

Here and There

JSD election body

By Staff Correspondent

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) has formed a 22-member central election conducting committee with Syed Zafar Sazzad as convener and Shahidullah Farayazi as joint convener, says a party press release.

It has also formed a publicity and publication sub-committee with Ataul Karim Faruq as convener.

NDP

National Democratic Party (NDP) has formed a four-member committee to coordinate party's election activities throughout the country with Mesbahuddin Ahmed as the convener.

The members are: Abdus Salam Khokon, Syed Daluar Hossain and Mamunur Rashid.

Chinese envoy meets Iajuddin

Chinese Ambassador in Bangladesh Chen Songlu called on Advisor for Cultural Affairs Prof. Iajuddin Ahmed at the Secretariat on Sunday, reports UNB.

They discussed matters of mutual interest including implementation of existing cultural protocol between the two countries.

Jiban Bima Field Officers Assoc

The election of the Central Committee of Jiban Bima Field Officers' Welfare Association was held on Thursday at the Head Office of the corporation, reports BSS.

Development Manager Fazlur Rahman, Development officers Altafar Rahman and Md. A.F. Quasem were elected President, General Secretary and Treasurer respectively of the Association.

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Sacked employees under MLO 9 demand reinstatement

The government employees, terminated under MLO No. 9 during the Ershad regime, Sunday demanded their reinstatement within 10 days, reports BSS.

The sacked employees, in a rally in front of the National Press Club Sunday morning with President of the Association of the Terminated Employees under MLO No. 9, Chowdhury Sanwar Ali in the Chair, cautioned that if their demands were not met within the stipulated time, they would announce action programme.

The demands included reinstatement of the employees keeping intact their seniority and payment of arrears salaries, financial benefit to the families of the sacked employees who had died in the meantime and chance of appeal to the higher courts for the employees who were terminated under MLO No. 11.

The rally was followed by a procession.

Sheraton's 'poll package' offer

The management of Dhaka Sheraton has made a special arrangement, with an offer of "election package" to election observers and media persons, for the February 27 parliamentary polls, according to a press release.

The highlights of the offer are: 40 percent discount on the rack room rate which is US \$ 67 (subject to 22 per cent government tax and 12.5 per cent service charge, 50 per cent discount on all suites, late checkout time extended upto 6 p.m., complimentary airport pickup and drop, complimentary fruit basket on arrival and tea/coffee in the media lounge.

Facilities like IDD for international communication and ISDN to facilitate computer networking and electronic mailing will be available for the press and election observers.

Moreover, a 24-hour business centre will be operating with telex, fax, word processor and photo copier to facilitate business communication.

The Reuters Bureau Office is also situated in the hotel building.

Kafiluddin Mahmood improving

Finance Adviser Kafiluddin Mahmood is fast recovering from ailment and doing urgent official work from his hospital cabin, doctors and ministry sources said, reports UNB.

Mahmood has been hospitalised since December 13 following a moderate heart attack.

His long absence was seriously hampering normal functioning of the Ministry of Finance.

Sources said, a special telephone was installed in Mahmood's cabin in the Suhrawardy Hospital on January 15, and the Adviser is keeping contact with concerned officials besides doing necessary paper and file works.

Doctors said he would be released soon.

Film festival dedicated to Alamgir Kabir

The second death anniversary of freedom fighter and film maker Alamgir Kabir and actress Feroza Rahman Tina was observed on Sunday, reports UNB.

On January 20 in 1989, they were killed in an accident at Nagarbari ferry ghat.

To mark the occasion, Bangladesh Short Film Forum, Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies and the Festival Committee of Gold Leaf 2nd International Short Film Festival 90 placed floral wreaths at their graves at Barani.

Wreaths was also placed at Martyred Intellectuals graveyard at Mirpur.

The 9-day second Gold Leaf International Short Film Festival '90 which begins in Dhaka January 22 has been dedicated by its organisers to the memory of late Alamgir Kabir. The festival is being organised by Bangladesh Short Film Forum.

TK 15 lakh rest house to be built in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Jan 20: Chittagong Zila Parishad will soon build a Dak Bunglow here at a total cost of Taka 15 lakh, reports BSS.

The decision was taken at the monthly meeting of the parishad held Saturday. Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Zila Parishad Mr A. R. Khan presided over the meeting.

Food stock satisfactory

The overall food situation of the country was reviewed at a meeting of the Development Project Implementation Committee of the Food Ministry held Sunday with Food Adviser Prof. Iajuddin Ahmed in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting observed that the stock position of food in the country was satisfactory. It also directed all concerned to monitor the food situation constantly in the light of the Gulf war.

Food Secretary Anisur Rahman and concerned high officials of the ministry, Food Directorate and other concerned ministries and agencies attended the meeting.

The meeting had a discussion on the implementation of ongoing projects.

Under this Annual Development Programme, the rehabilitation work of 217 godowns had been completed while 16 were in the final stage of completion.

The construction work of three new godowns had already been completed and 60 per cent work of another eight has also been completed.

These projects were being implemented with the assistance of EEC, CIDA, Danida and Canada.

About Taka 48 crore were allotted for the year 1990-91 to implement different projects of the Food Ministry.



Leading members of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry met the BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia in Dhaka on Sunday. They talked different issues including those relating to the economy. —Star photo



The Egyptian Ambassador in Bangladesh called on the Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina in city on Sunday. —Star photo

Defeated forces out to foil poll: Khaleda

By Staff Correspondent

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia has warned people against possible violence by the accomplices of ousted president Ershad during the February 27 Jatiya Sangsad (parliament) elections.

She was addressing the grand conference of 'Bangladesh Praktan Sainik Sangsta' (association of retired soldiers) at Gulistan square in the city yesterday afternoon.

"The defeated forces may foil the effort to hold an impartial election by their illegal arms, because they are afraid of the nationalist forces getting elected to power," the BNP chief said. She requested all to respectful to law.

She called upon all democratic forces, who ousted the autocratic regime unitedly, to work together for transition to democracy through free and fair polls.

Begum Zia urged people to keep an eye on the polling centres to resist entrance of the culprits.

The BNP chief hoped the nationalist forces would win if the polls were held in a congenial atmosphere. Because, she said, if elected, her government will solve the national problems, created by the past autocratic and anti-people rulers.

Begum Zia assured people that if (elected) her government would revive all the 'development-oriented' programmes, taken by the previous BNP government for economic uplift of the country.

Dhaka city BNP chief Lt Gen (ret'd) Mir Shauqat Ali, and the Praktan Sainik Sangsta leaders including group captain (ret'd) Saiful Azam and Group captain (ret'd) Shamsul Alam addressed the conference. Subedar (ret'd) Annull Islam was in the chair.

Voters assoc formed

by staff correspondent

A national association of Bangladesh voters has been formed on Friday with a view to hold the coming parliamentary election free and fair.

According to a Press release Mr. M. A. Bari has been elected as President of the association.

In a statement the association urged the Acting President to give a certificate mentioning the figures of votes signed by the presiding Officer to the candidates or their selected persons in every centre.

They also demanded cancellation of the nominations of those applicants who would try to create any disturbance in the centre.

The association decided to send an observation team in every centre to ensure fair elections.

Tongi-Mohakhali road closed

All traffic movements towards Tongi from Mohakhali will remain suspended for three hours from 12 noon today (Monday) for the 'Akheri Munajat' at Bisma Etema, reports BSS.

Incoming traffic movement for the capital from Tongi will, however, remain open, police sources said.

Police asked the airline passengers booked for flights during the 3-hour suspension, to reach the airport before 12 noon.

The Pragati Sarani (Vijaya Road) from Jorah Sahara rail crossing at the airport road to the Rampura bridge will remain closed today from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight, an official handout said here on Sunday, reports BSS.

THE STAR SERVICE

HOSPITALS		BUS SERVICE	
DMCH	505025-9	BRTC Reservation	403803
PG	500121-6	Terminal	380507
SMCI	505194-8	Cabul	600230
Subwardy	240061-3		
Holy Family	325150-4		
	831721-5		
POLICE		HOTELS	
DMP Exchange	410061-5	Sonargaon	812927-9
Control Room	509922	Sheraton	861191
Telephone Inquiry	239900		863391
Central	254666		864926-30
	312141		505055-9
	312222		
	402030		
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar			
Moghbaraz			
RAILWAY		OTHERS PUBLIC SERVICE OFFICE	
Inquiry	409686	Fire Brigade Ambulance	233333-7
Reservation (Inter-city)	413173	Municipality	238255-7
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		Complain.	280154
		WASA	325181-5
		Titag gas	812135-42
		Rocket & Steamer	251706
AIRLINES			
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	894350		258747
Airport	894771-9	Iraqi Airways	325631
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Aeroflot	506636		251059
Air France	231900	KLM	315001
	239353		
	259594	Kuwait Airways	
Air India	500070-1	Lufthansa	502858
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	280052		501112
Biman	240151-10	PAN AM	259455
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Burmah Airways	253090	Qantas	241337-38
Cathay Pacific	254484	Royal Nepal Airlines	251900
	239721		239353
Druk Air	255901-11	Singapore Airlines	253362
Emirates	280791		243528-29
	243797	Saudia	311969
	280547		311207
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	231876	TWA	232208
	236262		232491

AIRLINES SCHEDULE

ARRIVAL		DEPARTURE	
Monday		Monday	
0710 GFI58	L-10 DOH-ACC-DAC	0820 KAS01	B737 DAC-HKG
0725 BCG10	DC-10 AMS-ATH-DXB-ROM-DAC	0840 GFI59	L-10 DAC-ATH-AUH
		0900 BCG00	DC-10 DAC-BKK-SIN
0740 BCG06	DC-10 LON-DAC	1100 BCG01	F-28 DAC-CCU
1000 SV140	B747 RUH-DAC	1110 BCG06	DC-10 DAC-KTM
1300 BCG02	F-28 CCU-DAC	1330 SV418	B747 DAC-BLI
1450 K723	B737 CCU-DAC	1400 BCG47	DC-10 DAC-BGW
		1500 BCG03	ATP DAC-CCU
1500 BCG02	DC-10 KTM-DAC	1550 K724	B737 DAC-CCU
1700 K6410	B727 DKB-KIR-DAC	1600 BCG05	DC-10 DAC-DXB-DOM
1710 SV140	F-154 MOW-DXB-DAC	1610 K6411	B727 DAC-KIR-DXB
1720 BCG04	ATP CCU-DAC	1640 BCG05	F-28 DAC-CCU
2020 BCG06	ATP CCU-DAC	1840 SV150	TU154 DAC-DXB-MOW
2240 BCG01	DC-10 SIN-KIT-BKK-DAC		
2320 K4403	B727 KTM-DAC (TECH SUSPND)		
Tuesday		TUESDAY	
0500 GFI58	L-10 BAH-DAC	0125 K4403	B727 DAC-HKG (SUSP)
0640 BCG06	DC-10 DKB-DOM-BAH-DAC	0315 BCG00	DC-10 DAC-DXB-LON
0650 KUZ81	A310 KWI-DAC (SUS)	0715 GFI59	L-10 DAC-BAH
0720 KCG048	DC-10 BCG-BAH-DXB-DAC	0800 KUZ82	A310 DAC-KWISUSP
1155 PK266	A300 KIH-DAC	1100 BCG01	F-28 DAC-CCU
1250 SQ416	A310 SIN-DAC	1300 BCG05	DC-10 DAC-AUH-JED
1250 C321	A300 BKK-DAC	1315 PK267	A300 DAC-KIH
1300 BCG02	F-28 CCU-DAC	1350 SQ416	A310 DAC-SIN
1345 K4404	B727 HKG-DAC (TECH SUSP)	1400 TG322	A300 DAC-BKK
1415 KBI09	BAE146 PBH-DAC	1500 BCG03	ATP DAC-CCU
1500 TG033	DC-8F BKK-KTM-DAC	1445 K4401	B727 DAC-KTM
1630 BA145	B747 LHR-BOM-DAC	1515 KBI09	BAE146 DAC-BKK
1720 BCG04	ATP CCU-DAC	1630 BCG04	DC-10 DAC-BKK
1835 BCG06	F-28 CCU-CCP	1640 TG324	DC-8F DAC-BKK
2020 BCG06	ATP CCU-DAC	1800 BCG05	ATP DAC-CCU
2205 BCG05	DC-10 BKK-DAC	205 BA144	B747 DAC-BOM-LHR
2345 K4403	B727 KTM-DAC (TECH)	2310 BCG07	DC-10 DAC-DXB-ROM-LON

INTERCITY TRAINS

Train	Departure	Arrival	Off
Dhaka-Chittagong			
1) Mahanagar Provat	6:40 am (Dhaka)	12:30 pm (Chittagong)	Wednesday
2) 1st Gadhali	3:00 pm (Dhaka)	9:15 pm (Chittagong)	Thursday
3) Mahanagar Provat	7:20 am (Chittagong)	1:55 pm (Dhaka)	Saturday
4) Tarunia-Nalita	2:40 pm (Chittagong)	9:30 pm (Dhaka)	Sunday
	1:30 pm (Chittagong)	8:00 am (Dhaka)	Monday
Dhaka-Rajshahi			
1) Pashia Express	8:20 am (Raj)	8:40 pm (Dhaka)	Sunday
	6:15 am (Raj)	7:25 pm (Dhaka)	Saturday
Dhaka-Sylhet			
1) Pashia	8:40 am (Syl)	3:40 pm (Dhaka)	Thursday
2) Jyotika	2:30 pm (Syl)	8:50 pm (Dhaka)	Friday
3) Jyotika	5:15 am (Syl)	11:55 pm (Dhaka)	Saturday
	9:00 pm (Syl)	5:30 am (Dhaka)	Monday
	11:30 am (Syl)	5:30 am (Dhaka)	Thursday
Dhaka-Dinajpur			
1) Jyotika	7:00 am (Dinajpur)	9:55 pm (Dhaka)	Monday
2) Jyotika	6:15 am (Dinajpur)	9:35 pm (Dhaka)	Tuesday
	5:20 pm (Dinajpur)	9:15 am (Dhaka)	Thursday
Dhaka-Noakhali			
1) Jyotika	7:20 am (Noakhali)	12:50 pm (Dhaka)	Sunday
	2:00 pm (Noakhali)	7:50 pm (Dhaka)	Saturday
Dhaka-Kishoreganj			
1) K. M. Sharda	9:00 am (Kishoreganj)	1:20 pm (Dhaka)	Sunday
	1:50 pm (Kishoreganj)	6:10 pm (Dhaka)	Saturday
Dhaka-Jugannathganj Ghat			
1) Jyotika	4:20 pm (Ghat)	10:35 pm (Dhaka)	Monday

Dhaka monitoring Gulf moves

Bangladesh is closely monitoring the peace moves being made by different countries for a cessation to the war in the Gulf, reports BSS.

All peace initiatives are welcome but success of such moves are contingent upon Iraq's readiness to vacate illegally annexed Kuwait, Additional Foreign Secretary Reaz Rahman told newsmen in Dhaka on Sunday.

Replying to questions on Dhaka's reactions to the peace initiatives being made by the Soviet Union, he said many others ideas to end hostilities were being floated by different nations and Bangladesh was keeping a constant watch on the world reactions centring the Gulf war.

Mr. Rahman made it clear that the use of force in the Gulf had the cover of the United Nations Security Council since all efforts for a peaceful withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait had exhausted without any positive results.

"We do not approve any war and here is a case which has to be seen in the light of the resolutions of the UN Security Council," he said, adding Bangladesh's position on the rights of Palestinian people and restoration of occupied Arab land well-known.

About an estimated four lakh Bangladesh nationals in the Gulf countries, the Additional Foreign Secretary said reports received here from those countries spoke no unusual concern or panic among them for returning to home. They were having normal life in most of the Gulf countries, he said.

Only 3000 Bangladeshis left Kuwait and another about 350 in Iraq and there was a few Bangladesh nationals among the several thousand foreigners who reached Amman after the outbreak of the war, said Mr. Rahman.

He said all Bangladesh nationals in the region including the troops in the Saudi Arabia was safe.

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