

DESA threatens indefinite strike

By Staff Correspondent
The employees and workers of Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) will go on a strike for an indefinite period if their demands are not met by next Sunday.

Meanwhile, they will observe a 12-hour strike on Saturday and a 24-hour strike on Sunday.

They also observed a dawn-to-dusk strike on Thursday at the DESA headquarters to press home their five-point demands.

The demands include paying overtime under new pay scale, implementation of the September 25 agreement, introducing independent pay scale, and halting the activities of Rural Electrification Board (REB) in the areas under DESA.

EPB Vice-Chairman goes on LPR

Abu Sayed Chowdhury, vice-chairman of Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) has gone on LPR with effect from Thursday, reports UNB.

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Foreign investors to get more facilities

CHITTAGONG, Jan 23: Planning Minister Zahiruddin Khan said here yesterday that all possible assistance and co-operation would be provided for creating more facilities for the foreign investors in private sector, reports BSS.

He was addressing as chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of Sakura Club, exclusively set up for the foreign investors at Agrabad Osman Court.

Khan said that the present government was keen to create a congenial environment for foreign investors in order to encourage foreign investment in the country. He appreciated the private sector initiative in sponsoring the Sakura Club to provide modern club facilities to the Foreign Business Community in Bangladesh.

Engr Azad new Secy of IEB

Engr M A K Azad took over as the honorary General Secretary of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) for the term 1992-1993 on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Before taking over, he was chairman of IEB, Dhaka Centre.

A project director of Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB), Engr Azad has been associated with the institution for about 15 years. The election of IEB was held on December 12.

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Ctg BNP PP meets Khaleda

The members of BNP Parliamentary Party of the Chittagong Division met at a meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with the Leader of the House, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, in the chair yesterday afternoon, reports BSS.

Those who spoke at the meeting were: Deputy Leader of the House Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury, Chief Whip Khondakar Delwar Hossain, BNP Secretary-General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Barrister Abudus Salam Talukder, Whip Mahbulul Alam Tara, Col (Retd) Akbar Hossain, Redwan Ahmed, Abu Taher and Dr Qamruzzaman -- all MPs.

According to a press release issued by the Chief Whip's Office, the speakers spoke on the responsibility of the party members, their duty and discipline to make parliament more effective. They also spoke on other related issues including more contacts between the MPs and the Leader of the House.

The press release said similar meeting of BNP Parliamentary Party members of the Khulna Division was held on January 13 last to make the House more effective. The meeting stressed the need for holding more such meetings of the parliamentary party, the release added.

UK service in DMCH Feb 7

Doctors from United Kingdom will offer their medical skill for two weeks in the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) from February 7. The British surgeons will advise and provide necessary treatment to the patients willing to undergo treatment under them. Surgical outdoor (OPD) in the plastic surgery department of DMCH will issue appointment dates on January 26 and February 2 from 9 am to 1 pm for preliminary selection of the patients, reports UNB.

Plea to take advantage of liberal policy

NARAYANGANJ, Jan 23: Commerce Minister MK Anwar today said wage system should be in conformity with production for building a self-reliant economy, reports BSS.

He called upon the concerned people to take the opportunity of liberal policy of the government for bringing dynamism in the field of production.

Anwar was addressing the members of Narayanganj Chamber of Commerce and Industry and local leaders here.

The Commerce Ministry said survival in competitive market in the context of free market economy depended on quality of goods.



A group of youths damaged and set ablaze the RND Samaj Kalyan Sangha and Library at Rajendhar Road under Lalbag PS. It was a sequel to local feud over toll collection. — Star photo

Regional, int'l cooperation a must for preserving nature

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Thursday underscored the need for a united effort by all concerned to create environmental awareness among the people of all strata living both in rural and urban areas, reports BSS.

He was speaking at the chief guest at the inaugural function of a two-day seminar on "Environment in Danger: Human in Danger" held at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) auditorium in Dhaka.

The President said the world environment is now threatened by natural causes like cyclone, tidal bore, earthquake and volcanic eruption as well as by man-made causes like war, deforestation and industrialisation.

He said population increase and unplanned exploitation of natural resources would destroy further the existing environment of Bangladesh.

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He said tree plantation and afforestation programme should be strengthened all over the country and it should be a regular programme in all seasons of the year.

He said the people all over the world should take a bow not to interfere with the functioning of nature to help preserve the world environment.

Abdullah al-Noman said in all our activities priority should be given to preserving the environment. He said a massive motivation programme should be undertaken throughout the country for this purpose.

He said the rich people of the country were now realising the fact that for their own interest the environment of the rural areas and the city "Bastees" should have to be improved and preserved. He welcomed this realisation as a good sign.

The minister said the developed countries also for their own interest were helping the developing countries in preserving the environment and trying to reach a world consensus in this regard.

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UNICEF assures help in education, health

The Resident Representative of UNICEF Cole P Dodge, called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office Thursday afternoon, reports BSS.

Dodge apprised the Prime Minister about various programmes taken up by the UNICEF for the development of children and women.

He assured his organisation's total support to Bangladesh for its (government) programmes in education, health and family planning sector.

The UNICEF representative observed that maternal mortality rate was very high in Bangladesh compared to other developing countries. He stressed the need for enforcement of the legal age of marriage for women to check mortality rate.

Begum Khaleda Zia said her government was giving emphasis on the development of women and the last cabinet meeting decided that girl students upto class eight outside the municipal areas would get free education.

She said that women in large number would be appointed as teachers in the primary schools. She said that number of scholarships would also be increased for female students.

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Steps taken for health policy, JS told

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has agreed in principle to formulate a new health policy and steps are being taken in this regard.

This was stated by Deputy Minister for Health Sirajul Haq in parliament Wednesday in reply to Nurul Islam Moni (Independent), reports UNB.

The Deputy Minister said necessary steps were being taken by the Health Ministry in consultation with concerned quarters.

In reply to Kazi Abdur Rashid of Awami League, Haq told the House that intensive care unit, coronary care unit and premature baby care unit would be set up in each hospital of the country during the current five-year plan.

The government is planning to set up another 261 Family Welfare Centres in the country during 1991-92 fiscal, he said in reply to ATM Alamgir of BNP.

Haq said there are now 2661 centres in the country. He said 1,473 more Family Welfare centres will be set up during the 4th plan period.

Ultimatum to try Golam Azam

By Staff Correspondent
A new organisation 'Muktijuddher Chetona (Bidrohi) Chaktra Protirodh Manch' (Resistance group for anti-liberation spirit) has been floated on (Monday).

It was formed at a meeting at the temporary office of the Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangshad with Sangshad Chairman Principal Abdul Ahad Chowdhury in the chair.

The 101-member committee of the group is headed by Abdul Matin Chowdhury.

Several hundred workers of different political parties, students' organisations, social and workers organisation, women groups and freedom fighters were present at the meeting.

Among others Abdul Aziz Bir Pratik, Abdur Razzaq MP, Kazi Arif Ahmed, Nurul Islam Nahid, Abdullah Sarkar, Pir Habibur Rahman, Mirza Sultan Raza, Ahmedur Rahman Azmi, Hafiz Mohammad Daniel and Mirza Abdul Halim were present.

It demanded the trial of Golam Azam by March 10 and said if the government fails to try him, the peoples court will try him.

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Re-Tender Notice

1. Tender No.	: 17/91-92.
2. Name of work	: Development of Eliotganj-Muradnagar Road under Gumti Water Dev. Divn., Comilla during the year 1991-92.
3. Group of work	: Works are divided into 2 Nos of group estimated amount varies from Tk. 2,80,970/- & Tk. 8,45,917/- & earnest money 2 1/2 % of estimated amount & 1% for F.D. holder.
4. Prices of tender documents	: Tk. 400/- per set.
5. Name of place where tender documents will be available	: Janata Bank, Samabay Bipani Branch, Comilla/Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motijheel, Dhaka.
6. Last date of selling tender	: Up to 28-1-92.
7. Date of receiving tender	: 29-1-92 & 30-1-92 up to 12-00 Noon.
8. Date & time of opening tender	: 30-1-92 at 12-30 P. M.
9. Tender receiving places	: Executive Engineer, Gumti Water Dev. Division, BWDB, Comilla. Executive Engineer, Comilla O & M Division, BWDB, Comilla. Executive Engineer, Dhaka O&M Division II, BWDB, Dhaka.
10. Eligibility of contractor	: 'B' & 'C' of BWDB.
11. Name of advertiser	: Executive Engineer, Gumti Water Dev. Division, BWDB, Comilla.

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Short Notice Inviting Re-Tender

- Sealed cover re-tenders in B. Dosh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the regular Class-I/II E/M Contractors of PWD who possesses ABC/BC supervisory licence for the undermentioned E/M work on itemwise basis which will be received by the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division-I/II/III/IV/V/VI/VII/III/Wood Workshop Division/Workshop Division, PWD Eden Bldg, Division, Dhaka on 29-1-92 up to 12-00 Noon during the office hour in the tender box and will be opened on the same date at 12-30 P.M. in presence of the tenderers (who may like to be present) and no tender document will be sold on the day fixed for opening tenders.
- Name of work : Renovation of electrical/mechanical work of the Stage Screen in the Banquet Hall of Bangabhaban, Dhaka.
- Time for completion of the work : 30 (Thirty) days.
- Earnest Money @2% of the total quoted amount in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Call Deposit from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh will be deposited in favour of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division-I, Dhaka.
- Tender form, schedule, specification, terms and conditions etc can be seen and purchased from the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division-I/II/III/IV/V/VI/VII/III/Wood Workshop Division/Workshop Division/PWD Eden Bldg, Division, Dhaka on payment of usual charges (Non-refundable) on or before 28-1-92. The tender form may be seen and purchased by the contractor himself or his representative on production of authorised letter bearing the representative duly attested by the contractor, along with registration book.

Md Fazlul Haq
Executive Engineer,
PWD E/M Division-I, Dhaka
Phone : 280 820

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HERE and THERE

Hotel Restaurant Workers' Union

A meeting of the Dhaka Metropolitan Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union was held Thursday at the Siddique Bazar with its President M Khorsheed Alam in the chair.

The meeting was addressed, among others, by Vice-President Abdur Malek, General Secretary Md Arif, Adviser Alam Khan, Abdus Salam, and Abdul Jalil.

Speakers at the meeting demanded appointment letter, service book, attendance roster and over time for the employees working at hotels and restaurants.

Manabik

Manabik, an anti-drug body, held a meeting on January 21 at Mirpur Ideal High School to form its number-3 Ward Committee. Syed Ziaul Abedeen and SM Imran were elected the President and the General Secretary respectively of the 21-member committee.

Bangladesh Jana Parishad

Bangladesh Jana Parishad held a rally at the south gate of Baitul Mukarram Mosque Wednesday demanding lifting of economic sanctions on Iraq.

Presided over by President of the Parishad, Muhammad Moyeenul Islam, the rally was also addressed by Senior Vice-President Abul Kashem, Vice-President Anisul Islam, General Secretary Minhazul Islam, convenor of Chhatra Parishad Molla Kamal Uddin.

Later, a rally paraded the city streets.

Freedom Party

The meeting of Mid Regional Executive Committee, Regional Adviser Council and Committees of different districts and upazilas of Freedom Party were held on Thursday.

The Chairman of Freedom Party, Col (Rtd) Syed Faruq Rahman said the colonial structure of administration, government and education must be altered for the emancipation of the people. He said the so-called democracy of the western world would not bring any good for the country.

The meeting was also attended by Major (Rtd) Bazul Huda, Co-Chairman, Col (Rtd) Abdur Rashid, Vice-Chairman, MIA Abdur Rashid and chief staff coordinator, Chowdhury Mohammad Faruq.

BHFCBA

Bangladesh Housebuilding Finance Corporation Borrowers Association (BHFCBA) in a meeting on Thursday hailed the decision of the Finance Minister's announcement of realising some of the demands of the borrowers.

The BHFCBA also viewed that some quarters have been

Thai NDC team calls on Noor Uddin

The visiting superintendent of the Thai National Defence College, Lieutenant General Anan Bamrunghphruk, and staff called on the Chief of Army Staff Lt General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan at the Army headquarters Thursday, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

They stayed with him for some time.

They also called on the Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Mohaiminul Islam at the Naval headquarters and Chief of Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Chowdhury at the Air headquarters.

They laid floral wreath at the 'Shikha Anirban' (The Eternal Flame) at the Dhaka Cantonment in memory of the members of the armed forces who embraced martyrdom during the War of Liberation in 1971. They also visited various ministries including Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Planning, Defence Services Command and Staff College, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies and other institutes and establishments.

Earlier, the 198-member delegation comprising student officers from National Defence College (NDC) of Thailand led by its superintendent Lieutenant General Anan Bamrunghphruk arrived in Dhaka yesterday morning on a two-day study-tour in Bangladesh, the press release said.

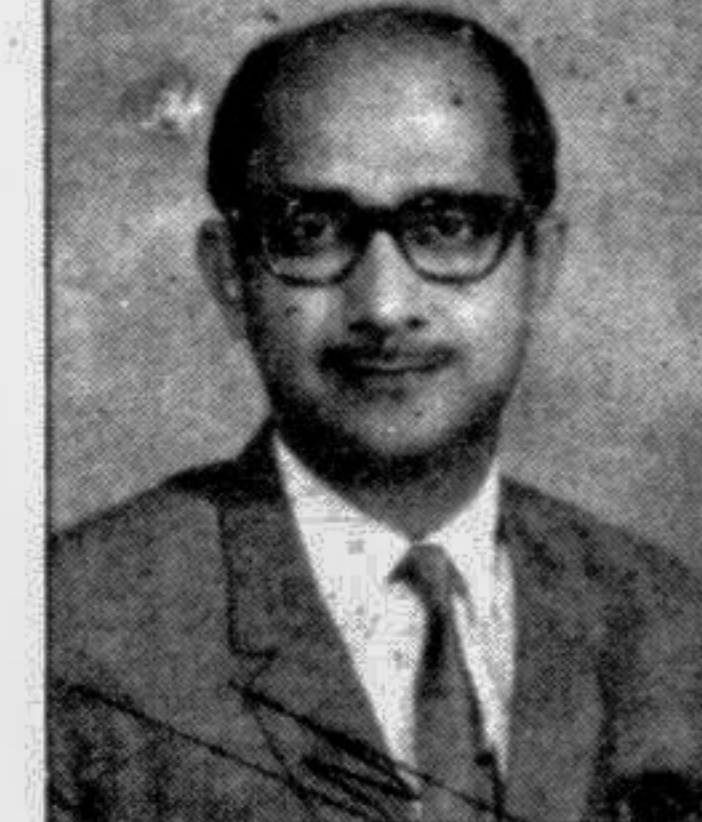
The members of the team were received at the Zia International Airport by Commandant of the Defence Services Command and Staff College and the officiating Principal Staff Officer to the Prime Minister.

Arrest of culprits demanded

A group of people of Gandaria on Thursday brought out a procession in front of National Press Club demanding arrest of the culprits who gauged the eyes of two residents of Gandaria last month.

They named the culprit as Moazzem Hossain and his accomplices of Srinagar upazila.

Later they handed over a memorandum to the Home Ministry.



Qulkhwan

The qulkhwan of A T M Amin, a former Deputy Governor of the Bangladesh Bank who died on Wednesday will be held today (Friday) after Asr prayer at his residence at House No 6/K, Road No 24, Banani in the city, says a press release.

All friends and admirers of the deceased have been requested to attend the qulkhwan.

Meanwhile, bankers have expressed profound grief at the death of A T M Amin. He served the erstwhile State Bank of Pakistan and played a leading role in setting up of the Bangladesh Bank after liberations. He retired as Deputy Governor in 1985, the press release added.

Construction workers demand wage board

Hundreds of construction workers staged demonstration in the city Wednesday demanding a wage board for them. They came in a procession and rallied in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the morning. After a brief rally, they paraded city streets. The workers also chanted slogans against extortion of toll and harassment of labourers by the contractors, mastsans and owners, reports UNB.

Ties with Russia to grow further

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman felicitated A Koztyev, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, reports BSS.

In a message of felicitation to Foreign Minister Koztyev, Mostafizur Rahman recalled with deep gratitude, the invaluable moral and material support provided by the government and the people of Russian Federation ever since the crucial days of Bangladesh's liberation war. He expressed his sincere belief that the existing friendly relationship between the two countries would be further strengthened and consolidated in the days to come.

Foreign Minister Mostafizur Rahman also said that he was confident that the recent changes in the political and economic system of Russian Federation would provide new and vigorous impetus in further deepening the existing bond of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

Oli included in Statemen's 'Who's who'

Communications Minister Col (Rtd) Oli Ahmed has been selected for inclusion in the 1992 edition of the International Year Book and Statemen's 'Who's who', reports UNB.

An officials handout said here Thursday that Oli has been selected for his arduous political career, contribution to the success of the 9 years' movement against autocratic regime and services to the society.

The International Year Book and Statemen's 'Who's who' are unique works of reference containing biographies of the eminent people of the world who are all leaders in their respective fields.

Fresh Tender Notice No. 16/1991-92

- Name of work : Re-sectioning of Gumti left/right embankment under F.D.R. Project during 1991-92. For 5 (five) groups.
- Estimated cost of work : Taka 16.41 lac for 5 (five) groups. Between Tk. 5,28,000/00 and Tk. 1,58,000/00.
- Earnest money of each group of work : Between Tk. 5,28,000/- and Tk. 3,968/00.
- Time allowed for completion of work : 60 (sixty) days and 90 (ninety) days.
- Name of the offices from where tender documents will be sold : Janata Bank, Samabay Bipani, Kandipar, Comilla/Uttara Bank, Kandipar, Comilla/Sonali Bank, WAPDA Building Branch, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka upto 1.00 P.M. on 27/1/92 during banking hours. Superintending Engineer, O & M Circle, Dhaka/Dhaka O&M Division II, W.D.B. Dhaka/Gumti W.D. Division, Comilla/Comilla O & M Division, Comilla.
- Date and time : a) Tender receiving : Upto 12-00 hours of 28/1/92. b) Tender opening : At 12-30 hours on 28/1/92.
- Eligibility of contractor : Enlisted 'B', 'C' & 'D' class contractor under BWDB during 1991-92.
- Address of the Advertiser : Executive Engineer, Comilla O & M Division, BWDB, Jhowtala, Comilla.

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Teachers submit memorandums to Speaker

The representatives of Bangladesh Teachers Association, Bangladesh College-University Teachers Association and the Federation of Bangladesh Teachers Associations called on Speaker Sheikh Razaque Ali in Sangsad Bhaban Thursday evening and submitted to him separate memorandums containing some demands, reports BSS.