

Chhatra Front rally today

By DU Correspondent

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, the student wing, has decided to hold rally and procession on the Dhaka University campus tomorrow to observe the Education Day.

It will also submit a memorandum to the Ministry of Education to press home its demands related to education.

Belal Chowdhury and Rajekuzaman Ratan, President and General Secretary respectively of the organisation in a statement Sunday called upon its all units to observe the day with due solemnity.

World Day of peace tomorrow

Bangladesh along with other 159 member states of the United Nations will observe the International Day of Peace, reports BSS.

The day coincides with the inauguration of the 46th regular session of the General Assembly of the United Nations which begins every year of the third Tuesday of September.

The General Assembly in adopting the resolution on the observance of the Day in December 1981, recalled that the promotion of peace both at the national and international levels was among the main purposes of the United Nations. It would be appropriate, the resolution said "to

devote a specific time to concentrate the efforts of the United Nations and its member states as well as of the whole mankind to promoting the ideals of peace in all viable means". Accordingly the third Tuesday of September was declared as the international day of peace to commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples.

In observance of the Day, the United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB), in cooperation with the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), will organize a symposium on September 17 at the centre premises. Resident representative of UNDP A I W

Temple will be present at the function as guest speaker.

UNAB President Prof M Innaas Ali will preside over.

The Lions District 315-B will organize a discussion meeting at the Lions District Headquarters at Agargaon at 4.00 pm the same day. National Professor M Shamsul Haq will speak at the meeting as chief guest while UNDP Deputy Resident representative W Fischer will be present as special guest.

SAARC will promote relations, hopes Shahabuddin

Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed Saturday expressed the hope that the SAARC would play a pivotal role in promoting cooperative relations and harmony among the countries of this region, reports BSS.

The Acting President expressed his optimism when the visiting Sri Lankan Foreign Minister J E Harold Herat, called on him at Bangabhaban.

The Acting President hoped that the sixth SAARC summit to be held in Colombo in November this year would succeed in promoting the SAARC objectives.

Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed appreciated the rapid development achieved by Sri Lanka in the socio-economic and educational fields.

He said Sri Lanka having already achieved a literacy rate of 88 per cent was poised for greater progress and prosperity.

The Acting President conveyed his greetings to President Ranasinghe Premadasa, the government and the people of Sri Lanka.



Prof Iazuddin Ahmed (3rd from left) was sworn in as Chairman of Public Service Commission by Acting Chief Justice ATM Afzal on Saturday.

Girl shot dead by Shantibahini

RANGAMATI, Sept 15 : A minor tribal girl was shot dead by Shantibahini outlaws at village Kattali in Nantiarchar upazila Saturday night, reports UNB.

Officials and witnesses said the gunmen suddenly attacked the village at 7-30 pm and fired indiscriminately, killing Shebika Chakma (6) on the spot.

An appeal

By Staff Correspondent

Rahad Hossain alias Sujan, a brilliant school student, may not win his battle for life unless huge amount of money is donated by the kind hearts of the society, to cure him of the complicated disease 'haemophilia'.

Signs of the disease were first noticed eight years back just after he had started his primary education.

Sujan's poor father, Lokman Hossain a low-paid motor mechanic of Kalihata village of Dinajpur district, is no longer able to bear the heavy expenses for treatment of his son. Lokman sold his property but failed to get his son cured. The disease was first identified in 1983 when it was first noticed that Sujun used to bleed continuously when he received injuries.

To stop such bleeding an 'anti-haemophilic factor' is to be injected. The medicine is



very costly and not available in the local market.

As the disease took a serious turn in March 1991, Sujun was admitted to Dinajpur Sadar Hospital but he did not improve.

He was later shifted to the P G Hospital in Dhaka. Where he underwent treatment by Dr M A Rashid. The Doctor prescribed to continue injecting Sujun the anti-haemophilic factor. Sujun's father continued the doing so for some days. But the injections are so costly that he is unable to continue the treatment of Sujun. Failing to receive any donation Lokman took his son back to Dinajpur where Sujun is still suffering from the disease.

Under the circumstances, only donations can save the boy. Lokman and his wife Nazma, has appealed for help from the Prime Minister, the opposition leader and affluent people of the society to get their son cured.

Any assistance for the boy will be received by the account number-2419, Janata Bank, Chakbazar branch. The donors have also been requested to contact Lokman Hossain over telephone number-0531-4519 or Nejabat Hossain Babu over telephone No 0671-75337

11 p.c. pass CU B.Sc. exam

CHITTAGONG, Sept 15 : Four hundred seventeen candidates passed the BSc (pass) examination-1990 out of a total of 3763 held under the university of Chittagong. The percentage of pass is a little over 11, according to the results announced by the university here Sunday, reports BSS.

Only one candidate secured first division, 108 second division and 308 third division.

A total of 199 candidates appeared at the supplementary BSc (pass) examination-1990 and of them 93 passed, percentage being 46.7.

The highest number of candidates passed from Chandpur Government College with 28.6 per cent. 318 students ap-

peared at the examination from this college of whom 91 came out successful. The Government Women's College - Comilla secured second position with 28.5 per cent pass. Ten candidates passed out of the total of 35 from this college.

No candidate passed out of the six colleges under the university. The colleges are Chittagong Government Women's College, Kuwash-Burishar Sheikh Muhammad College, Rangamati Government College, Lakhimpur Government College, Ramganj Government College and Khalilur Rahman Degree College.

UK unit of AL protests attack on Hasina

The UK unit of Awami League Friday staged demonstration in front of Bangladesh High Commission in London protesting the alleged attack on party chief and Opposition Leader Sheikh Hasina during by-election on Wednesday, reports UNB.

According to a message received by the party in Dhaka Saturday, the UK and London branches jointly organised the protest and submitted a memorandum to the Bangladesh High Commissioner.

A copy of the memorandum was also submitted to the British Prime Minister's office at 10, Downing Street.

Earlier, speakers at a protest rally condemned the 'dastardly attack' on Hasina and urged the ruling party not to encourage such acts of violence which, they said, would jeopardise democracy in the country.

The rally was addressed by Awami League leaders Abdur Razzak and Dewan Farid Gazi, both of whom are now in London, and the London branch Awami League President Aatur Rahman Khan.

Taiwanese team calls on Saifur

The visiting Taiwanese private delegation Sunday called on the Minister for Finance and Planning, M Saifur Rahman, reports BSS.

The nine-member Taiwanese delegation comprises members of parliament and renowned businessmen of that country.

It was observed in the meeting that the two sides could have mutual benefit through investment and trade.

The Finance Minister intimated the delegation that necessary initiatives would be taken how the formal business relations could be established between them to promote trade and investment.

CIRDAP workshop on women held

The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) organised a workshop on training of rural women on Post Harvest Loss Prevention (PHLP) in Sri Lanka recently, according to a press release issued in Dhaka Saturday by CIRDAP, reports BSS.

Aquatic flowers merit attention

by Prof M R Khan

The countryside of Bangladesh looks like a green carpet stretched from horizon to horizon and occasionally interrupted by the riverines, canals, ditches, 'bils', and 'haors'. This scenic green beauty occasionally bursts out into different shades of colour here and there to reveal their wealth of flowers. Bangladesh is very rich in vegetation and we are really proud of it.

But approximately one third of the total area is occupied by natural water bodies and we often forget to appreciate the inhabitants adapted to the aquatic habitats. These are the aquatic plants either submerged, emergent or floating; they all like water. Whether they love it or live in it, they are commonly known as aquatic plants.

It is a fact that during a particular season, the beautiful water lilies growing in the uncared-for ditches by the rail roads attracts the eyes of travellers not only for the show off but possibly also to remind of the very temporary existence of oneself.

However, we can start with the water lilies, not because of the fact that one of the members of this group is our national flower, but these are also found to be growing so comfortably and profusely in our country that one can hardly overlook. The common water lilies belong to the family Nymphaeaceae and genus Nymphaea. The generic name is derived

from Nympha, a goddess in Greek and Roman mythology.

Our national flower, the white 'Shapla' as it is locally called, is scientifically known as Nymphaea nouchali. Next to the white Shapla, one may come across the red ones, known as 'Rakta Shapla'; while the yellow and blue varieties are comparatively rare. The blue water lily or the 'Neel Kamal' is considered to be a different species of Nymphaea and designated as N. stellata. The flowers of N. capensis, a slightly different variety remains open almost throughout the day. Some variations in the colour shades are also observed. A cluster of 'Shapla' is not only a scenic beauty, but its underground stem, petiole and the seeds are edible. These are real delicacies one can enjoy while travelling through the villages.

The lotus of 'Padma', another member of the water lilies, has been acclaimed as the symbolic expression of grace and beauty. It has been painted, sculptured and praised through literatures. If the Rose is accepted as the champion in beauty contest, then the Lotus is definitely the runner up. Its colour, grace, beauty and fragrance have made it unique. It has been associated with gods and goddesses in mythology. In Bangladesh mostly we get the lotus, while the white lotuses are found on the high altitudes. The lotus

honey is used as a medicament. The lotus of 'Padma' is scientifically known as Nelumbo nucifera. It is considered as a sacred flower in Egypt, India, Burma and Sri Lanka. The seeds are edible.

The 'Makhan' or the Euryale ferox is also a floating plant but the design of the flower is different. The leaves are approximately three feet in diameter while the red small flowers are rather insignificant. The stalk and the fruits are prickly. The seeds are edible.

Victoria amazonica or the Amazon lilies are the giant water lilies. These are rarely grown in the garden ponds of Bangladesh. The leaves may grow up to 180 cm or more in diameter and the flowers 20-40 cms across. The flowers are nocturnal and sweetly scented.

'Kalmal Lata' or the Ipomoea aquatica is a trailer on mud or floating on water. The flowers are pink of pale lilac-found all over the country. The leaves and the young shoots are edible.

'Kachuru pana' are the members of the hyacinth group and are particularly adapted to the aquatic habitat. The scientific name is Eichornia crassipes. Being introduced from Brazil as an ornamental plant it has spread luxuriantly in the South-east Asia and has become a serious pest interfering with the cultivation and waterways.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of Executive Engineer Urban Area Development Project for Low Income Housing at Kaiballydham Chittagong

TENDER NOTICE

The Government of Bangladesh has received a loan from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of Urban Development Project for Low Income Housing at Kaiballydham, Chittagong, and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Off Site Civil Works.

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from old 'A' Class/New Second Class contractors of H&S Directorate, for the following works at Kaiballydham, Chittagong as per terms and conditions noted below. Tender documents will be sold only to those contractors, who produce full documentary proof of experience and past performance on similar contracts; capabilities with respect to personnel, equipment and plan; and financial position. Tender documents may be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, Urban Area Development Project, Nasirabad, HSD, Kaiballydham, Chittagong/HSD Project and Survey Division at Dhaka, during office hours on cash payment of a non-refundable amount Tk. 500 (five hundred) only per set. Necessary drawings for Off Site Civil Works will be available on request for an extra cost of Tk. 200 (two hundred) only per set.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of the Project Director, UAD Project, Chittagong.

Particular of Works

Name of works	Time of completion in days	Engineer's estimate Taka	Last date of selling of tender documents	Eligibility of contractors
Tender No-2/91-92 Construction of a road from Dhaka Trunk Road to Site Area including installation of water main from Dhaka Trunk road to Site Area.	150	24,47,455/-	30-9-91	Those who have completed a single work worth of Taka 8 (eight) lakh in a tender

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security (earnest money) @2% of the quoted amount in the form of a Bank Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, UAD Project, Nasirabad, Chittagong. Any bid not accompanied by an acceptable tender guarantee will be rejected by the employer non-responsive.

Tenders in complete form shall be received by the office of the Executive Engineer, Project and Survey Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka as well as by the Executive Engineer, Kaiballydham, Urban Area Development Project, Chittagong up to 12.00 hrs. on 01-10-91 and same will be opened on the same day at 12.15 P.M. in presence of the tenderers, if any. Envelopes containing the sealed tenders should have the name of the work clearly marked in block letters and addressed to the undersigned.

The undersigned/authority is not bound to accept the lowest tender and reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. This tender notice will form a part of the contract and will be binding upon all concerned.

A. M. Fakhruddin
Project Director
Urban Area Development Project for
Low Income Housing at Kaiballydham
Chittagong, Phone : 22 15 71

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Tk 80 cr to be available soon for Ctg city development

CHITTAGONG, Sept 15: Communications Minister Oli Ahmad Sunday said a government grant of Taka 80 crore would be made available soon to Chittagong City Corporation for executing various projects under a massive rehabilitation programme within the corporation area, reports BSS.

He said the programme would include, reconstruction of roads, culverts, drains and improvement of lighting besides providing some other civic amenities.

Talking to heads of different government departments at the Circuit House here, he said the concerned department, had been instructed to prepare a master-plan for Chittagong and a separate township plan for the other side of the river Karnaphuli.

The Karnaphuli Bridge, partly damaged by April 29 cyclone and tidal bore has facilitated expansion of Chittagong city on the other side of the river. The bridge would be repaired soon.

The Communications Minister said about 80 per cent of roads within the Chittagong region would be repaired during the current financial year and the fund for the same would be made available by the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank.

He said the Chittagong Protection Embankment would also be built during the season.

The Minister said a survey had been conducted for selecting a site for construction of the second export processing zone in Chittagong.

He asked the Chittagong WASA, the Power Development Board and gas company to extend water, power and gas supplies to the newly-built housing estates and the plot owners to build their houses, and the roads and highways department to plant saplings of trees on both sides of the roads built and maintained by the department.

Oli said the first floor of the Chittagong Circuit House would be turned into a

Museum and plan for building a new Circuit House was being prepared.

The Communications Minister also asked the Chittagong City Corporation and the police to take necessary measures to remove traffic congestion from the important points in the city. He instructed the Bangladesh railway authority to remove unauthorised structures from the railway land, particularly those erected adjacent to the railway lines.

Commending the police drive against the anti-social elements, he asked the members of the law enforcing agencies to round up arms holders without fear and favour.

Present on the occasion were, among others, Chittagong City Mayor Mir M Nasir Uddin, Serajul Islam MP, Begum Rozy Kabir MP, Amir Khairul Mahmud Chowdhury, MP-elect and Dr. A F M Yusuf, member of the BNP Central Standing Committee

Bangladesh Tea Board 111-113, Motijheel Commercial Area Dhaka Tender Notice for Purchase of Car

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers/agents/dealers for purchase of a 1300cc 4/5 door Car for the Dhaka Office of Bangladesh Tea Board subject to the following terms and conditions:

- Tenders must be submitted together with detailed information about manufacturer, model of the car, printed brochure and catalogue etc. of the company.
 - Earnest money (refundable) at the rate of 5% of quoted value must be submitted along with tender through Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Project Director (STABEX), Bangladesh Tea Board, Dhaka. Earnest money of the successful tenderer will be treated as security money later.
 - Bank certificate in support of financial solvency of the tenderers must be submitted.
 - Tenderers will have to give written undertaking to the effect that they would extend after sales service as well as free replacement of spare parts for one year from the date of delivery of the car.
 - Offers will have to remain valid for 60 (sixty) days from the date of opening.
 - The car must be supplied within 10 days of receiving work order.
 - Tenders must be dropped on or before 26/9/91 up to 12.00 Noon in the Tender Box kept in Dhaka Office of the Board; and these will be opened the same day at 12.30 P.M. in presence of tenderers, if any.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.