

Pragmatic policies for garments sought

Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BOMEA) Friday hailed the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia for giving the garments sector due recognition for its significant contribution to the national economy, reports BSS.

Referring to a few comments, made by the Prime Minister in her recent speech at the inaugural function of the Textile Fair-92 here, the BOMEA President Mosharrif Hossain in a statement said the Prime Minister had correctly evaluated the role of the sector in earning the bulk of foreign exchange for the country and providing jobs to about half a million underprivileged women.

The BOMEA President welcomed the Prime Minister for declaring the textile sector as the thrust sector of the economy and said without development of the textile sector the garments sector would not prosper.

Lauding the government for its support for the growth of the garments sector, the lifeline of the national economy, he called upon the government to formulate more pragmatic policies in the interest of uninterrupted progress of the sector.

'Govt following submissive foreign policy'

By Staff Correspondent

Jamaat leader Abbas Ali Khan told a rally in the city Friday that Myanmar's preparation for war against Bangladesh and the later's 'ambiguous' role regarding the issue had put our independence to a threat.

"It has been possible due to Bangladesh government following a submissive foreign policy," he told his audience at the north gate of Baitul Mokarram.

Jamaat's city unit organised the rally to protest repression on Rohingya Muslims by the military junta of Myanmar. "We don't expect any war to occur between the two neighbouring countries. However, Jamaat along with the people is ready to teach a good lesson to the Myanmar rulers if war breaks out," warned Khan, the senior Nayeb-e-Ameer of the party.

Addressing the rally as chief guest, Abbas Ali Khan called upon different international organisations like OIC, Red Crescent and Rabeta to pressurise Myanmar government to stop repression on the Muslims and the pro-democracy people of that country.

Chaired by the city Jamaat Ameer ATM Azharul Islam, the rally was also addressed by the unit's Secretary General Jasmuddin Sarkar.

The rally was followed by a protest procession which paraded different city streets.



Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the repression on Rohingya Muslims by Myanmar. —Star photo

Assistance for research on Nazrul's works assured

Deputy Leader of the Jatiya Sangsad Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury Friday said that all possible government help would be given in carrying out research on literary works of Poet Kazi Nazrul, reports BSS.

He was addressing as the chief guest the inaugural ceremony of the three-day programme in observance of the Rajat Joyanti of the Nazrul Academy in Dhaka at the auditorium of the National Museum.

Presided over by Barrister Motnul Hossain, Chairman Editorial Board of Dainik Itifak, the function was also addressed by Latifur Rahman Sarkar, President, Dr Ashraf Siddiqui, Vice President, Dr Raquul Islam, General Secretary of the Academy, and Poet Talim Hossain, its founder General Secretary.

Nazrul Academy also accorded a reception to Poet Talim Hossain, a renowned Nazrul expert.

Prof Chowdhury urged the Nazrul Academy to make all possible measures for research on Nazrul's songs and his other works.

He regretted that Poet Nazrul and his works were not evaluated properly and called for their proper evaluation.

Prof Chowdhury said a conspiracy had started against Nazrul when he was alive to suppress his talents and that designs were still continuing.

Referring to Nazrul's emergence in the Rabintra era, he said the Poet Nazrul had been able to establish his own position with his original and powerful literary writings.

The language Poet Nazrul used in his poems, stories and novels was political, Prof Chowdhury said adding his writings had inspired the youth to join the struggle against the British rule.

He said it would be an injustice if we call Nazrul only a 'Rebel Poet'. He is a poet of love, youth, life and humanity. All these find expression in his writings, he pointed out.

The Deputy Leader of Parliament urged the admirers of Nazrul to give him due honour through true evaluation of his talents and project him before the future generation. "Nazrul is our pride," he said.

Motnul Hossain said Poet Nazrul had occupied a place in the hearts of the people through his great literary works.

Dr Ashraf Siddiqui said there was an ample scope to popularise the works of Nazrul in the western world.

Corrigendum Notice

In the International Tender Notice No-1 of 1991-92 of RHD Procurement and Storage Civil Division, Dhaka for supply and delivery of Portable Steel Bridge under Japanese Commodity Loan which was circulated vide this office memo No-544/PC dated. 17-12-91.

The following amendments are made in the above mentioned tender:

1. The last date for opening of the tender is hereby extended up to 12-00 Noon (BST) of 6th February, 1992 instead of 23rd January, 1992 due to unavoidable circumstances.
 2. The above corrigendum notice will be an integral part of the tender documents.
 3. This corrigendum notice will be issued to the intending tenderers who have purchased tenders free of cost.
- All other terms and conditions will be remain unchanged.

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Tender Notice

No. 16 Dt. 15-1-92 / (1-10-98 BS)

Separate sealed tenders are invited from bonafide trading firms in Bangladesh for purchase of various kinds crop seeds/pesticides/chemical fertilizers/making, writing of signboards for setting up demonstration farms during Kharif season in 9 upazilas of Kurigram district during 1991-92 financial year under Crop Intensification through Marginal and Small farm system project, VAE, Kurigram. Tender schedule and terms and conditions can be purchased on application in own pad against cash payment of Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable) itemwise per set from the office of the Upazila Agriculture Officers of the 9 upazilas and the cashier of this office on any working day up to 28-1-92 during office hours.

Tenders will be received on 29-01-92 from 10-00 AM to 11-00 AM through the tender box kept at the offices of Upazila Agriculture Officer of the 9 upazilas and at this office. All the tenders received will be brought together and opened on the same day at 4-00 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers. The tender committee reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.

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BCIC Tender Notice

General Manager, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd., Ctg. invite sealed quotation as per instruction of the respective tender schedule for supply of (1) Bearings against Press Tender No. PT/KPM-36, (2) Elect. Distribution Panel against PT/KPM-37, (3) Horizontal Centrifugal Pump and Spares against PT/KPM-06 (A), (4) Spare parts for FIAT Tractors against PT/KPM-18 (A), and (5) Animal Glue — 10000 Kgs against PT/KPM-32 (A) under two envelope system delivery up to mill Stores, Chandraghona basis. Quotation duly supported by 1% EARNEST MONEY will be received in the tender box kept at KPM Purchase Deptt, 92, Sadarghat Road, Ctg. up to 11-00 AM on 10.02.92 and will be opened in public immediately thereafter. Tender document with detailed specification will be available for sale on cash payment of Tk. 25/- per set of Sl. No. 1, 4, Tk. 50/- per set of Sl. No. 2 and 5, Tk. 200/- per set of Sl. No. 3 from (i) BCIC Accounts Division, BCIC Bhaban, Dilkusha, Dhaka and (ii) KPM Sales A/c. Section, 92, Sadarghat Road, Ctg. up to 9.2.92. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening of tender.

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'Greenhouse effect endangers life on planet earth'

Minister for Environment, Forest, Fisheries and Livestock, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Friday said that all should take care for the preservation of environmental balance and that all the development activities in our national life should continue keeping the environment intact, reports BSS.

He was addressing as the chief guest the concluding function of the two-day seminar titled "Environment in Danger: Mankind in Danger" organised by voluntary organisation "Environment Development Programme" at the Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council (BARC) auditorium in Dhaka.

The Minister said that the pace and scale of environmental degradation locally, regionally and globally had been rapid in recent years and as such awareness about environment pollution is comparatively a modern concept.

Destruction of forests, desertification of large tracts of land, pollution of water and air and overuse of natural resources are having combined effect on the environment, the Minister said and pointed out that now the very existence of our earth is in danger due to Greenhouse effect, ozone layer depletion, global warming and sea level rise.

Stressing the mass awareness to preserve the environment, Noman said that the voluntary organisations could contribute immensely in this direction. In this connection he called upon different political parties to come forward with their own programmes for preservation of environmental balance and thus contribute in building up healthy nation.

The Minister said that environmental degradation has now become a global issue and Bangladesh has always been on the front line to pledge its support and cooperation to the regional and global efforts for joint action in this field.

He told the seminar that Bangladesh had been taking preparation to attend the "earth summit" to be held in Brazil this year to raise protest against the activities of the developed countries that are polluting the environment of the developing countries.

Presided by the President of the organisation Awlad Hossain, the function was addressed, among others, by Dr M. Abdur Rashid, Additional Secretary in Charge of the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Mofazzal Haq, Chairman of the Department of Public Administration, Dhaka University, Md. Abdul Hye, Curator, Mirpur National Zoo and M. Manzur Rashed, Chief Patron of the organisation.

DU VC seeks help to root out violence

By DU Correspondent

Vice Chancellor Professor Maniruzzaman Miah at a discussion Friday said that terrorist acts from the DU campus could be rooted out if we all had done our duty properly.

The Vice Chancellor said that our future generation would curse us if we had failed to contain the violence from the educational institutions.

The discussion was arranged by the Institute of Social Welfare and Research (ISWR) at its institute as a part of its day long programme of its ex-students reunion.

We failed to receive the foreign aid for the continued violence on the campus, Prof Miah said while he was speaking as the chief guest in the function.

The discussion was also addressed by the institute's teachers Prof M. Abu Taher, S M Atiqur Rahman, Akber Kabir Chowdhury with Prof-Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University Wakil Ahmed as the special guest and Husne Ara Kamal, Director of the institute, in the chair.

Later a alumni association of the ex-students was also formed. The function was followed by a cultural programme.

Communal forces have become active: PDF

Patriotic Democratic Front (PDF) Friday warned that reactionary and communal forces have become active due to weaknesses of the democratic forces, reports UNB.

The PDF leaders said this in a news conference held at a local Press Club in Barisal.

They said anti-democratic forces are taking advantage of the political vacuum existing in the political arena of the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Saifuddin Ahmed Manik of CPB referred to the rising trend of terrorism and said it can only be resisted with sincere efforts by the government.

Effective measures are needed to stop terrorism, he added.

NAP General Secretary Pankaj Bhattacharya stressed the need for unity among the people and democratic forces for establishing a democratic and nationalist government in the country.

Efforts were being made to bring together the democratic forces, he said.

Among others, Dilip Barua of Samyabadi Dal and Abdus Samad of Gono Azadi League, were present.



Shegufa Bakht Chowdhury, Government of Bangladesh Bank, giving away prize to a winner of the Bangladesh Bank Ideal High School annual sports competition.

Participatory planning underscored

Minister for Planning A M Zahiruddin Khan called for best utilization of the existing resources and preservation of available assets for improving the socio-economic condition of the people, reports BSS.

He said innovative techniques should be applied in all the fields of development activities to help the country in solving the problems to implement the development projects.

Khan was speaking as the chief guest the inaugural function of eleventh biennial conference of Bangladesh Institute of Diploma Engineers, Jessore district branch at IDEB Auditorium in Jessore.

Social Welfare and Women Affairs Minister Tariqul Islam, Farida Rahman MP and President of IDEB Shafiqul Islam addressed the function which was presided over by

Monirul Haque Khan, president of IDEB Jessore branch.

The Planning Minister underscored the need for introducing participatory planning in the country so that every projects could be implemented flawlessly.

He called upon the diploma engineers to help build up self-reliant Bangladesh through utilizing their proficiency and experience.

Khan said the present government was undertaking rural development programmes for creating fields of productive employment with a view to alleviating the poverty of poor rural people. He referred to the canal digging programmes of present government and said that successful implementation of this programme would help unite the people which would improve their lot.

Seminar on disaster management today

A regional seminar-cum-workshop on Development of Modules for Training on the integrated approach to disaster management and regional rural development planning (Phase 111) will be inaugurated in Dhaka today by LGRD and Cooperative Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar, reports BSS.

Organised by Centre for Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) in collaboration with United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), part of the five-day seminar and workshop will be held in Chittagong.

'Uplift not possible without women's participation'

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Shaikh Razaque Ali Friday called for putting in planned and concerted efforts to promote women development, reports BSS.

He said it would not be possible to attain overall development of the nation without the active participation of the women who constitute half of the total population.

The Speaker was addressing as chief guest a function organised in connection with the first anniversary and national conference of the voluntary women organisation "Women Congress Bangladesh - Juganari" at the Ibrahim Memorial Diabetic Centre auditorium in Dhaka.

Presided over by the President of the Organisation Begum Sultana Razia, the function was addressed, among others, by the President of the Diabetic Association, Alamgir M.A. Kabir and Director of Women Affairs, Begum Gul Afroz Mahbub.

Shaikh Razaque Ali said that women should also get necessary privileges to play their due role in nation building activities.

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Drama Festival '91

A symposium on three topics was held at the Shilpakala Academy premises on the 20th day of the month-long drama festival '91 Friday.

Chaired by Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Tarik Anam, Syed Shamsul Huq and Mamunur Rashid presented three papers on different aspects of the theatre of the country. Golam Sarwar, SM Mohsin, Abdullah al Mamun and Bashwar Banerjee discussed the issues.

Mahila Parishad

A meeting of the Bangladesh Mahila Parishad's national council was held Friday with the organisation's president Begum Sufia Kamal in the chair.

The day-long meeting was attended by over 100 representatives of the Parishad from across the country.

Divided into two sessions, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Munira Khanam, Baby Moudud, Rina Helal, Nasimun Ara Minu, Leena Chakravartee, Adleen Malakar, Rawshan Jahan, Kazi Sufia Akhter, Nargis Zafar, Rokeya Rahman Kabir, Sufia Hasna Begum and Rakhi Das Purakayastha.

General Secretary of the Parishad Dr Makhduma Nargis Ratna presented the annual report while Munira Khan read the message of condolence.

The budget was submitted by the Treasurer Nargis Zafar. The speakers called for strengthening the organisational activities of the Mahila Parishad to create awareness among the women community of their rights.

Khelaghar Confce

The 1992 conference of Khelaghar, the Dhaka Metropolitan unit, was held at the ICMA auditorium in the city Friday.

Presided over by Ali Asgar, the conference was also addressed by Abdul Aziz, Prof Mahfuza Khanam and Prof Kazi Madina. A 25-member new committee of the unit was also elected in the conference with Dr Idris Ali and Abdul Awal as president and general secretary.

Society for Professionals

The Society for Professionals at its fourth national convention in the city Friday demanded a two-house parliament in the country.

Held at the Dhaka District Sports Association (DDSA) auditorium the convention was chaired by Abdus Sattar Bhuiyan, the discussants included: Enactur Rahman, Sabur Ashrafi, Dr Tofael Ahmed and Mahtabuddin Ahmed.

The speakers proposed for two houses in the parliament. They said the lower house will be elected by the people while the upper house to be nominated partly by the president and other members of it to be represented by the professionals.

Rural Aid Bangladesh

A discussion on Bio-Behavioural Sciences was held on Friday at the conference room of Rural Aid Bangladesh, a non-government organisation.

The participants of the meeting included eminent physicians, health educators and representatives of NGOs. The key-note address was delivered by Dr Ranjit Basu, Director of Indian Institute of Bio-Behavioural Sciences. Others who took part in the

discussion included Prof Dr

Salahuddin of Nipson, Prof Dr Fazlul Karim of IBA, Prof Dr Khurshida Khanam of Nipson, Dr A K Khalilur Rahman, Executive President of Human Rights Commission, Prof Dr Habibuzzaman, former regional advisor of World Health Organisation was the chief guest while Akbaruddin Ahmad, Chairman of Rural Aid Bangladesh presided over the meeting.

Oikya Front

An emergency meeting of Jatiya Oikya Front presided over by Advocate Ataul Haque Khan was held Thursday.

The meeting expressed deep concern at the statements of some intellectuals aiming at disturbing the sovereignty of the country. The meeting also urged the government to place the Rohingya issue to the United Nations.

Garment Workers Union

The second biennial council session of Garment Workers Employees Union was inaugurated Friday by the General Secretary of Bangladesh Jatiya Sramik League, Mujibur Rahman Bhuiyan. It was presided over by the Union President Badruddoza Nizam.

The speakers at the session urged the garment workers to be united in realising their demands. They urged the government to realise the five-point demand of the garment workers.

BSD Rally

The City Branch of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD), held a rally in the city Friday protesting the Myanmar government's repression on the Rohingya Muslims and demanding release of leader Aung Sung Suu Kyl.

Held in front of the Jatiya Press Club, the rally was addressed by Golam Mahmud, Abdur Razzak and Bazlur Rashid. Later, a procession was brought out.

Two killed as boats collide in Jamuna

Two people died when a Siraganj-bound engine boat coming from Kazipur collided with another fishing boat due to invisibility caused by dense fog in Jamuna yesterday morning, reports UNB.

The killed were identified as Pradip Chandra Halder (42) and his nephew Sanjit Halder (22) of Tarakandi village in Kazipur upazila of the district. Both the victims received head injuries and died on the spot, the sources added.

Fog halts communication

Ferry and launch communication in the river Jamuna came to a halt for about four hours till 11am yesterday due to dense fog.

Railway ferry MV Suhrawardy bound for Siraganj on board some 1200 passengers coming from Jagannathganj ghat reached Siraganj ghat at about 1pm.

Besides, Rajshahi bound mail train connected with the vessel, MV Suhrawardy departed Siraganj Station without passengers at about 11 in the morning.

Meanwhile, launch and ferry owners of the district told that the riverine communication between Siraganj and Bhuapur route came to a halt till 10 am since early morning due to dense fog.



The newly elected office-bearers of the Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association pose together following the biennial general meeting and elections at the National Sports Council in the city yesterday. —Star photo