

Palli Shishu foundation confce tomorrow

The 13th annual conference of Palli Shishu Foundation of Bangladesh will be held tomorrow (March 8) at its office in Dhaka at 9 am, reports BSS.

Presidents, secretaries, doctors, Family Planning workers and voluntary health workers from about one hundred Palli Shishu Clinics will attend the conference.

Philip D O'hrien, Coordinator, Health and Nutrition Section, UNICEF, Dhaka will inaugurate the conference as the chief guest while Dr Abdullah Al-Muti Sharfuddin, eminent educationist, will attend as the special guest. Ms Claudia J. Ford, Population Program Manager, the Asia Foundation, Dhaka will distribute the prizes, a Foundation press release said.

Bangladeshi wins HOPE award

By Staff Correspondent

A Bangladeshi student has been awarded a cash prize including a certificate of appreciation for his meritorious performance in the second international youth employment project competition in Austria.

Farhad Khan, a student of the Faculty of Agricultural Engineering and Technology of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) received the cash prize of \$1,000 and the certificate in the recently held competition arranged by the Hundreds of Original Projects for Employment (HOPE) which encourages discover new dimensions in respect of generating employment opportunities all over the world.

The HOPE '90 competition had received more than 320 projects of which 10 were selected by an International jury board.



Farhad Khan with co-winner allocating each of them an appreciation in the form of cash prize of \$ 1,000. The Agro-Service Centres Projects designed by Farhad Khan had brought this rare honour for Bangladesh.

The proposed project aims at developing Agro-Service centres at the upazila level of Bangladesh facilitate easy access to modern agricultural equipment including their manufacture, repair and training service for the rural farmers. The centre headed by an Agricultural Engineering graduate will have an operation team consisting of rural youths with the responsibility for providing field service to the farming community. It is hoped that these centres will be of major importance to the rural farmers as yet will provide there with necessary tools and repair services at lower cost.

Farhad also received the topmost honour for his 'integrated farming by youth cooperatives project' in the HOPE '87 competition. He is the youngest son of Nurul Huda of Muktagacha Upazila under Mymensingh district.



In observance of International Women's Day, a Worldnet Dialogue video teleconference was held at the American Center Tuesday featuring panelists from Bangladesh, Nepal and the United States, on the topic 'Women Building Power.' The Bangladeshi panelists were (left to right) Dr. Mahmuda Islam, Associate Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Dhaka University; Mrs. Salma Khan, Joint Chief, Planning Commission; Mrs. Neru Yakub-Ahsan, Assistant Editor, Bangladesh Times; and Dr. Perween Hasan, Associate Professor of Islamic History and Culture, Dhaka University. U. S. guests were Ms. Sharon Rodine, President, National Women's Political Caucus, and Ms. Rosemary Dempsey, Vice-President, National Organization for Women. —USIS photo

Plea to telecast Mujib's speech

Bangabandhu Parishad on Wednesday urged the Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed to telecast and broadcast the historic speech of late President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman which he had delivered on March 7, 1971, at the then Race Course Maidan in Dhaka, reports BSS.

In a joint statement, the Chairperson and the General Secretary of the Parishad, Begum Sufia Kamal and Dr. S. A. Malek, said that the speech was the guiding force and the source of inspiration for the freedom fighters during the war of liberation.

Stolen car recovered

By Staff Correspondent

Mohammadpur police on Tuesday recovered a stolen car (Dhaka Bha-1571) from Dhanmond, road No. 2. None was arrested.

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Rule Nisi on Biman Supreme Court Correspondent

A Division Bench comprising Fazle Hossain Mohammad Habibur Rahman and Mainur Reza Chowdhury issued Rule Nisi on March 4 calling upon Bangladesh Biman Airlines and Flight Lt. (Retd.) Wailul Huq Khondker to show cause as to why the appointment letter dated January 16, 1988 issued by Bangladesh Biman appointing Wailul Huq Khondker as Deputy General Manager should not be declared to have been issued without lawful authority and having no legal effect.

The court further ruled that why Biman should not be directed to treat the petitioner as Deputy General Manager. Central Control department with effect from 16.1.88.

The court also directed that Flight Lt (Retd.) Wailul Huq Khondker to show cause under what authority he claimed to hold the post of Deputy General Manager. Central Control Department of Biman.

The Rule is made returnable within four weeks from the date and it will come up in the list on 2.4.91. The facts is short is that Badrul Alam filed writ petition challenging the appointment of Wailul Huq as Deputy General Manager and Acting General Manager. Central Control Dept of Biman. AKM Nazrul Islam appeared or the petitioner.

Polls in 15 Ctg constituencies free: Nirbachan Andolan

CHITTAGONG, Mar 6: The Chittagong Chapter of Bangladesh Mukto Nirbachan Andolan today said that the February 27 parliamentary elections in 15 constituencies of Chittagong were free, peaceful and impartial, reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference at its office at Momin Road here Prof. Abdul Mannan, co-chairman of the Organisation, pointed out that there were some irregularities in the election including violations of the code of conduct, casting of fake votes, creating terrorism at some polling centres and anomalies in the voters' lists. Dr. Moutazuddin Patwary, Co-chairman and Mr Helal Uddin Chowdhury, Co-ordinator of the Organisation were also present on the occasion.

They said that there were widespread terrorism in some polling centres including those of Chittagong-6 (Rauzan) Constituency where repolling had been ordered in 7 centres by the authorities.

They also alleged that in Chittagong-13 Constituency, some UP chairmen resorted to terrorism and occupied some polling centres.

They called upon all concerned for concentrating efforts towards making the success of the election meaningful through a smooth transition to democracy.

They also urged the political leaders and workers to refrain from making concocted statements and speeches regarding independent and sovereignty of the country and religion that consolidated the nation.

Over two hundred and fifty members of the Mukta Nirbachan Andolan visited about three hundred polling centres on the election day and they submitted their independent observations to the organisations.

Two killed, 8 hurt in Ctg road mishaps

CHITTAGONG, Mar 6: Two persons were killed and eight others injured in separate road mishaps here during past 24 hours police said, reports BSS.

One Abdul Mannan (28) was killed on the spot on Port Road near Customs House when a speeding truck dashed his motor bike and ran over him this afternoon.

The killer truck fled towards port immediately.

Another person, Brajahari Jaladas, a young person was killed and eight others were injured when a tempo in which they were travelling was hit at the rear by a fish van yesterday afternoon also on the Port Road. Injured persons were admitted to the port hospital and Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Police sent the bodies for post mortem and registered separate cases.

Another report says: Chandgaon police recovered two firearms, some smuggled goods and arrested two persons in this connection Tuesday, police said on Wednesday.

The two country made light guns were recovered from the possession of one Mohiuddin (22) of Eidgah Cox's Bazar near Karnaphuli Bridge here. He was coming from Cox's Bazar aboard a passenger bus which was stopped by police for search.

Smuggled items from Myanmar included footwear and crockery worth Taka 40,000 were recovered from another passenger Asghar Ali of the same bus.

The two were arrested and separate cases were filed against them.

Dateline Chittagong

Separate Wage Board for regional newspapers demanded

CHITTAGONG, Mar 6: A K M Maksud Ahmed, President of Jatiya Sangbadpatri Parishad (regional newspapers) Wednesday demanded a separate Wage Board for the employees of newspapers published from outside metropolitan cities, reports BSS.

Talking to newsmen here he said, as the regional newspapers had less income in comparison with the newspapers of metropolitan cities, it would be difficult for the managements of regional newspapers to pay salaries to their employees at the Wage Board rate.

Mr Maksud also demanded change of the existing advertisement distribution and bill payment policies. Presently the distribution of advertisements and payment of bills are made centrally as well as locally, he said adding, distribution of advertisements and payment against bills should be decentralised in order to avoid various problems faced by managements of newspapers.

Training course

An eight-day training course on propagation, cultivation, management and preservation of bamboo, cane, patipatta and sungrass began at Bangladesh Forest Research Institute (BFRI) Wednesday.

Dr A B M Salehuddin, Director of the institute opened the course, according to an official handout.

Funded by Swiss Development Corporation, the BFRI, Chittagong sponsored the training course. Twenty field-level representatives from different NGOs are participating in it.

Dr Salehuddin emphasised the need for improvement of plantation techniques in respect of non-timber economic crops like bamboo, cane, patipatta and sungrass.

He said, training of field-level officials in the concerned sector had become necessary to achieve optimum growth of non-timber economic crops in rural areas.

BFHR observers

Bangladesh Foundation of Human Rights (BFHR) election observer groups congratulated all concerned for holding the general elections in a free atmosphere.

Principal Delwar Jahid, President, BFHR and team leader of the observer group thanked the interim government for conducting the election in a free and orderly manner. 216 observers of the organisation visited different centres.

Gratitude

MP-elect from Satkania-Lohagara Constituency of Chittagong district, Mr Shahjahan Chowdhury of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, expressed his deep gratitude to the people of the constituency for electing him to Jatiya Sangsad.

In a statement here, he said, the people of Satkania-Lohagara area had exercised their franchise in an impartial and terror-free election on February 27 for the first time in a decade and that it was possible because of the firmness of the interim govern-

JPPP leader to be elected today

By Staff Correspondent

A meeting of the newly elected Jatiya Party MPs will be held today, according to a source close to the Party.

The leader of the Jatiya Party Parliamentary Party will be elected in the meeting. Jatiya Party will observe thanks giving day on Friday on the victory of Jatiya Party nominees in the February 27 Parliamentary polls.

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