

Trade bodies seek ban on certain imports

Country's leading trade bodies Saturday strongly pleaded for continuity of certain restrictions on import in the new government's policy to protect indigenous industries, reports UNB.

Total import liberalisation at the present state of economy will hinder upgrowth of local industries, and the aspiration for reducing dependence on import can never be materialised, some chamber leaders cautioned at a meeting of the Consultative Committee on import at a local hotel.

Small importers at the meeting alleged taking the advantage of import liberalisation, a few big business houses were monopolising the total

DMC students go on hunger strike May 14

By Staff Correspondent

Students of Dhaka Medical College Saturday threatened to go for a hunger strike unto death along with their fellows of other institutions if parts of a new medical curriculum was not cancelled by May 12.

A meeting of the Dhaka Medical College Chhatra Oikya decided to begin the hunger strike on May 14. The meeting also planned for boycotting classes from today (Sunday) to May 12 and observe a dawn to dusk hunger strike on May 9.

The Chhatra Oikya expressed deep concern over non-fulfillment of the authorities' assurance made earlier to cancel four clauses of the curriculum which the medical students termed as contrary to their interests.

import trade. But the Ministry of Commerce, the sponsor of the meeting, during the day-long debate, indicated there was hardly any possibility of imposing major restrictions on import.

The Ministry spokesman

Fire panic in city: 4 injured

Panic-stricken workers of six garment industries, housed in a 7-storeyed building at Kamalapur, rushed down Saturday morning fearing fire inside, witnesses in Dhaka said, reports UNB.

Workers in separate floors swarmed down the stairs raising hue and cry which caused minor injuries to four of them. Hanufa, a worker of Jafar Garments said.

On receiving calls, Fire tenders rushed to the spot but found nothing.

They however, admitted that workers got panicked by electric short circuit at the third floor which was promptly put off.

Nur Ahmad, Officer-in-Charge of Motijheel police station who went there with a contingent, said the panic was deliberately created by some quarters.

Khalilur Rahman Chowdhury, Managing Director of Khalil Garments said there was no fire and it was simply a rumour.

There were neither fire extinguishers nor fire escapes in the building at 58, New Station Road, Kamalapur, it is alleged.

argued the government had initiated free import policy at the suggestion from the private sector itself. Demand for any reversal of it is self-contradictory, and the government cannot afford to accommodate that, they said.

Commerce Minister M. Keamat Ali led the government side and conducted the meeting. He was aided by Commerce Secretary Nasimuddin Ahmed, senior officials of his ministry and representatives from Bangladesh Bank and National Board of Revenue (NBR).

On the other side were representatives of leading chambers including the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Bangladesh Chambers of Industry (BCI), Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI), Khulna Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) and various trade associations.

They put forward some 151 suggestions for consideration during formulation of the next import policy.

Most trade bodies recommended import on the basis of actual needs. But the authorities rejected it, on the plea that the suggestion conflicts with the policy of liberalised import.

The Commerce Minister, however, agreed with the trade bodies that import has to be closely monitored and every possible data regarding import and exporters be collected and stored.

Most chambers strongly suggested the import policy should not undergo any mid-term revision.

They criticised the government for accepting various conditions of multilateral funding agencies, which they termed totally contradictory to the government policy for industrialization.

The traders also urged the government for taking strong measures checking smuggling and corruption. The consultative committee meeting this time was conducted in a different manner. Commerce Minister didn't make any introductory statement of his own or allow the leading chamber leaders to do so and want direct into working session.

The Minister even resented presence of press in the meeting.



Members of affected families of Bangladesh Air Force at Chittagong on Friday joined the long queue of the distressed. They wait an air-lift to the national capital.

More organisations gear up relief operations

By Staff Correspondent

Al-Haj Abdus Samad and Kazi Aliul Islam, President and Joint General Secretary respectively of Bangladesh Gana Azadi League on Saturday expressed deep shock at the death of human beings and loss of the property in the devastating cyclone and urged the government to strengthen relief operations unitedly.

Our DU Correspondent adds: Dhaka University Teachers' Association has decided to donate two-day's salaries of the teachers of the university in aid to the cyclone-battered people.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the association held Saturday at the University Club building with Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury, President of the association in chair.

The meeting decided to open a relief centre at the club building immediately.

NFTA

The National Federation of Teacher Associations (NFTA) has decided Friday to donate the one-day's salary of its members serving from primary schools to colleges in the country.

The decision was taken at an emergency meeting of the association held at the Biological Science building of Dhaka University with Prof. Yezuddin Ahmed, President of NFTA in the chair.

The meeting urged the Ministry of Education to take steps in realising the money.

JU teachers

Our JU Correspondent says: Teachers of Jahangirnagar University have decided to donate their one-day's salary for the cyclone effected victims.

Disclosing this, the President of Jahangirnagar University Teachers Association Prof. Enamul Haq and the General Secretary of the association Dr. Alauddin Ahmed said despite all economical limitation the members of the association feel the necessity to come forward and help the distressed people.

DMC teachers

Our Staff Correspondent adds: MA Hadi and Dr. Kamrul Hasan Khan, President and General Secretary respectively of Dhaka Medical College Teachers Association, in a statement, on Saturday expressed profound shock at the death of human beings and loss of the property by devastating cyclone.

They also urged government, medical society and countrymen to devote themselves in helping the victims.

TV Shilpi Sangsad

President of the Bangladesh Betar Television Shilpi Sangsad Kalim Sharafi, requested all artists to come forward to serve the cyclone victims.

A relief collection centre of Shilpi Sangsad was opened at its office - 65, Bijoy Nagar (1st floor, Sung Garden), Dhaka.

Mukti Andolan

A 21-member relief team of Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Mukti Andolan will leave Dhaka today (Sunday) night for Mohanpur, Char Fashion, Tamjuddin and Lalmoan upazilas under Bhola district.

President of the Andolan Krishak Md. Sadek, Mir Rafiqul Bahar, Hiranmal Bhoimik, Md. Faruque Hossain and Md. Ansar Ali will lead the team.

Bangladesh Bank

Officers and employees of Bangladesh bank decided to contribute their one-day's salary towards Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

Sammilita Shilpi

Sammilita Shilpi Samaj Committee was formed on Friday at Bangla Academy with a view to help the cyclone-hit victims.

Director General of the Academy Prof. Mohammad Harun-ur-Rahid was selected as Convener of the committee and Khan Ataur Rahman and Samar Das were named as Joint Convener. The committee took a decision for holding a cultural function on May 12, 13 and 14 to collect relief.

Ctg Samity

Rejaul Huq Chowdhury (Mustaq), General Secretary of

Chittagong Samity on Saturday called upon the government to take immediate steps to reach food and drinking water to the remote areas of cyclone-hit Chittagong.

Netherlands aid

Netherlands government has donated six million Dutch guilders for emergency assistance and rehabilitation for the cyclone affected people of Bangladesh.

The aid will be given through local NGO's such as Red Crescent Society.

Ahmadiya Jamat

Ahmadiya Muslim Jamat sent its relief team to the cyclone-hit areas of Chittagong. The 50-member relief team carried with them adequate relief materials including cash money, food and clothes to distribute those among the cyclone survivors.

DUCSU

UNB adds: Students of Dhaka University have started collecting old clothings, funds and medicine.

The Dhaka University Central Students' Union (DUCSU) opened a relief centre at its office on Friday, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Ganatantrik Chhatra Union and Mass Communication and Journalism Department are procuring relief goods on the campus and in the city.

Mahila Sangstha

BSS adds: Bangladesh Jatiya Mahila Sangstha will donate to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund Taka 50,000 and one-day's salary of its officials and employees.

The sangstha also formed a combined relief committee at a meeting at its office in Dhaka Saturday with Begum Sultana Islam as the Convener Begum Zinat Ara Bhuiyan and Begum Maleka Khan have been made Secretary and Treasurer of the committee.

BAPA

Bangladesh Airliners Pilots Association (BAPA) decided to donate Tk. 50,000 in addition to one-day's salary towards the Prime Minister Relief Fund.

Stock Exchange

DSE & its Council in separate meetings held on Thursday expressed grief at the colossal loss of lives and properties caused by the unprecedented devastating cyclone and tidal waves. The Council decided to give relief amounting Taka fifty thousand as a token for the affected people.

NATAB

The Secretary-General of the National Anti-Tuberculosis Association of Bangladesh (NATAB), Sakawat Hossain, left Dhaka for the cyclone affected areas of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar.

Dr Hossain carried a large quantity of relief materials and life-saving drugs. The local NATAB members and workers will join him in Chittagong and Cox's Bazar to distribute the relief materials.

Fire Service

The officers and employees of Fire Service have decided to donate one day's salary amounting to more than Taka one lakh to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

Janata Bank

The officers and employees of Janata Bank have donated Taka eight lakh from their one day's salary to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the cyclone victims.

Gregorian Assoc

The Gregorian Association decided to donate relief to the cyclone affected victims in an emergency meeting held Saturday.

Election expenses bill passed

The Jatiya Sangsad has adopted the representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 1991 with further amendment to the provision relating to the election expenses, reports ISS.

The new amendment to the Bill was brought by the Treasury Bench, which provides for some relaxation to the election expenses of a contesting candidate in the parliamentary polls.

The Amendment Bill passed by the House Friday night will come into force with effect from January 6, 1991 except the new provisions inserted as Clause 3A under Article 44B of the Representation of the

People Order, 1972. The amendment was moved by the Treasury Bench member from Munshiganj, Wing Commander (Retd) Hamidullah.

The Bill incorporated the amendments made by an ordinance earlier in January this year to the representation of the People Order, 1972 raising the election expenses of a candidate to Taka three lakh from Taka one lakh.

The House accepted amendments brought by the Treasury Bench inserting following provisions as Clause (3A) in place of Clause (3) in the election expenses chapter of the 1972.

The election expenses of a contesting candidate, excluding the personal expenditure incurred by such candidate, shall not exceed Taka three lakh.

Adoption of anti-smoking law in JS demanded

Anti-smoking organisation Adhunik Saturday demanded adoption of an anti-smoking law in parliament, enhancing taxes on tobacco by 400 percent and banning tobacco advertisement in the media, reports UNB.

Addressing a press conference at Jatiya Press Club here in the morning, Adhunik President National Professor Dr. Nurul Islam urged parliament members to pass the Tobacco Products Marketing Control (Amendment) Ordinance promulgated by the previous government.

Delay in enacting such law would encourage tobacco companies to carry on profiteering, he observed.

Prof Islam called upon all to donate the money spent for smoking in aid of the cyclone victims.

Prof. Islam suggested several control measures over tobacco advertisement for drastically reducing the rate of smoking among the teenagers.

Narrating activities of Adhunik, he said it has attained substantial success. It plans to start a massive national campaign on May 31, the International Non-Smoking Day.

Secretary General of the organisation and Chief Editor of UNB Enayetullah Khan also spoke on the occasion.

WIF Secy due in city tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

Arne Fjortoft, founder Secretary General of Worldview International Foundation (WIF) arrives in Dhaka tomorrow (Monday) on a 4-day visit to Bangladesh.

A communications professional of international repute, and a former Chairman of the Liberal Party of Norway, Fjortoft has worked as a resource person for several UN communication projects. He has written several books, one of them on the creation of Bangladesh.

May Day in Palash observed

By Staff Correspondent

May Day was observed in Palash, Narasingdi Wednesday by a number of Trade Union Organisation, says a Press release.

In the afternoon Bangladesh Jute Mills Workers Union organised a discussion meeting at 5 pm at the Jute Mills Workers Union Office premises. Dr A Moyeen Khan, MP, Palash was the guest of honour at the occasion. He elaborated on the historic May Day and urged upon the workers to devote to peaceful and democratic means in realisation of their just and rightful demands.

Contradiction

By Staff Correspondent

Islamia Girls School authorities contradicted the misleading reports published in a section of the press on admit cards of SSC examinees and said on Saturday that all the candidates of the school have been provided with admit cards and they are appearing in the examinations.

Press reports earlier said that 88 candidates were not issued with the admit cards.

Refuting other allegations, the Chairman of the special Managing Committee Khandakar Abdul Huq said that the reports were baseless and false.

The special committee headed by a Joint Secretary of the Parliament was formed by the government on January 21. The previous committee was dissolved due to its failure to run the school properly. Since then, the new committee has been looking after the affairs of the school, said a press release.

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80,000 killed in Ctg district alone

CHITTAGONG, May 4: The official death toll now stands at 125,200 with the confirmation of 40,000 deaths in Cox's Bazar district alone in the severe cyclone and tidal surge that hit the coastal belt on Monday night, writes Nazir Ahmed of BSS.

This was stated by State Minister for Forest, Fisheries, Livestock and Environment Abdullah Al-Noman here, yesterday immediately after his arrival from Cox's Bazar.

However, Chittagong district central control room sources put the death figures around 80,000 in Chittagong district.

Briefing newsmen at Chittagong circuit house, Noman said 3.5 lakh tons of salt and shrimp projects worth Taka 300 crore were washed away.

Giving break-up of death figure of Chittagong district, the control room sources said 30,000 were killed in Banskhali, 30,000 in Sandwip 15,000 in Anwara and 5000 in other upazilas.

JUCSU polls June 6

JU Correspondent

Jahangirnagar University Central Students Union (JUCSU) election will be held on June 6, 1991.

This was decided on Saturday in a meeting of the Provosts of six different halls, Deans of four faculties, leading student and JUCSU leaders, with Vice-Chancellor Professor Kazi Saleh Ahmed in the chair. The hall elections will also be held on the same day.

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