

# Car of a government official eats up Tk 36,984 a year

Establishment Minister Osman Ghani Khan Monday informed the Jatiya Sangsad that Tk 36,984 is being spent per car every year (7 liters fuel per day) for high government officials transport, reports BSS.

He said that Ministers and State Ministers get fuel allowance equivalent to 20 litres of fuel daily.

He was replying to a question from Mohammad Shamsul Haque (AL-Mymensingh).

Replying to a question from Awami League Member (Netrokona) Mosharrif Hussain, the Minister said at present Secretaries, Additional Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Judges of the Supreme Court and the High Court, Chief Election Commissioner, Vice-Chancellors of the Universities, Ambassadors, Chairman and Members of the Public Service Commission and chiefs of different specified offices and organisations receive transport facilities.

## Tk 791 cr fish resources damaged

Another report adds: State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Abdullah Al Noman told the Jatiya Sangsad Monday that fish resources worth Taka

## JU admission test viva-voce results today

### JU Correspondent

Results of the viva-voce examination of the first year (Honours) Admission Test of the four faculties of Jahangirnagar University will be published today (Tuesday). It is learnt from a source close to the university.

The result was scheduled to be published on July 4 but the authorities shifted the date for security reasons arising out of forthcoming JUCSU polls.

No outsiders will be allowed to enter into the campus from July 3.



## Rifat obtains scholarship

Miss Rifat Karim (Urmil) obtained Junior Scholarship in the Talentpool from Govt Saheba High School, Sirajganj.

She also obtained Primary Scholarship from Sabuj Kanan Preparatory School, Sirajganj.

Rifat is the eldest daughter of Dr Rezaul Karim, presently serving as a physician in Libya.

She hails from the district of Noakhali.

791 crore 16 lakh 51 thousand had been damaged by the April 29 cyclone and tidal surge.

Replying to a question from Mohammad Shamsuddoha (CPB-Nilphamari), the State Minister said livestock and poultry worth Taka 176 crore had also been damaged by the same cyclone and tidal surge.

In reply to a question from Rashed Khan Menon (WP-Bakerganj), Noman informed

## Canada's National Day observed

### By Staff Correspondent

The High Commissioner of Canada Emile Gauvreau arranged a reception on the occasion of its National Day at his residence in Dhaka on Monday, an official source said.

Finance and Planning Minister Saifur Rahman attended the function.

Members of the diplomatic corps, high ranking civil and government officials and elite were present on the occasion.

## Mostafiz leaves for Karachi

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman left Dhaka Monday for Karachi en route to Maldives to attend the two-day meeting of SAARC Council of Ministers beginning there July 3.

He will stay overnight in Karachi.

Sind Chief Minister Jam Sadiq Ali and governor Mahmood Haroon are expected to meet him there.

Mostafizur Rahman will return to Dhaka on July 7 on conclusion of the SAARC Council of Ministers meeting.

Foreign Ministers of seven member nations are the members of the SAARC Council of Ministers.

The meeting will discuss SAARC activities and the next SAARC summit in Colombo later this year.

the House that four shrimp cultivation projects in Chakoria upazila under Cox's Bazar had been damaged. He said in terms of money the damage amounted to Taka 207 crore 61 lakh 70 thousand. He said the projects are ADB-aided 700 hectare shrimp estate, ADB-aided demonstration farm (15 hectare), IDA-aided shrimp estate (about 2000 hectare) and private shrimp farms (18,300 hectare).

Noman told the House that discussions were being held with probable donors agencies (WFP/ADB) about rehabilitation of the damaged shrimp cultivation projects.

In a written reply to a question from Tabbur Rahman Sardar (AL-Jessore) the State Minister said the loss in shrimp cultivation both infrastructure and crop during the recent cyclone and tidal surge was about Taka 22499.35 lakh.

The State Minister, replying to the same member, said 224000 cows and buffaloes 21,80,000 goats and sheep and 24,42,938 poultry birds were lost in the cyclone. He said a master plan had been taken under the long-term rehabilitation programme for supply of cattle in the cyclone affected areas.

Prof Ahmed said that his organisation in early seventies, built three cyclone-cum-rehabilitation shelters in the coastal areas of the country for the first time.

Ahmed cited some examples as rotary's programmes including setting up schools for the blind, adult literacy, construction of passengers' shed, nursery project, live-stock project, sinking shallow tubewells for irrigation and sinking of tubewells for safe water and proving medical treatment through eye and dental camps.

Among others spoke on the occasion were: past Rotary District Governors Iftikharul Alam, Mostafa Zaman Abbas, Dr Mohammad Ehsan, and Rotarians Khurshida Alam, and Aminul Huq.

## Nazrul seminar held

### By Staff Correspondent

The yearly Nazrul seminar was held on Saturday at the Bengali Department of Jahangirnagar University under the auspices of Nazrul Research Institute of the university.

Dr. Kamrul Ahasan, Prof Md Abul Qutub and Anupam Haiyat presented articles at the seminar chaired by Prof Abul Qasim Chowdhury.

The participants proposed that a real editor of Nazrul's works should be published for the proper utilization of Nazrul's literary works.

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Prof Jalal Uddin Ahmed, District Governor of Rotary International 3280 addressing a press conference at the Sheraton Hotel on Monday.

## Tk 50 lakh Rotary Club rehabilitation plan

### By Staff Correspondent

Rotary in Bangladesh is planning to launch soon a long-term rehabilitation programme involving more than Taka 50 lakh for the cyclone-survivors in the coastal belt and the off-shore islands.

This was stated by Rtn Prof Jalal Uddin Ahmed, District Governor of Rotary International 3280 Bangladesh while briefing the newsmen at the Sheraton Hotel in commencement of 1991-92 new Rotary year Monday.

Prof Ahmed said Rotary Bangladesh had already spent Taka 50 lakh for immediate relief work for the April 29 cyclone survivors.

The long-term rehabilitation programme include construction of multi-purpose cyclone shelters, Ahmed said.

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## Bhutan to donate 18 truck-loads of foodgrains

The government of Bhutan has decided to donate 18-truck-loads of foodgrains (wheat) and six-truck-loads of cement for the cyclone affected people of Bangladesh, an official handout said in Dhaka Monday, reports BSS.

The convoy of trucks is expected to leave the Bhutanese border town of Phuntsholing on July 10.

The consignment will be received by officials of Bangladesh government at Barimari check post.

Bhutan has already contributed US dollar one lakh as cash aid, the handout added.

## Japanese grant for sports equipment

Bangladesh and Japan Monday signed an exchange of notes in Dhaka concerning a grant assistance of 50 million yen (approximately Taka 1.31 crore) under the cultural grant assistance programme of Japan for encouraging sports activities, an Embassy of Japan press release said, reports BSS.

Toshio Saiki, Ambassador of Japan and Dr A M M Shawkat Ali, Additional Secretary, Economic Relations Division of the Ministry of Finance signed the notes.

The grant assistance will be utilized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports for purchasing sports equipment like judo mat, judo uniform, karate mat, karate uniform, horizontal bar, flying rings, pommel horse, parallel bars, and vaulting horse.

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Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister Maj Gen (Rtd) Majed-ul-Huq said in Dhaka Monday a 5-year agreement was signed between Bangladesh and India for the first time in November, 1977 on the sharing of the Ganges water, reports BSS.

Replying to Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim (AL-Gopalganj) in the Jatiya Sangsad during the question hour, the Minister said 5-year "Ganges Water Agreement 1977" expired in November, 1982. Under that agreement 60 per cent of the share of the historic flow (1948-1973) at Farakka during the dry season (January-May) was fixed for Bangladesh. In that agreement a "guarantee clause" was appended with a view to ensuring the flow of water to Bangladesh, he added.

He further said as a result of the "guarantee clause" India was bound to supply 80 per cent of the recorded water flow for different 10-day of the dry season whatever be the availability of water at Farakka. Before the expiry of the "Ganges Water Agreement

1977" that is, in October, 1982 a memorandum of understanding was signed with India on the sharing of the Ganges water for the next two dry seasons (1983-1984). Though the share of water under this memorandum was kept at the previous level interest of Bangladesh was not properly protected as the "guarantee clause" was not appended in that memorandum of understanding, he said.

The Flood Control Minister told the same member that despite the expiry of the period of the memorandum of understanding of 1982 after May 31 of 1984 the government could not arrive at an agreement with India in that year.

When asked by Kazi Abdur Rashid (AL-Gopalganj) how many cuases of water has been supplied by India to Bangladesh during the current season, the Flood Control Minister said in the absence of any agreement with India as present on the sharing of the Ganges water, it has not been possible to assess how much water India had withdrawn through feeder canal and how much water it has supplied to Bangladesh at the downstream Farakka.

Different individuals and organisations Monday donated Taka 4,37,85,229 in cash and cheques to Prime Minister's Relief Fund, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia received the donations at her Sugandha office.

Those who donated to the fund included Hakkani Anjum, IBM World, Bangladesh Cloth Merchants Association and RM Steel Mills.

Monday was the last day for receiving the donations to Prime Minister's Relief Fund formally by the Prime Minister. However, donations to the fund would continue to be received by banks.

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### From Our Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, July 1: Khulna Transport Owners and Workers Association called off their strike on Monday after a meeting with the authorities.

They went on strike on June 26 following a terrorist incident by a group of miscreants at Khulna city.

Monday's meeting was presided over by Khulna City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Tayabur Rahman which was attended by Owners Association and Transport Union leaders. Senior police officials and Chairman of Khulna Development Authority (KDA) were also present in the meeting.

A three-member probe body and a 15-member arbitration committee headed by KDA chairman Group Captain Zakaria have been formed in the meeting to find out the culprits and to prevent such incident.

## Biswas greets Nepal's Speaker

Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas has felicitated Daman Nath Dhungana on his election to the office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Nepal, reports BSS.

In a message of felicitation Biswas said "a glorious chapter has been added to the process of democratisation in Nepal with the constitution of the newly elected House of Representatives. Happily, this has coincided with the formation of an elected parliament in our country.

Commandant (Police Super) 9th Armed Police Battalion, Barisal, invites sealed tenders from bonafide suppliers/contractors/repairing firms for enlistment of work/supply/repair/ construction. Enlistment proforma available for the Quarter Master of the Battalion from 8.30 to 11.30. Proforma must be submitted to the above office within 7 days of purchasing.

Superintendent of Police, Shariatpur, invites sealed tenders from enlisted contractors for supply of 6,500 kilograms of Mesar Dal for 1st quarter of the fiscal year 1991-92. Tender schedule available from the O.C. Raisin Store. Tenders must be submitted in the tender box kept at above office up to 12 noon of 7.7.91.

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## Milad Mahfil

A milad mahfil will be held today (Tuesday) after Asar prayer at 1/4 A. Asad Gate, Mohammadpur Dhaka to pray for the departed soul of Helaluddin Chowdhury (a former CSP) of Rankali, Sylhet, says a press release.

He passed away on June 27 due to cardiac arrest.

All his relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend.

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## Dateline Chittagong

# Call to develop small units based on indigenous raw materials

CHITTAGONG, July 1: Speakers at the annual general meeting of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI and I) held yesterday at the Chamber House here called upon the government to take a necessary steps to promote and develop small and medium size industries in the country in order to bring about a greater mobility in national economy, reports BSS.

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Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2908 are hereby invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Suppliers of DPHE enlisted "C" class contractors for the supply of the following items. Tenders will be received at a time in the Tender Boxes kept at the office of the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Store Division, Dhaka/Chittagong up to 1 p.m on 9-07-91 and be opened the same day at 1-30 pm. in presence of tenderers or their representatives (if any) in the concerned offices.

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Group	Description of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time limit of work
A	Supply of 150 m.m. dia (4.85 m.m. thick) G.I. Pipe & G.I Sediment Trap at Public Health Engineering, Store Division, Chittagong.	Tk. 16,55,700/-	Tk. 33,114/=	20 days
B	Supply of 350 m.m. dia (8 m.m thick) M.S Pump Casing & 350 m.m x 150 m.m dia M.M. Reducer at Public Health Engineering, Store Division, Chittagong.	Tk. 4,29,000/=	Tk. 8,580/=	20 days
C	Supply of 150 m.m. dia American Johnson Oil Screen Co's or Australian Seyor Screen Co's Stainless Steel Strainer for 4 productive deep tubewells at Public Health Engineering, Store Division, Chittagong.	Tk. 6,10,000/=	Tk. 12,200/=	20 days

Tender documents may be obtained during office hours on cash payment of Tk.