

Railway officials asked to stop pilferage

Communication Minister Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed Saturday called for united efforts to stop pilferage of railway property and oil and unauthorised use of its land, reports UNB.

He also asked the officials and employees railway to perform their duties with honesty and sincerity to turn it into a loss and subsidy-free concern.

The Minister was addressing a gathering at Kamalapur railway station after pressing

into service a train engine badly damaged earlier in an accident and later set right by local engineers.

The value of this type of a new engine is about Tk 8 crore.

Oli underlined maintenance of discipline in all spheres and ensuring train services strictly on schedule.

He thanked the engineers, experts and workers of railway division for rehabilitating the engine and directed them to repair the remaining damaged engines within three months.

State Minister for Communications Fazlur Rahman and Secretary of Railway Division Nurul Momen Khan also spoke.

Dhaka to get Tk13.38 cr from Norway

Bangladesh will receive Taka 13.38 crore (Norwegian kroner 25.00 million) from Norway as support to post-cyclone emergency programme of Grameen Bank, according to an official announcement, reports BSS.

Dr A M M Shawkat Ali, Additional Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance and Roar Wik, Resident Representative, Norway in Dhaka signed the agreement on behalf of their respective government in Dhaka Saturday.

Norway has been supporting the Grameen Bank Project Phase-III as a member of the aid consortium. Norway also supported the emergency post 1988 flood activities in Bangladesh.

Railway engine mended without foreign aid

A railway engine seriously damaged in an accident, was put into operation again Saturday after making necessary repair works by local engineers and employees by utilising local technology, an official source said in Dhaka, reports BSS.

This is for the first time that a railway engine has been repaired and rehabilitated without foreign technical assistance, the source said.

Inaugurating the re-operation of the newly repaired engine at Kamalapur railway workshop in the city the same day Communications Minister Oli Ahmad directed the railway officials, engineers and employees to repair other damaged engines within the next three months.

He thanked the engineers and officials for the repair and rehabilitation works of the engine locally which was put into operation.

The Communications Minister called upon the officials and employees for ensuring timely operation of trains and stopping fuel pilferage and wanton use of railway's lands.

He also called upon them to perform their duties with sincerity and dedication to make the sector free from loss and subsidy.

Biswas calls to help spread of education

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Saturday called upon all concerned to devote themselves to spread of education to make the hard-earned independence meaningful, reports BSS.

Talking to a 15-member delegation from 'Bangladesh Samaj Kalyan Karmi Sangha', which called on him at Bangabhaban, the President said the democratic government, which was installed in the country, has been working hard for the welfare of the people.

He hoped that the people from all walks of life would extend all cooperation to the government so that the government could successfully implement its welfare-oriented programmes.

He lauded the programmes of the sangha and called upon them to help the democratic government.

The delegation was led by its General Secretary Shukur Ahmed.

Electric traffic signal system in Rajshahi soon

RAJSHAHI, Dec 7: Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) will introduce electric traffic signal system in all important roads at a cost of about Taka one crore in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

Mizanur Rahman Minu, Mayor Rajshahi City Corporation addressing a press conference Thursday said the corporation will spend over Taka six crore for implementing about three hundred development projects. The projects include construction of roads, drains, graveyard, parks, markets and beautification of the city.

For development of roads and drains the corporation will spend over Taka three crore sixty four lakh and fifty thousand. The corporation will also spend over Taka forty-one lakh for beautification of the city in the current fiscal year, the Mayor said.

Minu said that the government is extending all possible help for the development of the city.

Production of Aman paddy satisfactory

The monthly inter-ministerial meeting of food policy and monitoring committee was held Saturday with Food Minister M Shamsul Islam in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting was informed that the production of aman paddy current season was highly satisfactory and this would surpass the stipulated national target.



Transport workers brought out a procession in the city on Saturday demanding exemplary punishment to the killer of their colleague. — Star photo

151 acres acquired for garbage disposal

Tk 25 crore city drainage development plan taken up

Dhaka City Corporation has undertaken road and drainage development programme at a cost of taka 25 crore during the current year.

Talking to BSS at his office Saturday, city Mayor Mirza Abbas said two-thirds of the road network in the city covering a length of about 2250 km, need quick development and completion of the same would require between Taka 100 and 125 crore.

He said as the Corporation was facing resource constraints, the development of city roads would have to be implemented in phases.

Mirza Abbas said, the Corporation would also start repair and development of 1500 kms of damaged and choked drains on priority basis to help improve the civic facilities.

The Mayor said, though there are provisions for about

60,000 bulbs on the city streets, about 15,000 bulbs were in order when BNP government took over. Twenty thousand fused street bulbs had already been replaced and the rest would be replaced gradually, he said.

"Asked how the Corporation had increased its budget allocation for the roads, the Mayor said, 'we sought an additional Taka 15 crore fund from the government in view of the pitiable condition of the city roads. We will seek more funds from the government to provide minimum civic amenities to the ever increasing city population.'

Mirza Abbas said, the Corporation would receive Taka six crore from Asian Development Bank (ADB) for roads and improvement of drainage system.

The Corporation has already floated tender for procurement of 20 modern lorries for garbage disposal with World Bank assistance as part of its environment improvement project, Abbas said.

A total of 151 acres have been acquired in Matuail, Demra, for garbage disposal.

The Mayor said, the Corporation will undertake sanitary sand piling at the site to prevent spread of stinky smell in order to avoid atmospheric pollution.

Asked if the Corporation was contemplating any other ambitious plan to increase civic amenities, the Mayor said, 'we have a plan for construction of some fly-overs at busy crossings to ease traffic jams.'

The corporation has leased out its public toilets through open bid for their better maintenance, he added.

Probe into Friday's incidents demanded

The Supreme Court Bar Association has described as "most unfortunate" the incidents at the meetings in different parts of the capital Friday, marking the first anniversary of the downfall of autocracy, reports BSS.

A resolution adopted at a discussion meeting of the association in observance of the first anniversary of the toppling of the autocracy, said intolerance and undesirable incidents that erupted Friday could cloud the future of democracy in the country.

The meeting appealed to all political parties to be careful in preserving democracy achieved at a high cost of immense sacrifice, a press release of the association said.

The meeting demanded that a fair enquiry into the incidents was necessary for the sake of democracy and urged the government to set up an "enquiry committee" with three judges of the Supreme Court.

It demanded that the report of the committee be published within 15 days.

Presided over by Dr Rafiqur Rahman, president of the association, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Shamsul Huq Chowdhury, Dr Kamal Hossain, Md Hannan, Gajul Huq, Abul Baset Mazumdar, Bazur Rahman Talukder, Amir Ul Islam, Alhaj Giasuddin Ahmed, K M Saifuddin Ahmed and A F M Mesbahuddin Ahmed.

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DCC contractors

The election to the Dhaka City Corporation Contractors' Association was held on Thursday at the Institution of Engineers.

Abul Hossain Khan and AR Nazim were elected President and General Secretary respectively of a 19-member executive committee of the association.

Mahila Parishad

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad Saturday organised a discussion meeting and a cultural soiree to celebrate the first anniversary of the fall of autocracy.

Presided over by Parishad President Sufia Kamal, the discussion meeting was addressed, among others, by Vice Presidents Maleka Hegum, and Bela Naby General Secretary Ayesha Khanam, Assistant General Secretary Dr. Makhduma Nargis Ratna and Dr Nurunnahar Fazlunnessa.

Social Welfare workers' Assoc

A delegation of Bangladesh

social Welfare Workers' Association led by its Secretary General Shukur Saieq Saturday called on the President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban.

The 15-member delegation also included the Advisors of the Association Rani Hamid, Dilara Zaman, Dulal Biswas, Wahedul Alam and other central leaders.

The President lauded the role of the Association in socio-cultural and community development and assured of his cooperation to its development programmes.

Republican Party

National Republican Party Chairman Dr. M Zahir Khan in a statement Saturday called for concerted efforts of all to give democracy a sound footing.

Condemning Friday's incidents in the capital, the chairman said it has stained the democratic norms and revealed "our failure to secure democracy."

31 arrested in city anti-crime drive

By Staff Correspondent

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) arrested another 31 persons in the on-going special anti-crime drive during last 24-hours ending Saturday.

Among arrested, five were in connection with mugging incidents, one extortionist, 17 wanted in connection with existing cases and eight against whom warrants were issued.

Meanwhile, Mirpur police raided a house in Kallyanpur and arrested three alleged mastans Friday night. One pipe-gun, 11 crackers and 12 knives of different sizes were

recovered from their possession.

The arrested persons are, Jamir Hossain (22), Ahmed Kader (18) and Kamal Hossain (19). Separate cases were registered against them with Mirpur police.

Motijheel police on Friday arrested two accused persons and recovered a pipe-gun from their possession. Separate cases were filed against Masudur Rahman and Ikram Mahmud with Motijheel police station.

Janaza of AL leader held

By Staff Correspondent

The Namaz-e-Janaza of late Alamgir Kabir, noted architect and Awami League leader was held Saturday after Johr prayer at the Baitul Mukarram mosque.

Relatives, friends, colleagues and political leaders of Awami League, CPB, NAP and Ganatantry Party, attended the Namaz-e-Janaza.

Among those present were the Acting President of Awami League and Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Abdus Samad Azad, CPB President Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Dr. Kamal Hossain, Justice KM Subhan, former minister Maj. Gen. (retd) Abdul Mannan Siddiqui, Barrister Amirul Islam and others.

The deceased was laid to rest at the Banani graveyard. His Qul-khwani will be held Monday after Asr prayer, at Dhanmondi residence.

AL leaders offer doa for Rehana's husband's recovery

A milad and doa mahfil was held at the central office of Awami League in city Saturday seeking the blessings of the Almighty Allah for early recovery of Prof Shaifque Siddique, husband of Bangabandhu's youngest daughter Sheikh Rehana, reports BSS.

Siddique is now undergoing treatment at a hospital in Singapore.

Awami League leaders Abdus Samad Azad, Zillur Rahman, Sajeda Chowdhury, Amir Hossain Amu, Mohammad Nasim, Motia Chowdhury, Mozful Islam Khan Kamal, Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Rahmat Ali, Former student leader Abdul Mannan, Advocate Shahara Khatun, M A Aziz, Akhtarul Alam and Advocate Kamrul Islam, among others, attended the milad and doa mahfil.

200 Rohingyas enter into Bangladesh every day

The 'Rohingya Solidarity Organisation' of Arakan (Burma) has urged the Islamic heads of government to raise the issue of Myanmar (Burmese) Muslim refugees in the coming Islamic summit in Dakar, capital of Senegal, reports BSS.

In a statement, Dr Mohammad Yunus, president of the organisation, said Muslims from Myanmar continue to pour into Bangladesh at the rate of 150-200 persons every day due to repression of the 'Myanmar authorities'. The influx continues despite understanding reached between Bangladesh and Burma during Foreign Minister A S M Mustafizur Rahman's visit to that country for an end to the exodus.

The organisation appealed to the Islamic leaders to raise the issue at the summit, beginning December 9 and adopt appropriate resolutions for a lasting solution to the problem of Myanmar Muslim refugees. The statement was sent also to Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Conference Dr Hamid Al Gabdi.

BSCIC to monitor credits for small industries

Credit programme for small and cottage industries of banks and financial institutions will regularly be monitored by Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC), reports BSS.

The government has constituted a 10 member review committee headed by Joint Secretary (Industry) of the Ministry of Industry as its Chairman to examine the monitoring activities of BSCIC on credit programme for small and cottage industries.



CHITTAGONG: Jahiruddin Khan, Minister for Planning laying the foundation stone of "Al-Helal Adarsha College" at Satkania, 60 km off the city recently. — Star photo

'Evil designs to kill budding democracy'

AL didn't want to declare independence, says minister

Speakers at a discussion meeting Saturday recalled the contribution of late President Ziaur Rahman and called upon the people to materialise his dreams for a happy and prosperous Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Speaking at a publication ceremony of a book titled "Ziaur Rahman Sharak Grantha" (Memorial book on Ziaur Rahman) at the Institution of Engineers' auditorium in Dhaka afternoon, they also called for institutionalizing the hard-earned democracy.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum chaired the function organised by Suchana Shahitya O Sangskritik Sangshad, a cultural organisation.

Environment, Forest, Livestock and Fisheries Minister Abdullah Al Noman, Prof Emazuddin Ahmed of Dhaka University, Dhaka University Teachers' Association President Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury, BFUJ (Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists) President Rezauddin Ahmed, journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury, poet Al Mujahidi and editor of the book Ruhul Amin spoke on the occasion.

Referring to the declaration of independence in 1971 by late President Ziaur Rahman, Abdullah Al Noman said despite being a soldier he (Zia) had made a fundamental contribution to the country's politics.

He refuted various claims about the declaration of independence and in an oblique reference to Awami League said they had failed to rise to the occasion. "They did not want to declare independence, neither did they have any preparation for that."

Noman urged the opposition political parties to cooperate with the government in containing "political violence" across the country. He also warned that conspiracies against democracy would not be tolerated.

Prof Emazuddin Ahmed blamed the political leadership

for failure of democracy in the past.

Gias Kamal Chowdhury urged the government to follow Zia's ideals and take people-oriented steps in order to make a good government.

Rezauddin Ahmed said that there were evil designs to strangle the budding democracy in its infancy and "we can ensure the undisrupted march towards democracy only by pursuing nationalist politics."

Anwarullah Chowdhury stressed the need for searching out the real killers of Ziaur Rahman for greater national interest.

Sufficient time should be given before smooth functioning of the new democracy, Al Mujahidi said.

In her presidential speech, Prof Jahanara Begum said it was a unique example that the BNP had regained state power after being overthrown by a military coup.

'BNP approach attracts other parties' workers'

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister and BNP Secretary General Abdus Salam Talukder Saturday said the present government was striving to consolidate the process of democracy in line with the ideals and production oriented programmes initiated by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, reports BSS.

Janaza of Shafiul Azam at ZIA today

Namaz-e-Janaza of former Minister S M Shafiul Azam will be held at Zia International Airport, at 10.15 am today (Sunday), instead of Baitul Mukarram due to unavoidable circumstances, according to a press release, reports BSS.

After the janaza at the Zia International Airport the body of Azam will be flown by helicopter to Chittagong when the second janaza will be held Lal Digirpar, at 12 noon. The body will then be carried to Fatikchhari, Chittagong by road for burial at the family grave yard.

Shafiul Azam died on Wednesday in a London hospital after prolonged illness.

Sub:- Notice for extension of time for receiving pre-qualification application

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the receiving date of "Applications for Pre-qualification of Contractors" under 16 Towns Power Distribution Project, BPDB as per Memo No. PDB/16-Towns/Pre-qualification/91/812 dated 12.10.91 is hereby extended upto 11 A.M. on 12.12.91.

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged as per previous Notice dated 12.10.91.

Project Co-ordinator
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DPP(BA) 9922-7/12
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Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide stitching firms for making winter liveries of Shahjibazar Power Generating Station at an allotted amount of Tk 87,460/00 (Eighty seven thousand four hundred sixty) only. Tender document/schedule can be collected at Tk 20/00 (Twenty) only (non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned subject to prior permission up to 23-12-1991 and will be received up to 12-00 Noon on 24-12-91.

Deputy Manager Incharge
Shahjibazar Power Generating Station
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CORRIGENDUM

CORRIGENDUM TO C&F TENDER NO. 539/1 (1992&93) / RE DATED 17.11.91 FOR APPOINTMENT OF C&F AGENTS

The date of the Tender document inadvertently was printed in the press advertisement as 17-11-91. Actually the date should be read as 20-11-91 instead of 17-11-91. The advertisement published in the "Daily Star" on 23-11-91 and in the "Bangladesh Observer" on 25-11-91.

All other wordings, terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Director
Bangladesh Forest School, Sylhet.

Tender Notice No. 5/91-92

Dated : 24-11-91/9-8-98 BS

Tenders in sealed cover subject to the undermentioned terms and conditions are hereby invited from Govt and Semi-Govt organisation enlisted and financially sound reputed contractors for special repair to the undermentioned houses and buildings of Second Project under Director, Bangladesh Forest School, Sylhet, during 1991-92. Tenders will be received up to 11-30 minutes on 15-12-91 (30-08-98BS) and the tender box will be opened on the same day at 12-00 hours. Description of work, form, terms and conditions regarding the tender invited can be seen at the Accounts Section of the office of the undersigned up to 14-12-91 (29-8-98 BS) during office hours except holiday and Friday.

Sl No.	Description of work	Amount of estimated cost	Amount of earnest money	Time for completion of work from the date of issuing work order
1.	Director's residence No.20	Tk 30,955/20	Tk 37,214/-	45 (forty-five) days from the date of issuing work order
2.	School building No.28	Tk 1,39,807/-		
3.	Students hostel building (forester) No. 29	Tk 87,448/-		
4.	Assistant Forest Officer's residence No. 30	Tk 22,786/-		
5.	Residence No. 31	Tk 21,687/-		
6.	Research Forest Officer's residence No. 40	Tk 14,602/-		
7.	Trainer's residence No.41/1	Tk 41,600/-		
8.	Forest Guards' hostel building No. 46	Tk 94,346/-		
9.	Auditorium building No. 1	Tk 2,51,937/-		
10.	Residence No. 41/1	Tk 39,104/-		
Total		Tk 7.44.272/20		

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