamal apprised the President of the activities and problems of the Society.

The Red Crescent Chief also informed the President that the Annual General Meeting of the Society would be held in the last week of next month and requested him to inaugurate the meeting.

The discussion was participated by members of the Red Crescent delegation Asaduzzaman MP, Mohiuddin Ahmed MP and Shamsuddin MP.

President Biswas asked the delegation to uphold the tradition of Red Crescent Society and serve the distressed humanity.

The Society should undertake more programmes to extend its assistance to the under-privileged section of the society, he said.

Sericulture Board asked to regain heritage of silk

RAJSHAHI, Nov 23: A meeting on development of silk industries organised by Bangladesh Silk Industries Owners' Association was held here today, reports BSS.

Problems relating to the development of silk industry and their remedies were discussed in the meeting.

Speakers at the meeting called for strengthening anti-smuggling drive.

They urged the Sericulture Board to make its activities more effective with a view to regaining the glorious heritage of silk.

Divisional Commissioner of Rajshahi was present as chief guest in meeting which was addressed among others by Additional Divisional Commissioner, Commandant of 20 Rifle Battalion, Regional Director of BSCIC, Rajshahi, Production Manager, Bangladesh Sericulture Board, Chairman and General Secretary of Bangladesh Silk Industries Owners' Association, and Presidents of Chamber of Commerce, Rajshahi and NASCIB, Rajshahi.



Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Chowdhury giving away the 'Best All Round' trophy to the best recruit at the passing out parade held at BAF Base Zohurul Hoque in Chittagong on Saturday.

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BAF to remain vigilant for safeguarding independence

CHITTAGONG, Nov 23: The passing out parade of a batch of recruits of Bangladesh Air Force was held at Recruits Training School Parade Ground, BAF Base Zahurul Haque here today, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Chowdhury reviewed the smartly turned out parade and took salute at the impressive march past. He also distributed trophies and certificates among the outstanding recruits.

Addressing the newly passed out airmen the Chief of Air Staff urged them to achieve professional excellence through self sacrifice, hard work, discipline and patriotism in order to preserve and protect the glorious traditions of Bangladesh Air Force. He said that BAF would remain ever vigilant in its commitment of safeguarding the independence and sovereignty of the motherland.

"Performance is greater than reward and sacrifice is nobler than expectation in the life of a soldier," he observed.

Stressing the importance of continuous training and exer-

cise in the life of a soldier, he added that they were now placed in the field of basic training to achieve success in life. "It is through relentless pursuit of knowledge and firm faith in the almighty Allah that one can overcome the odds in the professional life," he added.

Recalling the glorious role of the BAF in the War of Liberation, Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Chowdhury said BAF was now a well organised and dependable force capable of protecting the sovereignty of our air space. He asked them to follow the foot-prints of the brave airmen who sacrificed themselves for the cause of the nation through their courage and patriotism.

Recruit Ikramuzzaman was adjudged the best all round recruit and was awarded a trophy. He also got certificate for best performance in education. Recruit Sgt Masuduzzaman got certificate for outstanding performance in general service training.

Fishing boat seized; cigarettes recovered

Bangladesh Navy ships during intensified anti-smuggling, anti-piracy and fishery protection patrol Thursday apprehended a mechanised fishing boat from Kutubdia and recovered 150 master cartons of smuggled foreign cigarettes worth about Tk 67 lakh, another ISPR press release said Friday.

A patrol craft of Bangladesh Navy challenged the boat for suspicious movement and fired several cautionary shots. The smugglers abandoned the boat at Kutubdia and managed to escape.

The recovered goods were later deposited with the local customs authorities.

Earlier, the naval ships operating from Chittagong and Khulna checked about 1100 boats and seized 300 vessels for plying without proper documents. The seized boats were sent to harbour for regularisation of papers with fine.

The naval patrol teams also nabbed 22 prate boats and arrested 80 persons. The arrested persons were later handed over to the police.

Besides, the naval ships also impounded 10 foreign fishing boats and arrested 113 foreign nationals after launching the drive on November 8.

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Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal

Leaders of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal (BJS) Saturday condemned Friday's police action, arrests and repression by the hoodlums on the garment workers.

In a joint statement, Iskander Ali and Nazrul Islam Khan, President and General Secretary respectively of the BJS, called upon the authorities to resume the function of the locked-out Comtrade Garments, reinstatement of the fired garment workers and realise the demands of the workers through holding discussion.

Manik Mia Parishad

Manik Mia Parishad Friday organised a discussion on the death anniversary of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani and Major (Retd) M A Jalli at the premises of their mazar in the city.

Presided over by S M Fakhruddin, it was addressed, among others, by Parishad General Secretary M A Jalli, Advocate Majibur Rahman, A S M Mostafa Kamal, Md Yunus and Shantur Rahman Khan.

Speakers at the discussion demanded to name an Airport at Barisal, and street after Major Jalli and government assistance for the members of his family.

Upayan

A 21-member Executive Committee of Upayan, a non-government voluntary organisation was formed Saturday with Begum Parveen Monwar as its President.

The other office bearers are: General Secretary, Dr Manjur Morshed, Vice-President, Shahjidi Begum and Sheikh Reazuddin Badsha, Joint Secretaries, Ishtiaq Hossain and Manjur Hussain, Treasurer, Shukanta Gupta Alak, Organising Secretary, Monirul Islam Khan, Publicity Secretary Haasan Manju, Office Secretary, Mahub Karim and Social Welfare Secretary, Jahan-e-Alam Borhan.

Bangladesh Ganoazadi League

The President of Bangladesh Ganoazadi League, Alhaj Abdus Samad and General Secretary Kazi Altul Islam Ukil in a joint statement on Saturday urged the government to take steps towards holding of the union parishad election.

They also asked the district party offices to take measures in selecting party candidates for the election.

BADHOL

M A Muttalib, Chairman of Bangladesh Association of Disabled Homes, Orphanages and Libraries (BADHOL) Friday called on the visiting ESCAP Secretary S A M S Kibria at a local hotel.

The BADHOL Chairman apprised the ESCAP Chief about the endeavours of the organisation to achieve the rights of the disadvantaged social group of disabled people in the country in line with the mandate and principles enunciated by the UN and ESCAP including the development efforts for establishing a multipurpose complex project at Mohamudpur.

The ESCAP Executive Secretary stressed the need for mass awareness about different aspects of life and living of the disabled people and assured active support of ESCAP.

Earlier, the BADHOL delegation also called on the ICOMP Executive Director Dr Mohammad A Sattar and exchanged views on the management of population programmes.

Karachi Old Students Association

The annual general meeting of Karachi-Bengali School Old Students Association, was held Friday at the Aziza Community Centre with the adviser of the Association, Ziaul Islam in the chair.

The new Executive Committee of the Association for the year 1992-94 was formed at the annual general meeting held in the city.

BATESKOP

A 30-member central committee of Bangladesh Telecommunication Sramik-Karmachari Parishad (BATESKOP) was formed Friday at National conference of the T and T Board in the capital.

Syed Kutub Rahman and Md Rafiqul Islam were elected the President and Secretary General respectively of the BATESKOP.

Spiritual Treatment of Hujur Sayedabadi voice for the voiceless

My younger brother Mohammad Abul Hossain (Babu) who lost his voice after a cow kicked him on the throat can now speak normally. No medical treatment could help him regain his power of speaking but the miracle did happen by the grace of Allah with the blessings of the spiritual leader, Dewan Mohamad Sayedur Rahman Sayedabadi. The story is full of excitement and wonder.

One evening while my brother Babu was sitting on the field a cow kicked him on the throat. As a result Babu lost his voice and the face was deformed. He had difficulty in eating. At the instance of my father, Sabjal Mollah, I brought Babu to Dhaka for better treatment from our village home at Faridpur of Ishurdi Upazila, Post Office Muladui in Pabna district. I had been serving in the 27 East Bengal Army Boxing Team at Dhaka Cantonment. It was frustrating when all medical treatment for my brother proved to be ineffective. Meantime one of my friends informed me about Hujur Sayedabadi of Sayedabad Darbar Sharif in the city. I took my ailing brother to Darbar Sharif and narrated his plight to Hujur.

Hujur picked up a cane and started beating my brother. What a miracle! Babu shouted, "Hujur don't beat me." I was astonished to see my brother to speak after a long time. Hujur assured of his full recovery and asked me to bring him at the Darbar Sharif on few more days. I obeyed Hujur's instruction. My brother can now speak like a normal man and he has no problem.

Some other miracles which I have witnessed at Darbar Sharif are simply unbelievable. We have seen lunatics in chains to recover by the grace of Allah with the efforts of Hujur.

I only pray to Almighty Allah that the suffering humanity gains from the spiritual attainment of Hujur Sayedabadi, a saint of modern age.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Facilities Department, Ministry of Education,
Shikha Bhavan, Bangladesh, Dhaka.

Notice for Appointment of Consulting Firm

Notice No. IDB/5M/C/FD/91-92/04 Dated: 18.11.91

Project: Construction of Multipurpose Building to be used as Primary School and Shelter During Calamities Under Islamic Development Bank Grant.

Subject: Notice for Appointment of Consulting Firm for Evaluation, Monitoring and Construction Supervision of 45 Nos. of Govt. Primary Schools in Bhola District.

Application in two envelope system (technical and financial offers sealed separately) are invited from the reputed consulting firms for evaluation, monitoring and construction supervision of 45 Nos. of Government Primary Schools in Bhola District under the above mentioned Project. The cost of the project is Tk. 1800.00 lakh (Approximately).

Project brief and other related papers may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on cash payment of Tk. 2,000/00 (Taka Two thousand) only (Non-refundable) for each set of documents up to 7.12.91. The duration of the project is about 24 (Twenty four) months.

The offers will be received by the undersigned on 10.12.91 up to 12.00 hours (B.S.T.). The technical offers will be opened on the same day at 12.30 hours (B.S.T.) in presence of the applicants or their authorised representative, if there be any.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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S.S.M.A. Mannan
Director (Current Charge)

International Tender for supply of High Speed Diesel Oil (HSD) under Barter during 26-29 Jan. 92

Ref. No.22.17/1 Dated: 21.11.1991.

Tender Notice

- (a) Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) hereby invites offers for supply of 145,000 Barrels of High Speed Diesel Oil (HSD) on C&F Chittagong basis under Barter in accordance with the terms and conditions set out hereinafter.
- (b) Volume mentioned at (a) will be subject to an operational tolerance of 5 (five) per cent.
- (c) Barrel means 42 United States Standard Gallon each of two hundred thirtyone (231) cubic inches at sixty degrees (60°) Fahrenheit.
- II) Entire quantity as mentioned above must be delivered at Chittagong between 26-29 January, 1992 in one shipment.
- III) Tender will be received up to 1200 hours (BST) on 23 December, 1991 and opened at 1205 hours (BST) on 23 December, 91 at Buyer's Head Office, HBFC Building, 1/D Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong in presence of the bidders or their authorised agents who would wish to be present.
- IV) Other terms and conditions will be as per BPC's General Terms and Conditions of Supply of Petroleum Products under Barter (Ref. 22.17 dated 23 November, 1991).
- V) Offers must be valid up to 1800 hours BST 02 January, 1992.
- VI) Local Agents of reputed buyers interested in the tender with proper application and due authorisation of principal may collect tender documents on all working days during office hours from:
 - The Commercial and Operations Division of the Corporation at its Head Office HBFC Building, 4th Floor, 1/D, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong — 4100.
 - Jamuna Oil Company Limited (JOCL), Dhaka Office at 28, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka.
 - Bangladesh Mission in Singapore.

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation
1/D Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong.
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Tender Notice

বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিরামিত পরিশোধ করুন

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited for construction of 56 sqm.(600 sqft.) 4(four) units Residential Building and 74 sqm 800 sqft Residential Building at Madaripur Power Colony. Estimated cost Tk. 14,57,606/=, and 12,34,972/= under 14-Town Power Distribution Project Division-3, PDB, Jhenidah respectively from the bonafide PDB's A and B class contractors.

Details schedule/tender documents are obtainable up to 10-12-91 from the office of the (i) Chief Engineer, Distribution, Western Zone, PDB, Khulna (ii) Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle, PDB Jessore (iii) Uttara Bank Ltd, Jhenidah (Prior permission from the undersigned). Tk. 700/= for each work (non-refundable) as prescribed in the form Bank Draft in favour of the Deputy Director (AC), RAO PDB, Jessore during the office hours. The tender will be received up to 12-00 Noon 11-12-91 in the office of the above Sl. No 1 and 2 and the undersigned and will be opened on the same day 12-30 PM.

Executive Engineer
Biddut/Jan-518/591-92 14-Town Power Distribution
DFFP(BA)-9331-16/11 Project Division-3, PDB
G-923 Jhenidah.