

Dateline Khulna

4 die : 7 terrorists held

from Khulna Office

KHULNA, Apr 23: Four persons died and 14 others were injured and seven terrorists were arrested during the last four days in and around Khulna city.

Nirajan Mandal, 55, of village Amarkati under Paikgacha upazila committed suicide taking pesticides on Thursday last.

In another incident Tuku Gazi, 20, a motorcyclist of village Bagmara under Rupsha upazila succumbed to his injuries on the spot when his speedy running bicycle fell into a ditch in front of Gazi Fish Limited at Bagmara recently.

In another incident one Miraj Shaikh, 26, of Kadirkhola under Rampal upazila was wounded seriously in a clash who later succumbed to his injuries at Khulna Sadar Hospital. One Shaifa Khatun also succumbed to his injuries following rival attack at the Hospital.

Khulna police, meanwhile, arrested seven terrorists from different places of the city during the last four days.

According to information 14 persons received injuries during the same time at places of Khulna city and outskirts following rivalry over property.

Food output not enough to meet requirement

Agriculture Minister Major General (ret'd) Majedul Haq told the Jatiya Sangsad Tuesday that foodgrains produced in the country were not enough to meet the requirement, reports BSS.

Replying to a question by Nurul Islam Moni (Ind-Barguna) the Minister listed several steps taken by the government to attain self-sufficiency in food in the country and said the measures included strengthening of the intensified programme to boost foodgrain production including paddy and wheat.

Huq said steps also included expansion of the irrigation network by importing required machineries in the private sector thereby strengthening the irrigation system.

The Minister said other

BRTC Express Service on Dhaka-Mymensingh route from today

BRTC will introduce Express bus service on Dhaka-Mymensingh route from today, reports BSS.

According to a BRTC press release two buses will operate daily. From Dhaka buses will start from Fulbaria Bus Terminal daily at 3 pm and 4 pm while from Mymensingh buses will start from Chhoto Bazar/stadium daily at 7 am and 8 am the press release added.

Obituary

A M Obaidul Haq, former Commercial Manager of Dhaka WASA, died of a heart attack at a clinic here Tuesday. He was 76, family sources said.

A social worker and philanthropist, M Haq served various organisations during his long career.

He left behind his wife, one son and five daughters.

His namaj-e-janaza will be held today after Asr prayer at the Baitul Mukarram Mosque.

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PUBALI BANK LIMITED HEAD OFFICE DHAKA. NOTICE

Notice is hereby given for information of all concerned that due to unavoidable circumstances, the 7th Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of Pubali Bank Limited scheduled to be held on 28th April, 1991 at 10:00 AM at Bank's Head Office building at 26 Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka is postponed. The new date of Annual General Meeting will be notified in due course.

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The Dhaka University teachers held a procession in city on Tuesday in condemnation of threat to life of a teacher.

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15 lakhs migrating from villages to towns every year

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder Tuesday said the slum dwellers could be turned into a social force by involving them in the development activities which will also change their lot, reports BSS.

He was addressing a seminar on "Urban slum development" as the chief guest at the auditorium of the National Institute of Local Government. Talukder said since the post independence period the bulk of the uprooted people of the country had been crowding in the city and urban areas due to the decline in the socio-economic condition in the rural areas, rapid urbanisation and contraction of employment policy of the past government.

"As a consequence new slum dwellers are adding with old ones and anti-social and immoral activities are taking place in the slum areas and it gradually pervades the whole city area," the Minister said. By this way the maximum death rate is found in the slum areas on account of mal-nutrition, illiteracy and lack of sanitation and unhygienic environment, he added.

Organised by the District Urban Slum Development

Committee (DUSDC) and Rotary International District 328, Bangladesh, the inaugural session of the seminar was attended by Kabir Hossain, State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives as the special guest.

Mustafa Zaman Abbas, District Governor, presided over the function which was also addressed by LGRD and Cooperative Secretary Mashfur Rahman, DUSDC Chairman Quadrus Zaman and Executive Director of Manabik Shahajya Sangstha Homaira Islam.

According to the latest statistics, 20 per cent people are living in the towns. Of them, 50 per cent are poor and the per family annual earnings is below Taka 2600. At present the population growth rate of the towns are 6.5 the report said adding that about 15,00,000 people are coming from villages in the towns every year.

As a result a total of 37 million people will live in the urban areas by the year 2000, the Minister said. Describing gloomy picture of our residential problems, the Minister laid emphasis on formation of the housing policy of the country.

In this respect, he urged all government, non-government, voluntary and benevolent organisations to come forward in mitigating all national problems. The Minister also expressed the hope that the Rotary could play a pivotal role in making the people aware of the hygiene and sanitation. The Minister said that the seminar would give new momentum to trace out their problems.

Kabir Hossain, State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives, said that the government had been implementing a package project titled "Slum Development" in four city corporations and different municipalities with the financial assistance of the UNICEF since 1985.

The project is being implemented in collaboration with the Public Health Engineering Department and Local Government Engineering Bureau aimed at changing the lifestyle of the slum dwellers.

In his presidential speech, Mustafa Zaman Abbas called upon the government and all NGOs to come forward jointly for providing all sorts of civic amenities like medicare, sanitation, education, water supply and sewerage to the slum dwellers.

Nooruddin leaves for China today

Chief of Army Staff, Lt General Muhammad Nooruddin Khan, who is leading a military delegation, leaves Dhaka today for a good-will visit to China, says an ISPR press release, reports BSS.

During the visit General Nooruddin will call on State Councilor and Minister for National Defence General Qin Jiwei, the Chief of General Staff of the PLA General Chi Haotian and other senior military commanders.

He is expected to return home on May 3 next.

No plan to abandon Cluster Village project

The government has no plan to abandon the cluster-village project for rehabilitating the country's landless families, the Land Minister Zamiruddin Sirar told the Jatiya Sangsad on Tuesday, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from Mr Nurul Islam Moni (Ind-Barguna), the Minister said a programme had already been taken for rehabilitating about 10,000 landless people during the current Financial Year in cooperation with the European Economic Community (EEC).

Necessary wheat for earth work and C I sheet for construction of houses in the cluster-villages had been allotted for different districts.

Replying to another question from Mohammad Mizanur Rahman Manu (AL-Dinajpur), the State Minister for Land said the government had so far distributed 2,40,810.23 acres khas agricultural land among the landless people. No non-farm land had been distributed among the landless people, he added.

Wills Little Flower guardians' rally today

By Staff Correspondent

A rally of guardians of students of the Wills Little Flower School will be held at the National Press Club today (Wednesday).

Poetess Suifa Kamal, Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury and leaders of the All-Party Students Unity will address the rally, organised to protest a conspiracy to grab the land of the school.

Later, the rally of the guardians will submit two memoranda to the Education Minister AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury and the State Minister for Land Jamiruddin Sirar.

French tech information centre opens tomorrow

Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury, Minister for Education will inaugurate a Centre for Scientific and Technological Information (CESTI) of French Embassy tomorrow (Thursday), says a press release.

On this occasion a 10-day poster exhibition on research and technology of France will be presented by CESTI at the Gallery Alliance Francaise from April 25.

The Centre will organise regular conferences, seminars, and exhibitions, lend books and videos, deliver information about educational institutions, schools, scholarships and trainings, encourage the diffusion of scientific and technological information, publish its own periodical bulletin HO.

It will remain open for public from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday to Thursday.

Dateline Chittagong

CU halls reopen amid heavy security measures

CHITTAGONG, Apr 23: Residential halls of Chittagong University were reopened today under tight security measures after long four months of unscheduled closure of the campus, reports UNB.

Classes resume May 4. The university was closed on December 22 last year after a bloody clash between the All-Party Student Unity (APSU) and Islami Chhatra Shibir supporters.

A student leader, Faruquzzaman of Chhatra Moitry, and a guard were killed and over 50 teachers and students injured in the campus battle during a non-cooperation movement for resignation of Vice-Chancellor Alamgir Mohammad Sirajuddin following his comment against anti-liberation forces.

Reopening of Ctg Steel Mills demanded

CHITTAGONG, Apr 23: Chittagong Steel Mills Srarnik-Karmachari Welfare Union President Abdul Khalek and General Secretary, Abul Ahmad today demanded immediate reopening of the mills which has remained closed since April 10 following differences between the management and the workers over the overtime and a transfer issues, reports BSS.

In a statement here, they said that the management of the mills suddenly stopped payment of overtime among the workers without assigning any reason. Management and workers also differed over the transfer of an employee from one section to another on the ground of alleged corruption.

Workers and employees of the mills, agitated over the two issues, stopped work on April 10, they said. According to a preliminary estimate Chittagong Steel Mills incurred a loss of over Taka five crore since the workers and employees walked out of

Only valid identity card holders were allowed entrance to the residential halls to screen outsiders, and authorities asked the students to carry their identity cards all along.

Return of residents was very thin, about 20 per cent. Only one female student turned up into Shamsunnahar Hall today.

A huge contingent of riot police has been posted in and around the terror-torn campus areas to ensure peace and order.

CIDA team meets Rly officials

A Press release adds: A 6-member CIDA delegation headed by Donald B. Shales, Senior Project Manager, CIDA called on Lutfur Rahman, General Manager, Bangladesh Railway/East, Chittagong Monday at the later's office, says a railway press release.

They discussed matters relating to CIDA's assistance in regard to maintenance, training, inventory control and supply of equipments such as locomotive, spares ect. against CIDA's Rail-II programme.

The members of the delegation also visited Railway Training Academy, Hallishabar and Railway Workshop, Pahartali.

Susan Brown, Stephen Gibbons, Counsellors Canadian High Commission and F. Stuart Clifford, Field Programme Manager, CIDA were among others in CIDA team while MT Hussain, Rector, Railway Training Academy and DP Haque, Addl. General Manager/East were present in Railway side.

Dredging work of Mongla Port begins

KHULNA, Apr 23: Capital dredging work of the Mongla Port was formally inaugurated today by the Chairman of Mongla Port Authority Nazrul Hossain in a simple ceremony here at the port, reports BSS. The Chairman of the Mongla Port Authority while inaugurating the capital dredging expressed the hope that with the completion of the dredging the navigability of the port would increase further and the port would be able to further enhance the handling capacity of the cargo.

The capital dredging project has been undertaken at a cost of Taka 25 crore including foreign exchange component of Taka 14 crore. The work of the dredging has been given to a Chinese firm and a formal agreement with the firm was signed in November last year. The dredging would be scheduled to be completed 14 months and would remove 35 lakh cubic metre of mud.

Arms recovered at Kumira

CHITTAGONG, Apr 23: Sitakunda police on Tuesday recovered one 303 rifle, 90 rounds of ammunition, 28 cocktails and seven explosives from a house at Kumira Bazar of the Sitakunda upazila, reports BSS.

DU teachers observe token strike

15-day ultimatum to punish culprits

Dhaka University teachers Tuesday observed a two-hour token strike and staged demonstration demanding punishment of those who threatened the life of their colleague, report UNB. They also gave a 15-day ultimatum to the authorities to punish all the culprits who attacked the university teachers. Otherwise, they warned, they would go for greater action.

The ultimatum came from a protest rally after a silent march organised by the Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) at the Central Shaheed Minar, Tuesday noon. A group of students misbehaved with seven teachers of the Mass Communication and Journalism Department on April 11 after a disqualified candidate was refused admission into the department.

The rally, addressed by DUTA President Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury and General Secretary Prof. Shahadat Ali, demanded trail in all violent incidents during last few years on the DU campus. "It's impossible for us to do our duty on the campus being held in violence, said Prof Shahadat Ali. The teachers sought cooperation of all quarters in cleansing the campus of arms and violence. Earlier, DUTA members and students of the Journalism Department in a silent procession paraded the campus area and rallied at the Shaheed Minar.

The teachers abstained from classes between 11 am and 1 pm protesting recent attacks on the teachers of Mass Communication and Journalism Department, Pro-voast Zahurul Huq Hall, teachers of History Department and Social Welfare Institute.

Tuesday's strike by the teachers was the first action programme in Dhaka University after the fall of Ershad regime last December.

Biman plans to reduce 'labour fare'

Biman Bangladesh Airlines and Saudi have proposed to reduce the 'Labour Fare', from Dhaka to Jeddah and Riyadh, says a Biman press release. As per new proposal, the new labour fares from Dhaka to Jeddah will be Tk. 16,719.00 against existing Tk. 21,480.00. Similarly, Dhaka-Riyadh fare will be Tk. 14,177.00 from existing Tk. 18,223.00.

The reduction in fare will be in force on receipt of formal approval from aviation authorities of Bangladesh and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia which is expected very shortly. The new labour fare has been worked out at the initiative of the State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism, Abdul Mannan following his discussion with Biman and Saudia authorities.

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