

First railway wagon weigh bridge to be installed today

CHITTAGONG, Aug. 25 : Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) is going to install its first railway wagon weigh bridge tomorrow, reports BSS.

The 100-ton wagon weigh bridge has been procured by the CPA at a cost of about Taka 70 lakh under a contract signed with Avery Bangladesh Limited, an enterprise of GEC group, one year ago.

The railway wagon bridge will be handed over to CPA

Plea to cast 'yes' vote in referendum

Law and Justice Minister Mirza Gohar Hossain Sunday called upon the people of all strata to cast 'Yes' vote in the September 15 referendum for transition to parliamentary democracy, reports UNB.

The minister was addressing a meeting of local district Lawyers Association at Zila Parishad auditorium in Dinajpur.

Law Minister said the BNP government has been fulfilling its election pledges in phases and congenial atmosphere for sustenance of development programme initiated in the country.

Stressing the need for massive participation of the people in the coming referendum, Hossain maintained that the 11th and 12th amendment to constitution was the demand of the majority people of the country which would be fulfilled if there existed a 'Yes' consent in the referendum.

Later addressing BNP workers, the Law Minister said that terrorism and lawlessness must be rooted out from the society, particularly from the educational arena.

Anniversary of Zakir Hossain's death today

The 20th death anniversary of valiant freedom fighter Zakir Hossain, Bir Bikram, will be held today (Monday), reports BSS.

Milad mahfil and kangali bhoj will be held in this connection at 12/1-1 Motijheel Commercial Area today at 12-30 pm, says a press release. Zakir Hossain was killed in a frontal fight with the Pakistani occupation army on August 26 in 1971 near Shalada river of Comilla.

Qulkhwani

'Qulkhwani' of Moshahab Uddin Ahmed, retired District Registrar and father of Air Vice Marshal (Rtd) Mumtazuddin Ahmed will be held today (Monday) at 30-Kha, BAF Officers Quarters, Tejgaon.

tomorrow by the Operations Director of GEC group of companies, Mr. Shahidul Huq at a simple ceremony, according to a company source.

Lions services to distressed lauded

Commerce Minister M K Anwar Sunday called upon the service oriented organisations for equal distribution of their services among the people, reports BSS.

He said service to a handful of people in some particular places would not serve the cause of 'service to the humanity' keeping vast section of their benefit of such opportunity.

The minister was addressing a joint installation ceremony of Lions Club of Dhaka capital and Lions Club of Dhaka new capital at Hotel Sonargaon in the city. President of Lions Club of Dhaka capital Syed Mohammad Shamsul Kawna was in the chair while President of Lions Club of Dhaka new capital Hasan Zamil was present. District governor of Dist-315-A Humayun Zahir also addressed the function.

M K Anwar said, we should serve the have-nots with whatever we have for the greater cause of humanity. He appreciated the Lions activities and other such organisation saying that general masses were being greatly benefitted by their services. The minister said the main theme of democracy was to utilise the latent talents of people for their own sake. "We have own the struggle for democracy, and now is the time to utilise this victory for the welfare of the nation," he said.

Nepalese envoy pays farewell call on PM

The outgoing Nepalese Ambassador in Bangladesh, Dr. Mohan Prasad Lohani, Sunday paid a farewell call on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her secretariat office here, reports BSS.

They discussed matters of bilateral issued and common interest.

Lohani expressed thanks for extending him cooperation in discharging his duties during his tenure in Bangladesh. The Ambassador pointed out that there is ample scope of joint venture between Nepal and Bangladesh in the economic field.

The Prime Minister hoped that the existing friendly relations between Bangladesh and Nepal will further expand to the mutual benefit of the two peoples.

wagon weigh bridge was manufactured in England by GEC Avery Technology, U.K. It is an electrical scale with micro-processed digital and printing system.

It is also the longest weigh bridge in the country.

The installation of the weigh bridge will meet a long-felt demand of Chittagong Port facilitating weighing of food-grains, fertilizers, coal etc. to be transported by the railway.

Relics of Buddha handed over to Khaleda

Representatives of Marma Buddhist Association led by Mama Ching MP Sunday called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her Secretariat office, reports BSS.

During the meeting, the members of the delegation handed over some relics of Lord Buddha to the Prime Minister.

They requested the Prime Minister to make arrangement for sending the relics to a holy place in Thailand.

The Prime Minister assured them that arrangements would be made in this regard.

Pakistan donates 15 ambulances

Fifteen ambulances donated by Pakistan government for the cyclone victims were handed over to Bangladesh authorities recently, reports UNB.

Pakistani Federal Health Minister Sayed Tasnim Nawaz Gardez handed over to Bangladesh High Commissioner Riazul Hassan at the Pak-Suzuki plant at Karachi.

The Health Minister said the people of Pakistan had been concerned about their brothers in Bangladesh as they had undergone untold miseries due to natural calamities. He said Prime Minister Newaz Sharif immediately set up a 'Relief Fund', said a press release of the Pakistan Iliq Commission.

Asia Foundation Consultant meets Chief Whip

Asia Foundation's Consultant for Legislative Programme and Information Management Ms. Jani Ann-Lindley today met with Chief Whip of Jatiya Sangsad Khondker Delwar Hossain and discussed matters of mutual interest, reports UNB.

They also discussed matters related to parliamentary affairs during the meeting held at the Sangsad Bhaban chamber of the Chief Whip.

The Chief Whip apprised Ms. Jani of the recent political developments in Bangladesh.

Reception

The outgoing Ambassador of Nepal in Bangladesh, Dr M P Lohani, hosted a reception at his residence in Dhaka Sunday evening, reports BSS.

Political leaders including the Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, Abdus Samad Azad, diplomats, journalists, high officials and elite of the city were present.

Dr Lohani is expected to leave here early next month at the expiry of his tenure in Bangladesh.

Death anniversary observed

A milad mahfil and Qurankhwani was held at Raj Complex at 187, Elephant Road in the city on the occasion of the first death anniversary of ASM Firoze, a former Ward Commissioner of Dhaka Municipal Corporation, reports BSS.

A special manajat was offered seeking peace of the departed soul.



NAP held a rally in city on Sunday calling for end to terrorism and seeking to lower prices of essentials. — Star photo

Bangladesh exports hardware of micro-computers

Like many other products, Bangladeshi manufacturers are now producing hardware with names sounding like those of foreign companies to attract the buyers, reports BSS.

Director General of International Centre for Technical and Vocational Training and Research (ICTVTR) Prof. A.M. Patwary Sunday said some companies here were producing hardware of micro computers with impressive seals and exporting them.

He was speaking at a seminar on 'Information technology for economic and social development' held at the Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) here.

Executive Director of Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) M. Azizur Rahman was the main speaker at the seminar organised by the electrical engineering division IEB.

Presided over by Prof. Fazle Rahman of BUET, the seminar was also participated by acting honorary General Secretary of IEB, M. Abdul Hayat, Dr. Shamsul Islam Chowdhury of Lin Koping University, Sweden, Managing Director of Beximco Computer, M.S. Kamal, Associate Professor of BUET, Syed Mahbubur Rahman and Advisor to BCC, Sakil Wahid Ahmed.

Founder President of Bangladesh Computer Society, Prof. Patwary expressed his firm optimism for development of computer technology in the country and said BCC should act as a catalytic agent to help those who wanted to

Salam's call to make referendum a success

Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives and BNP Secretary General Abdus Salam Talukder Sunday urged the people of all levels to make the coming referendum on September 15 a success, reports BSS.

In a statement, the BNP Secretary General said people's support was essential for the amendment to the constitution.

purchase and use computer as well as the manufacturers of computer software and hardware.

He said computer electronics had a multi-billion Dollar world market in which Bangladesh could effectively participate. But the share of Bangladesh so far was very small, he said.

Prof. Patwary urged for speedy computerisation of telecommunication system to increase its efficiency. He said computerisation would generate employment at the fastest rate and the typists instead of losing their job would get training and better pay.

He also urged the BCC to explore the market for data entry and said a large number of operators could be employed through this.

BCC Executive Director in his paper emphasised the need for use of information

technology apparatus especially computers for increasing management and organisational efficiency and manufacturing skill.

He advocated for the use of the latest information technology in Bangladesh and said the use of the technology was cheaper and easier than people generally thought.

The Executive Director of BCC suggested for introduction of one year diploma course in computer science to train the unemployed educated youths as mid level technicians to meet the growing demand.

In reply to a question, he said efforts for export of computer software from Bangladesh came to a standstill with the change of government.

India exported last year computer software worth US Dollar one billion, a participant pointed out.

Fazlul Haq's budget speech a piece of literature

The Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Abdur Rahman Biswas said here Sunday that the nation must know how to recognize contribution of great personalities, reports BSS.

Addressing the Sher-e-Bangla Memorial Award giving ceremony-1990 at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy in the evening, the Speaker said the persons who contributed a lot to the society, in their respective fields must be honoured at the national level.

Organized by the Central Committee of Bangladesh Youth Front, the function was chaired by Front President Advocate Farooq Ahmed and was attended by President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ), Reazuddin Ahmed, and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Ataul Karim, as the special guests.

The Speaker paying glowing tributes to late A K M Fazlul Haq, recalled his outstanding contributions in the fields of politics, social service and patronizing the learning.

Recalling his performance as a parliamentarian in 1913, Biswas said his maiden speech on the budget had been

termed by many as piece of literature.

The Speaker urged the organisers of the function to materialize the dreams of the late leader and perpetuate his memory through the award.

The Youth Front had been giving this award to prominent personalities of the country for their significant contributions in their respective fields since 1984. The recipients of the award for the year of 1990 are: AH M Hasanul Hye — literature, Akther-ul Alam-journalism, S M Nuruzzaman-technology, Zinat Ara — social service, Mustafizur Rahman production of TV drama, Sabina Yasmin — music, Bashir Ahmed — music.

Later, the speaker gave away the awards to the recipients. The function was addressed, among others, by Acting General Secretary of the Front Sheikh Nur Islam, and Sabina Yasmin, Zinat Ara and S M Nuruzzaman spoke on behalf of the recipients.

The award giving ceremony was followed by a colourful cultural function.



State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan addressing as chief guest the annual Eid reunion function of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel recently. The function which was chaired by president of the employees union of the hotel Amjad Hossain, was also attended by Secretary of the same ministry Heshamuddin Ahmed, GM of the hotel John L Eaton and BSL secretary S Bari.

HERE and THERE

Monahardi Jubo Kalyan Samity

The fourth Annual Conference of Monahardi Upazila Jubo Kalyan Samity at Dhaka was held at the Public Library auditorium on Friday.

President of the Association Ruhul Amin presided over the meeting.

The conference was inaugurated by Reazuddin Ahmed, President, Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalist (BFUJ) while a member of the Public Service Commission and former Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Dr A Mannan attended as the chief guest.

Sardar Sakhawat Hossain MP, former MP Nurul Majid Humayun and social worker Sabir Ahmed Chowdhury were present as special guests at the function.

Stipends were given among the poor but meritorious students.

Later a 29-member executive committee was formed with A Khaled Hossain as President and MA Asad Hossain as General Secretary for the year 1991-92.

CPB and Gana Azadi League

Communist Party of Bangladesh and Gana Azadi League Saturday night held a joint meeting and reviewed the latest political situation of the country.

Leaders of both the parties reached consensus on most of the issues and decided to work together.

Ahjaq Abdus Samad, Mawlana Iftaz, Md Daniel, Mujahidul Islam Selim, Nuhul Alam, Dr Sarwar Ali and Mukul Chowdhury were present in the meeting.

Trade Union Centre

General Secretary of the Bangladesh Trade Union Centre Abdus Salam Khan left Dhaka for the People's Republic of China on Saturday night to attend an eight-day seminar on 'development and employment'.

The seminar will be begin on August 26, at Goangchow city.

National Awami Party

Mrs Parveen Naser Khan, wife of former Minister Abu Naser Khan (Bhasani) joined national Awami Party (Bhasani NAP) on Sunday in a simple ceremony, said a party press release.

The function was presided over by Party Chairman Prof Noor Mohammad Kazi and was addressed among others, by Mujibur Rahman Advocate, Mufakkarul Islam, Azizul Huq Sahjahan and Atiqur Rahman.

Janata Dal

Bangladesh Janata Dal Chairman KM Obaidur Rahman in a statement on Sunday expressed resentment over the incident happened at the Secretariat on Saturday.

He said that the situation would worsen if the government does not shun the path of repression without solving the problem through discussion.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal on Sunday stated the policy of repression by the government on the agitated employees who have been demanding implementation of pay commission report.

President of the party Noor Alam Ziku and General Secretary Humayun Kabir Iftu urged the government to resolve the crisis through discussion.

Janata Insurance Company Ltd

The fourth annual conference of Janata Insurance Company Ltd was held on August 22-24 at Hotel Sheraton.

Chairman of the company Akteruzzaman Chowdhury inaugurated the conference which was addressed by Managing Director MA Rahim and Chief Adviser Humayun Zahir.

About 100 representatives from different branches participated in the conference.

Muslim League

Bangladesh Muslim League on Sunday expressed concern over the strike of water transport of the country.

In an emergency meeting of the party with convener MA Hannan in the chair it urged the government to relax the fuel prices at pre-Gulf war level.

The meeting was also attended by GA Khan, Kamruzzaman Khan, Kazi Abdul Khair, Atiqul Islam, Syed Hasan Noman, Delwar Hossain and Kazi Ashfaq.

Anti-drug Journalists' Association

A 13-member executive body of the Bangladesh Anti-drug Journalists' Association was formed with Muhammad Amir Khasru as President and Nasir Al Mamun as general secretary respectively.

It was formed at a meeting of the convening committee on Friday at Bangabandhu Avenue with Convener Amir Khasru in the chair.

Bastuhara Samity

A meeting of the Bastuhara Samity was held at Gopalbag in the city demanding rehabilitation of the homeless people.

The meeting was presided over by Sattaruzzaman Chowdhury and was addressed among others by Md Yousof, Mainul Huq Manju and Saicqur Rahman Sadck.

National Republican Party

The National Republican Party on Sunday condemned the police action against striking employees at the Secretariat on Saturday.

Dr M Zahir Khan, President of the Party in a statement said that the present democratically elected government 'set an example like an autocrat'.

He urged the government to solve the problem through dialogue.

Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Mukti Andolon

Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Mukti Andolon on Sunday organized a rally in front of Sadarghat terminal protesting the strike of water transport which has caused sufferings to the common people.

Chairman of the party at the rally demanded resignation of Acting President and Prime Minister if they failed to resolve the crisis within 24 hours.

Other leaders Mohammad Faruk, Mukul Ahmed, also addressed the rally.

Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association

Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association on Sunday expressed concern over the repression meted to the government employees instead of solving their problems peacefully.

President Abul Kalam Azad and General Secretary Kazi AK Fazlul Huq in a joint statement urged the government to resolve the deadlock through discussion.

The Association leaders asked the members to make August 29 programme a success.

DU employees

A group of employees of the Dhaka University on Sunday brought out a procession protesting the announced pay scale by the government.

A press release signed by the registrar said that the processionists left the campus chanting slogans around noon.

Bank Officers' Federation

Bank Officers Federation on Sunday held a rally in front of the Sonali Bank Head Office and demanded separate pay scale for the bank officers and employees.

Their other demands include incentive bonus and simplified promotion without the condition of obtaining banking diploma.

Sunday's rally was presided over by Sonali Bank Officers Welfare Association President Abdus Shahid and was addressed among others by Syed Anwar Hossain and Mohammad Solaiman.

The leaders urged to accept their legitimate demands immediately.

Jatiya Ganatantrik Party

Jatiya Ganatantrik Party (JAGPA) on Sunday expressed concern over the water transport strike which has held about two crore people of the southern arcas hostages.

In a statement jointly by party Vice-President A K Aziz and Joint Secretary Shamsul Alam said that the situation proved disability of the government.

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka

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Scaled tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide suppliers for supply of different kinds of stationery articles etc. Details terms and conditions may be available from the Stationery Section. Tenders must be submitted on or before 11-30 am of 8/9/91 and will be opened on the same day at 11-35 am before the Tenderers present. The University Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the Tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

D-80 Deputy Registrar

Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation

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Contraband worth Tk one crore seized

CHITTAGONG, Aug 25: Anti-smuggling squad of Chittagong Customs in cooperation with BDR personnel seized 250 cages of bear from a foreign ship and 9046 mini cartons of contraband cigarettes worth Taka one crore from a trawler at Ghoira here last night, customs sources said, reports BSS.

Acting on secret information customs and BDR personnel raid the ship and the trawler and found the contraband. Two department cases were filed in this connection.

Music school

A music school 'Pragati Sangeet Biddyalaya' was opened in Khagrachhari recently under the auspices of Pragati Sangha, a local socio-cultural organisation.

The music school was inaugurated by Jahedul Alam, Chairman, Khagrachhari Paurashava at a function held at the school premises. Beni Madhab Talukdar presided over the function.

232 rounded up

Police Sunday rounded up 232 persons on various charges from 12 districts of Chittagong under Operation Doorbar-91.

Police also recovered a single barrel gun during the operation, a police press release said.