

JS body reviews rural projects

The first meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Planning was held at the Sangsad Bhaban Thursday, reports BSS.

LRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder presided over.

The Committee reviewed the performance of the ministry with special reference to projects concerning rural poverty alleviation and employment generation. It was emphasised in the meeting that the country needs to formulate a long-term perspective plan on the basis of political consensus which should be followed by short term plans

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia witnessing BAP Exercise - Wintex 91 in Dhaka on Thursday. Chief of Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Altf Hossain Choudhury is also seen. — ISPR photo

Dateline Khulna

Call to sink differences of opinion to ensure progress

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangshad Shaikh Ruzzaque Ali has called for concerted efforts by sinking differences of opinions to ensure peace and progress of the nation as well as to consolidate the process of hard-earned democracy, reports BSS.

The Speaker was addressing a reception accorded to him on behalf of the Khulna District Development Co-ordination Committee Wednesday at the local Shaheed Haidis Park.

Presided over by AM Ferdous, President of the Co-ordination Committee the reception was addressed, among others, by Messrs Shaikh Tayebur Rahman, Mayor of Khulna City Corporation, Shaikh Harunur Rashid MP from Batiaghata, Nargis Ali MP, M Nurul Islam, President of Khulna city BNP, Advocate Shaikh Mohammad Ali, former President of Khulna Bar Association and AKM Ziauddin Paltan former PM.

Shaikh Ruzzaque Ali said tolerance and national unity was a prerequisite for unhindered democracy and added that both the government and the opposition would have to share the responsibility to consolidate democracy.

He said the present government had taken up various measures to bring about balanced development of all regions of the country.

In this connection, the Speaker mentioned various steps taken by the government to fulfil the long-standing genuine demands of Khulna.

Speakers at the reception demanded of the government to implement the 18-point

charter of demands for the development of Khulna which was so long neglected by the autocratic government.

Madrasha students asked to equip themselves with practical edn

Education Minister Barrister Zamiruddin Sircar Thursday called upon the madrasa students to equip themselves with practical and moral education to make themselves ideal citizens, reports BSS.

The minister was addressing as chief guest at the installation of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal of Dhaka Alia Madrasa unit at the madrasa premises in Dhaka. Among others, Lt Gen. (Retd) Sawkat Ali, MP, and JCD leader Abdul Khair also spoke.

Dateline Rajshahi

Massive city development programme undertaken

RAJSHAHI, Dec 5: Rajshahi City Corporation has undertaken a massive development programme at a cost of Taka six crore fifty lakh, reports BSS.

This was disclosed by Mayor of the Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu at a press conference at his office today.

The main programmes included 280 projects including construction of different roads, drains and culverts, development of graveyards, construction of passenger shed, public toilet, electrification, introduction of automatic traffic signaling and beautification of the city.

The Mayor thanked Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia for her initiative of higher allocation for development of city.

He said of the total project a total of Taka 3 crore 65 lakh has been sanctioned for implementation of 271 projects which include construction of roads, drains and culverts and Taka 67 lakh for implementation six projects which include graveyard development and Taka 2 crore 17 lakh for execution 3 large projects which include electrification, construction of passenger shed, public toilet and automatic traffic signaling.

RUCSU seminar

A seminar on historical joint declaration of three alliances and its implementation was held last evening at Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium.

Prof Atul Hai Shibly, Acting Vice-Chancellor of Rajshahi University, was present as the chief guest and read out the key-note speech.

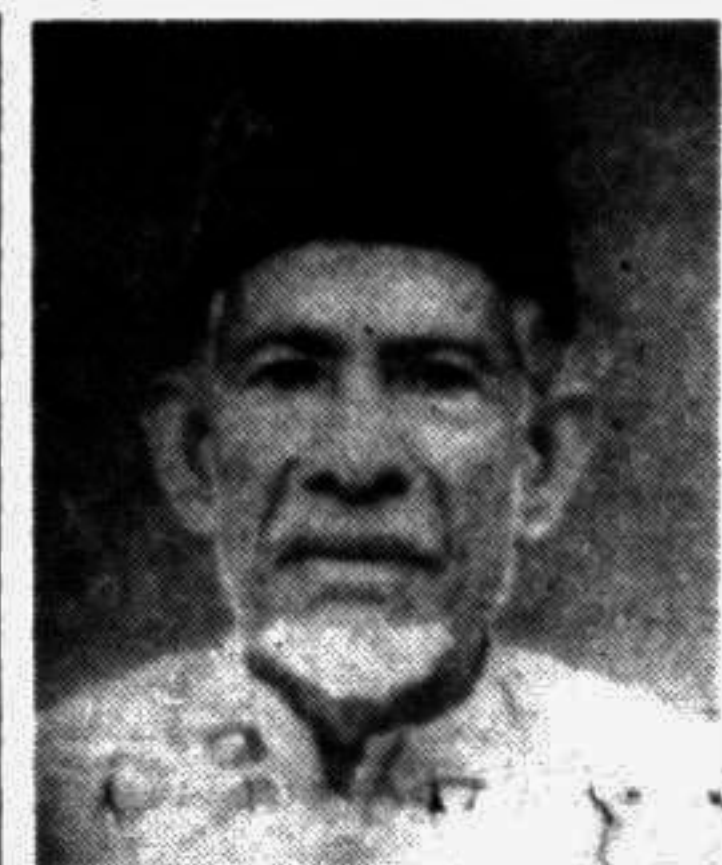
The speakers urged the political parties to form a joint programme to fulfil the objectives of joint declaration.

They mentioned that without joint programme, institutional democracy would not be established and spirit of Liberation War could not be upheld. In this context, they called for rooting out the causes of corruption, terrorism and politics of coup and fundamentalism for growth of the democracy.

Among others, Mizanur Rahman Minu, Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation, Prof Abdul Kader Bhuyan, Prof Zulfikar Matin, Ruhul Quddus Babu, RUCSU GS, Md Mohsin Mia, President District Awami League, Kamrul Munir, GS, District BNP, Majibul Haque Baku, GS District JSD, and Shafiqur Rahman Badsha, GS District CPB, spoke on the occasion.

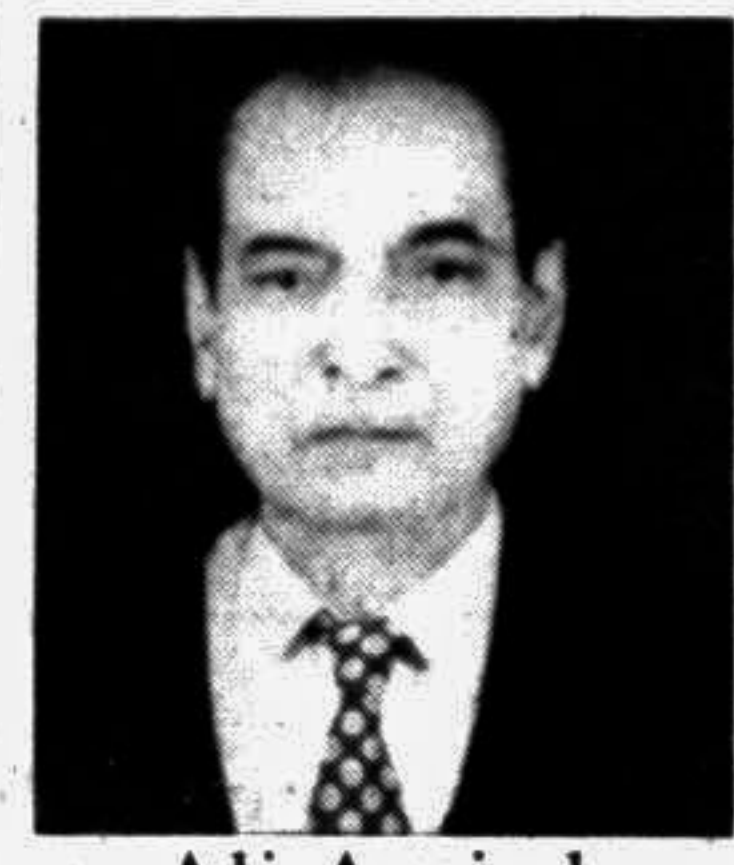
Qul khwani

The qul khwani of Justice BA Siddiky will be held today (Friday) after Asr prayer at his Banani residence, reports BSS.



Chehlum

The chehlum of Moulavi Abdul Ghani Master, a renowned educationist and social worker of Narsingdi will be held at his village home in Jaimangal in Shibpur upazila. Late Moulavi Ghani Master did his masters from Dhaka University in 1927 and for over half a century was associated in the setting up of many educational institutions in greater Narsingdi district.



Ali Amjad Khan dead

Ali Amjad Khan, a renowned lawyer, politician and former MNA, died in a city clinic in the early hours Thursday, reports BSS.

He was 86. His namaz-e-janaza will be held after Zohr prayer at Green Road mosque (near his residence).

Khan left behind his wife, two sons and one daughter.

Friday Morning session

- 8.00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, programme summary
- 8.10 News in Bengali
- 8.15 Amra Nutun
- 8.45 Cartoon film
- 9.10 Ashe Pasher Manush
- 9.30 Film show
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.05 Documentary Film
- 11.15 Moner Mukure
- 12.30 Closing

Evening Session

- 3.00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, programme summary
- 3.15 Recitation from the Triptak
- 3.20 Alor Dishari
- 3.40 Movie of the week
- 5.20 News in Bangla
- 5.30 Sports programme
- 6.45 Shikhanagan — Distance education
- 7.05 Malancha
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.25 Dipta Chetana
- 9.00 Ittadi
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.25 Drama series — L. A. Law
- 11.30 Khabar/ The News
- 11.40 Saturday's programme, verses from Al-Quran, National Flag and National Anthem
- 11.45 Close down.

What's on today

Sramik League

The 10th biennial conference of the Bangladesh Jatiya Sramik League will be held today (Friday) at 9 am at the Engineers Institution auditorium. Justice KM Sobhan will attend the function as chief guest.

Drug Resistance Committee

An emergency meeting of the working committee of the Bangladesh Drug Resistance Committee will be held today (Friday) at its central office at 4 pm today (Friday).

Carmichael College ex-students

The extended meeting of the executive committee of the Carmichael College Ex-Student Association will be held today (Friday) at 5 pm at 286, Elephant Road, Dhaka.

Sunbeam Tutorial

The annual prize-giving and PT show of Sunbeam Tutorial will be held today (Friday) at 9.30 am at Dhanmondi Women Complex. Poet Begum Sufia Kamal will be the chief guest at the function.

Gaila School ex-students

A meeting of the ex-students and teachers of Gaila School of Agailjhara Upazila, Barisal, will be held today (Friday) at 5 pm at the Motijheel Model School compound.

Weather

Dry Weather to prevail

By Staff Correspondent

Met office forecast Thursday said that dry weather would prevail over the country during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Thursday.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country except the coastal areas where temperature is likely to rise by one to two degree Celsius.

No appreciable change in weather would be notice in subsequent two days. Met office also said. The lowest 10.4 degree Celsius temperature was recorded at Srimangal and Comilla on Thursday.

Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities and towns on Thursday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	25.5	13.2	80	67
Chittagong	26.1	13.9	82	63
Rajshahi	25.6	11.6	75	80
Khulna	26.4	13.6	84	77
Barisal	26.2	13.0	89	80
Dinajpur	25.4	10.8	87	77
Mymensingh	—	12.5	85	—
Srimangal	26.0	10.4	68	83
Cox's Bazar	26.5	14.0	68	73
Comilla	27.0	10.4	89	73

Sunset at Dhaka on Friday at 5.11 pm and sunrise Saturday at 6.28 am.

HERE and THERE

Seminar on advanced research

The lecture series on "Process and Procedure of Advanced Research: From the Viewpoint of Social Science" was held under the auspices of the Centre for Advanced Research on Social Sciences of Dhaka University Wednesday at the seminar room of the Centre.

Prof Shamsuddin Ahmed of the Economics Department of DU presented a paper on "Necessity and Classification of Research on Social Sciences" at the session presided over by Dr Abul Kalam, the Director of the Centre. Dr HK Arefin participated in the discussion.

Anti-drug body

A new anti-drug organisation styled as "Bangladesh Youth Against Drug" was floated on November 27 at a meeting held at 19, Shantibagh, Dhaka. MS Mazumdar presided over the meeting.

International

Volunteers Day

The National Federation of Youth Organisations in Bangladesh, in collaboration with the UNDP mission in Dhaka, observed the International Volunteers Day Wednesday.

A colourful walkathen that paraded the city streets was led by Federation President Amir Hossain Khan. Vice President Rafiqul Islam Sarkar and Dulal Biswas, Deputy Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Abdul Hai and UNDP Deputy Resident Representative Winston Temple and TV artist Dilara Zaman attended as chief guest and special guests respectively.

President, PM greet Koivisto

President Abdur Rahman Biswas had felicitated President Dr Mauno Koivisto of Finland on the occasion of the independence day of that country, reports BSS.

In a message to the President of the Finland, President Biswas expressed his hope that the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries would be further consolidated in the years to come.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas expressed his best wishes for good health and happiness and long life of the Finnish President and for the continued peace progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Finland.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has felicitated President Dr Mauno Koivisto of Finland on the occasion of its independence day.

In a message Begum Khaleda Zia expressed her hope that

the friendly relations existing between the two countries would be developed and strengthened in the years ahead.

The Prime Minister wished the Finnish President's good health, happiness and long life and the Friendly people of Finland continued peace, progress and prosperity.

Reception to BRCS VP

The International Youth Organisation accorded a reception to Alhaj Siddiqur Rahman, a former MP, on his appointment as the Vice Chairman of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, at 54, Motijheel Commercial Area on December 2.

Shafiul Azam's death condoled

CHITTAGONG, Dec 5: Planning Minister AM Zahiruddin Khan today expressed his profound shock at the death of Shafiul Azam ex-minister and a civil servant at a London hospital, reports BSS.

In a message, the minister said that late Shafiul Azam was an extraordinary brilliant man of this soil who served as a most efficient civil servant.

He prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and expressed heart-felt sympathy for the members of the bereaved family.

Sanskritic Jote victory celebration

By Staff Correspondent

The three-day 'Bijoy Utsab' (victory celebration) will be held under the aegis of the Sammilito Sanskritik Jote (Combined Cultural Alliance) from December 14 to 16, says a press release.

Intending participants (organisations and institutions) have been requested to contact the Bijoy Utsab office at 31/1, Topkhana Road by December 9. The office remains open from 5.00 to 9.00 pm everyday.

Hassan Ali's death anniversary tomorrow

The tenth death anniversary of Hassan Ali, former Minister for Public Works in the then Government of East Bengal, will be observed tomorrow (Saturday), says a press release.

A milad mahfil has been arranged on this occasion at his Dhanmondi residence House 13 (New) 93A (Old). Road No 1 after Asr prayers.

Bangladesh Bank

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Notice

Applications are invited by Bangladesh Bank, Motijheel, Dhaka from contractor firms for 3 (Three) years enlistment from 01-01-1992 for the undermentioned works. List of contractors will be prepared separately for the following groups of work subject to maximum of Tk 50,000/-

- A) Work of office/residential buildings of the bank
- B) Sanitary and Plumbing work
- C) Electrical/Mechanical work

Contractor firms intending to be enlisted for the above works will have to submit application addressed to the General Manager, Bangladesh Bank, Motijheel, Dhaka with the following informations by 15-12-91. It may be noted that separate application should be made for each of the above works.

- 1) Copy of enlistment letter/copy of licence/ renewal receipt etc from Public Works Department/MES/Railway/ any nationalised bank/Power Development Board or any Govt./Semi-govt./autonomous body.
- 2) Certificate of completion of work from relevant Executive Engineer or equivalent Officer that the applicant, within the preceding 5 (five) years has at a time satisfactorily completed work of the value as mentioned for the group intended for enlistment.
- 3) Financial solvency certificate from any scheduled bank to the effect that the applicant is capable of executing work valued at Tk 50,000/- maximum at a time.
- 4) Application form can be purchased from this office up to 1-00 pm of 12-12-91 at a cash price of Tk 10/- (Ten) only and the application will be received up to 15-12-91.
- 5) Pay Order/Bank Draft for Taka 500/00 (Five hundred) only (non-refundable) in favour of the General Manager, Bangladesh Bank, Motijheel, Dhaka as enlistment fee must be deposited with each application for each group.
- 6) Attested photocopy of current trade licence GIR No. should be deposited with the application.
- 7) Bangladesh Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any application for enlistment without assigning any reason.
- 8) On failing to participate successively in 5 (five) tenders, the name of the firm will be struck off from the list.
- 9) The Bank will not be bound to get all the works done by the enlisted firm.
- 10) Bangladesh Bank reserves the right to strike off the name of any enlisted firm from the list without assigning any reason.
- 11) Name of the subject, from among the above ones, intended for enlistment should be superscribed on the sealed cover.

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