

Ultimatum to withdraw VAT from aluminium industry

Aluminium Manufacturers have warned to shut down their factories from July 10 unless VAT on the sector is withdrawn, reports UNB.

Addressing a press conference at the National Press Club Sunday afternoon President of the Bangladesh Aluminium Manufacturers' Association M A Bari Talukder said the burden of VAT would lead the sector, which is already sick, to a virtual extinction.

Imposition of VAT on aluminium sector is contrary to Finance Minister's budget pledge of reducing tax burden on aluminium utensils to make it available to poorer community, he alleged.

Instead of reducing, Talukder pointed out, fresh tax has been levied on the sector.

Earlier, there was no excise duty on aluminium manufacturing but VAT at the rate of 15

per cent has now been imposed, he said.

Total tax on the sector was 23 per cent earlier while the amount has now shot up to 30 per cent which, the Aluminium Manufacturers' Association President said, would

Sarak Paribahan Samity demands exemption of VAT

Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Samity Sunday demanded exemption of Value Added Tax (VAT) on transports and spare parts, reports UNB.

An executive committee meeting of the Samity held at its central office with A K Jaintal Abedin in the chair also demanded refixation of fuel prices at the pre-Gulf war rate.

The meeting observed that a stalemate would be created in the transport sector if the newly introduced VAT and other increased charges on transports and spare parts was not withdrawn.

It also urged the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) to withdraw the new system of the payment of M V tax, registration and route permit and revert to the old system.

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Ganja recovered: three held

A special team of the Directorate of Narcotic Control on Saturday arrested three persons from different parts of the city and recovered one kilogram ganja and 17 bottles of phenesidil from their possession, a DNC press release said on Sunday, reports BSS.

Departmental cases were filed against the arrested persons.

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BCU panel for EUCSU polls

Bangladesh Chhatra Union has announced its panel with Syed Zakir Hossain as Vice-President and Arup Ratan Chowdhury as General Secretary for the ensuing Engineering University Central Students' Union (EUCSU) election to be held July 18.

The panel was finalised at a general meeting of the central leaders with President Syed Zakir Hossain in the chair.

Other contestants are: Assistant General Secretary (Kazi Sahabuddin Ahmed Tito), Cultural Secretary Mushtaq Hossain, Magazine Secretary Ziaul Hassan Nadim, Indoor Games Secretary Kamal Kumar Roy, Entertainment Secretary Syed Arman Hossain.

Trust Fund at Asiatic Society

A trust fund named 'The Halima Begum and Sheikh Sharafuddin Trust Fund' has been established at the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, by Dr A M Sharafuddin after the name of his parents on Asiatic Society press release said in Dhaka on Sunday, reports BSS.

The main objective of the trust fund is to grant an award for promotion of publications in science and technology by a research scholar.

The award will be given for the original publications in English or Bangla by a Bangladeshi research scholar for each biennium starting with 1989 and 1990. The award is named 'The Asiatic Society Halima-Sharafuddin Award'.

Fund-raising for orphans at Sheraton

Dhaka Sheraton Hotel and the Cyclone Relief Aid Committee will jointly sponsor a fund raising evening on Tuesday at the Sheraton Ballroom. The aim of the committee is to set up orphanage for the children who became orphans in the recent catastrophic cyclone.

The proceeds will be donated towards setting up of an Orphanage by Mother Theresa in Chittagong, according to a press release.

The highlight of the evening will be an auction where many organisations have donated prizes to help raise fund for the orphanage. The event has been named 'Sixties' Seventies' and 'Eighties' Revival—a black and white affair.

Bangladesh team to attend IMUN at New York

A nine-member Bangladesh delegation will participate in the International Model United Nations (IMUN) due from July 29 to August 2 at the United Nations headquarters in New York, USA.

Organised by Junior Chamber International, the IMUN comes at a turning point in the evaluation of society, a point of which citizens of the world beginning to accept that they must 'think globally and act locally'.

Kamrul Hasan Chowdhury, National President, 1991 of Bangladesh Junior Chamber, will lead the Bangladesh team, which is divided into three groups for three IMUN committees namely economic development, global environment and future of the children.

Bangladesh delegation already sent three advance resolutions on three agenda items which reflect greater interest of Bangladesh and developing countries. The three agenda items are: The age of global citizenship, global warming and immunization against preventable childhood diseases. These are for consideration by the committee on economic development, global environment and future of the children.

Bangladesh delegates hope that these resolutions will be considered by the model U N General Assembly.

Dateline Chittagong

US medicines for cyclone survivors

CHITTAGONG, July 7: A delegation of American social service organisation 'Airlift Indiana' today donated medicines with US dollar 46,000 to Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) to be used for cyclone and tidal surge affected people, reports BSS.

CCC Mayor Mir Muhammad Nasir Uddin received the relevant documents from the members of the delegation who called on him at his office this afternoon. Airlift Indiana will also donate some ambulances and agricultural implements for the affected farmers within the corporation area.

The CCC officials and the Deputy Commissioner of Chittagong were present on the occasion.

Hearing on Wage Board adjourned

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court Sunday adjourned for one week the hearing of the BSP's petition seeking leave to appeal against the judgement and order of the High Court Division on the Fourth Wage Board Award, reports BSS.

Asrarul Hossain moved the petition for adjournment on behalf of the petitioner, BSP.

AR Yusuf appeared for the journalists while Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan, additional Attorney General opposed the petition.

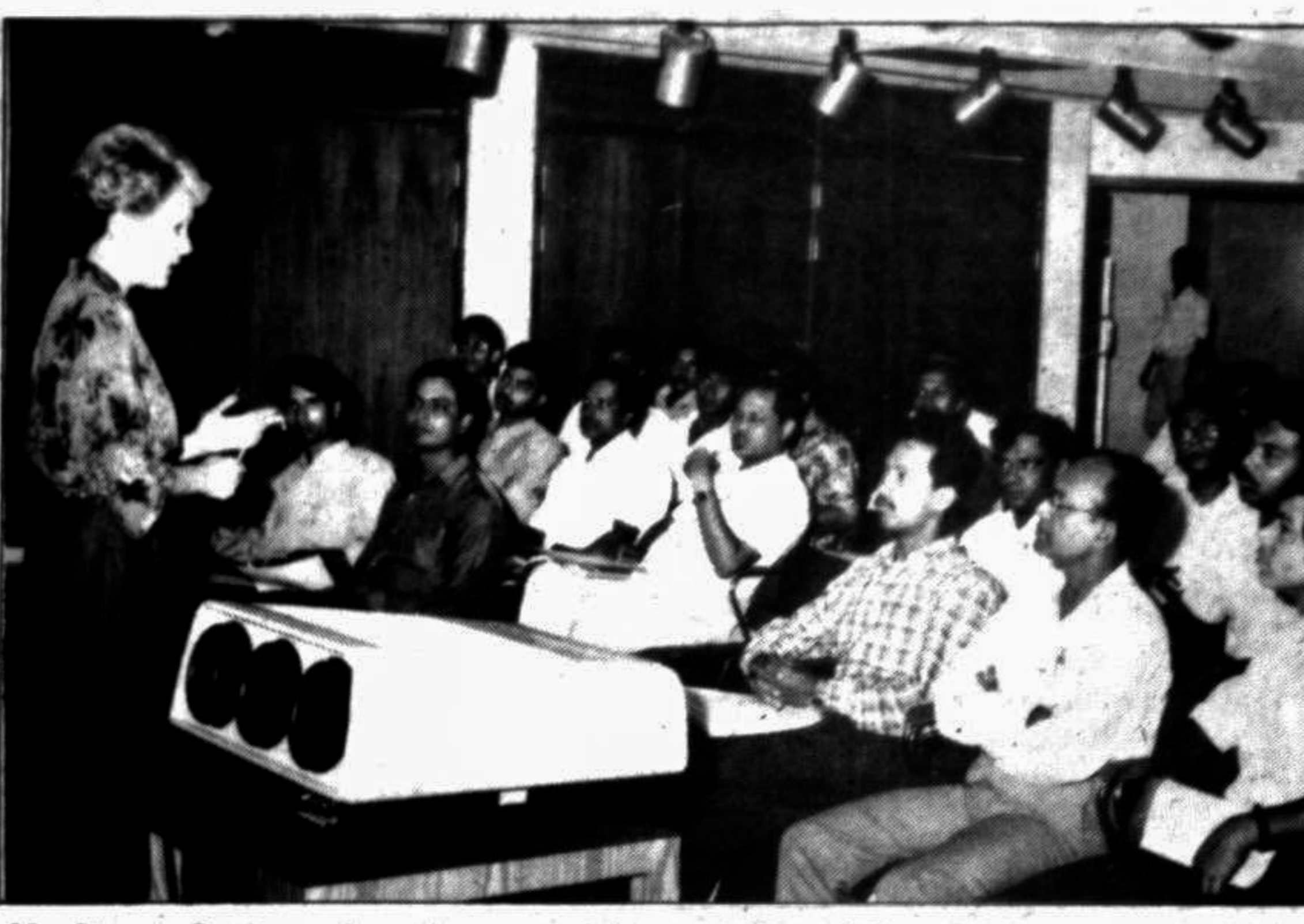
After hearing both the sides, the court adjourned the hearing till July 14.

Tk 66 lakh water supply project for Rajshahi city

RAJSHAHI, July 7: The government has undertaken a technical survey project at an estimated cost of Taka 66 lakh in the current fiscal year to fulfill the increasing demand of water supply of Rajshahi City Corporation, an official hand-out said in Dhaka on Sunday, reports BSS.

Earlier, an interim water supply project implemented during 1981-87 with the financial grant of Taka 2 crore 83 lakh of the Dutch government, can't meet the demand of water supply of the city dwellers.

At present 18 deep tube-wells are supplying about 30 lakh gallons of water daily to the city dwellers which can not meet 50 per cent of the total demand.



Mrs Beverly Barron, a drug abuse prevention specialist and Regional Coordinator for Texas' War on Drug addressing a two-day workshop on 'drug abuse prevention' at the American Cultural Centre in Dhaka Sunday. Anti-drug activists, treatment experts, government officials, journalists and teachers are participating in the workshop. —USIS photo

189 cases filed against faulty vehicles

Communication Minister Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed informed Parliament Sunday that traffic laws will be strictly applied to keep the metropolitan city free from environment pollution caused by black smoke of vehicles, reports UNB.

Responding to a call attention notice of Awami League MP Advocate Dharendra Debnath Shambhu, the minister said 189 cases were lodged last year against faulty vehicles emitting black smoke that pollutes environment.

Oli Ahmed said the government had taken a number of steps, including traffic mo-

bile court against faulty vehicles and regular checking of vehicles before giving fitness certificates.

The previous government could not take effective measures regarding transports which were unfit for plying and in issuing fitness certificates, the Minister said.

He however sought cooperation from transport owners, drivers and the road transport union leaders to supplement government's efforts for ensuring a pollution-free environment.

Earlier in his notice, Advocate Dharendra Debnath

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He said negligence of a section of dishonest officials and employees in the Environment Directorate and other concerned agencies had been creating impediments in the execution of legal steps in this regard.

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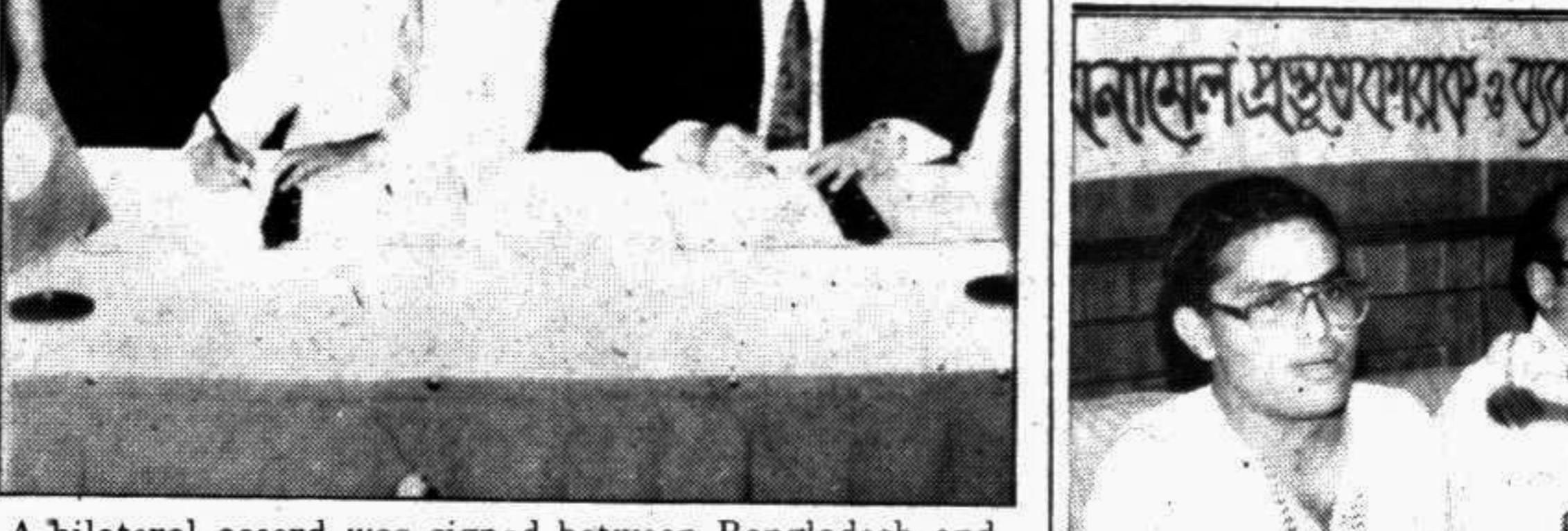
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Saudi donation to ICDDR,B

The government of Saudi Arabia has decided to contribute 50,000 US dollars annually for five years to the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B), reports UNB.

A bilateral accord was signed between Bangladesh and China on Flood Control and River Training Programme on Brahmaputra in Dhaka on Sunday, Wang Shougiang, Chinese Deputy Minister for Irrigation and Water Development and M A Malek, Secretary, Ministry of Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control signed the accord on behalf of their respective governments.



Leaders of Bangladesh Aluminium Manufacturers Association holding a press conference at the National Press Club Sunday demanding withdrawal of VAT imposed on aluminium industries. —Star photo

Workshop on labour market information

A five-day workshop on 'development of low cost computer-based labour market information system' began in city Sunday at Bangladesh Management Development Centre (BMDC), reports UNB.

Friendship Assoc team off to Beijing

A seven-member delegation of Bangladesh-China Friendship Association led by Najmul Haq Nannu left Dhaka Sunday for Beijing, reports BSS.

The Chinese People's Friendship Association for Foreign Countries invited the Bangladesh delegation on a two-week visit to China, a press release of the association said.

Other members of the delegation are: Association's Vice President M Siddiqur Rahman, Joint Secretary General Azizul Islam Kaji, Managing Committee Members Sayed Abdul Kahhar (journalist), Mirza Golam Erfan, Mrs Rashida and Arjuna Rahman.

Earlier, the delegation called on the association president and Minister for Law and Justice, Mirza Golam Haif, before they left for Beijing, Mirza Golam Haif expressed his good wishes for their visit and recalled the importance of the historic friendship of Bangladesh with China.

Biman's certificate awarding ceremony held

The certificate-awarding ceremony of the first batch of apprentice instructors and engineer officers of Biman Bangladesh Airlines was held at Bangladesh Airlines Training Centre (BATC) in Dhaka on Sunday, reports BSS.

Biman's Managing Director Mozaffar Karim attended the function as chief guest and distributed certificates among the successful participants in the three-year long course.

In his speech, Karim said, the flight operational success of an airline was more dependent upon its technical superiority, to which there was no alternative. He hoped that the trained engineer officers would work with devotion and sincerity in their professional life and help the national airlines operate with regularity that was often being disrupted nowadays.

Contraband worth Tk 21 cr seized in two months

Central Task Force of the National Revenue Board has seized contraband goods worth Taka 21,17,43,728 during April-May period, reports BSS.

It has also seized contraband items worth Taka 105,80,22,172 last year. This was disclosed at a meeting of the Central Task Force held at the conference room of the National Revenue Board with Shah Abdul Hannan, in the chair.

Representatives of the Task Force, BDR, Ansar, Customs, NSI police, Directorates of the Narcotic Control and of Customs Investigation and intelligence were present.

Dwelling at length measures to curb the smuggling and seizure of the contraband goods, the meeting called upon all official agencies to strengthen anti-smuggling activities.

ML calls for repeal of black laws

Leaders of Muslim League on Sunday called upon the government to repeal all black laws, including the Special Powers Act of 1974, reports UNB.

Congratulating the government for introducing the bill to revert to the parliamentary system, they said the democratic process would not be successful if the black laws were not repealed.

They were speaking at a condolence meeting organised by the party at its central office to observe the 10th death anniversary of former ML leader and Member of Parliament Ibrahim Khalil.

3 nabbed for selling rotten meat

Mohammadpur police on Sunday arrested three meat sellers from Mohammadpur Jeneva Camp for selling rotten meat.

The meat sellers collect rotten meat from different areas and sell at a lower price.

A case was filed with Mohammadpur police station.

Obituary

CHITTAGONG, July 7: Chittagong City Gonantree Party President Nurul Amin died at a clinic here today. He was 61, reports BSS.

He was suffering from diabetes and high blood pressure. He left behind his wife, three sons and two daughters.

Namaz-e-janaza of Nurul Amin will be held at Laldighi Maidan at 9 a m tomorrow. Later he will be buried at the family graveyard at village South Sarta under Rausan upazila, party sources said.

Nurul Amin was actively involved with the anti-autocratic movement of 1990.

Tender Notice

Quotations are invited from bonafide suppliers for purchase of some chemicals, equipment and apparatus for Chemistry department of the university. The list of items will be available free of cost from the office of the undersigned during office hours. Quotations must be submitted in the tender box kept in the office of the undersigned at or before 11-00 am on 15-07-1991. The quotation will be opened on the same day at 11-15 am in the presence of bidders, if any. Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the quotations.

Dr. Bazlul Mobin Chowdhury
Registrar.

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from the bonafide Mini Bus owners/firms for providing pick-up/drop to the Biman Officers from specified places to office at ZIA and back on all working days on hire basis as per schedule. Mini buses must have seating capacity of minimum 26 (twenty six) persons. It should be in good, dependable and presentable condition. Owners of the Mini buses of model prior to 1987 need not to apply. The details of routes, terms and conditions are given in the schedule which will be available with the Cash & Banking Section at Biman Bhaban, Motijheel, C/A on all working days on payment of Tk. 50/- (fifty) only which is non refundable. All kinds of current valid attested documents i. e. Blue book, Route permit, Fitness certificate, Insurance certificate and Bank Draft/Pay order of Tk. 10,000/- (ten thousand) will have to be submitted with the tender, otherwise it will be treated as cancelled. Sealed tenders are to be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of the undersigned on or before 17-7-1991 upto 10-30 hours. The tender box will be opened at 11:00 hours in presence of the Tenderer (if any) on the same day. No tender form will be sold on the tender-opening day.

Biman authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders partially or wholly without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DPP (BA) 5416-4/7 Major Zafar Ullah Khan (Retd)
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Tender Notice

Sealed Quotations in respective letter heads are hereby invited from the Manufacturer/Bonafide Businessman/Supplier for supply of REFRIGERATOR/AIR CONDITIONER SPARES AND ELECTRICAL MATERIALS. Detailed specifications terms & conditions can be obtained from our offices at (1) Court Road, Brahmanbaria (2) 97, Purana Paltan, Bijoygar, Dhaka-1000 and (3) Saltgola, Chittagong between 9 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on all working days from Sunday to Thursday against cash payment of Tk. 200/- (Non-refundable). Quotation should be dropped in the tender box placed at our Offices (1) Procurement Department, Paikpara, Brahmanbaria (2) 97, Purana Paltan, Bijoygar, Dhaka-1000 and (3) Saltgola, Chittagong latest by 11 a.m. on 5.8.91 and will be opened on the same day, at 11.30 a.m. in presence of tenderers if any. No tender document will be sold on the closing date. The Company reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

DPP (G) 7770-4/7 M. Zaman Chowdhury
Manager (Procurement)
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