Minister pledges to ensure basic needs

Commerce Minister M K Anwar yesterday urged all to help implement the 19-point programme of late President Ziaur Rahman for economic emancipation and consolidation of democracy in the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing as chief guest the second conference of Mohammadpur thana branch of Jatiyatabadi Seschasebak Sangaton (JSS) at Mohammadpur Town Hall this evening. State Minister for Finance Mujibur Rahman, Deputy Minister for Shipping ABM Zahidul Hoq, BNP Treasurer Shah Alam and convenor of the JSS Kazi Asaduzzaman also spoke while M Wahiduzaman presided.

The Commerce Minister underscored the need for proper implementation of the production oriented programmes of the present government to build a self-reliant Bangladesh. He said the BNP government under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was pledge-bound to ensure the basic needs of the people.

He also advised the members of the Seschasebak Sangaton to fight unitedly against the destructive activities.

The State Minister for Finance stressed the need for spreading the programmes of the present government at the grass roots level to attain maximum benefit.

The Deputy Minister for Shipping said the government was determined to establish accountability in every sphere on life for maximising social welfare.

Call to boycott programmes of Pak collaborators

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a rally of Protirodh Mancha (resistance forum) on Friday urged the people to set up a "victory monument" at Suhrawardy Udyan where the Pakistan army surrendered to the allied forces of Muktibahini (freedom fighters) and Mitra Bahini (Indian army).

The meeting presided over by the Chairman of Central Command Council of Muktijoddha Sangsad, Prof Ahad Chowdhury also urged the people to boycott programmes attended by the collaborators of Pakistan army during 1971.

The meeting was addressed, among others, by Abdur Razzak, MP, Pir Habibur Rahman, Kazi Aref Ahmed, Abdullah Sarkar, Col (Rtd) Abu Osman, Dr Abu Hena, Lt Col (Rtd) Munirul Islam Chowdhury, Prof Abdul Mannan and Advocate Z I Khan Panna.

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WVA annual meenabazar was held at Gulshan ground Friday for raising funds to help the underprivileged children. —Star photo

12 students hurt as picnic bus hits hill in Rangamati

CHITTAGONG, Jan 31: At least a dozen students of Chittagong City College were injured when their picnic bus hit a hill near Manikchhari upazila in Rangamati this afternoon, reports UNB.

Seven of the injures were admitted to Rangamati Sadar Hospital. They were identified as Sujata (26), Shilpi (20), Anju (20), Moushumi (21), Shafiul Azam (21), Shamsul Alam (22) and Mahbubul Huq (21).

The accident occurred when the driver of one of the two buses, carrying the college students back to Chittagong, lost control of the vehicle.

Doctors at the hospital said, the injured students were recovering and could be released in a couple of days.

Unhurt students returned to the port city by another bus as the driver and the helper fled after the accident.

A case was filed with Rangamati police in this connection.

Obituary

CHITTAGONG, Jan 31 : Suniti Barua, Chief Education Officer of Chittagong City Corporation died of hypertension at a city clinic here last night. She was 50, reports BSS.

She left behind her husband, three sons, two daughters, a number of admirers and relatives to mourn her death.

Wife of Dr Pranab Barua, Secretary General of Bangladesh Bouddha Krishti Pracher Sangha and mother of Debasish Barua, Captain of Abahani Krira Chakra, Chittagong, Suniti was associated with a number socio-cultural and women oranisations.

She will be buried at her village Aburkhil.

93 more return from Tripura

BSF kills 5 tribal refugees

CHITTAGONG, Jan 31: Ninety-three tribal refugees returned today (Friday) from the Indian state of Tripura raising the figure of returnees to 1,691 since January 1 this year, reports UNB.

With this, the number of tribal refugees so far returned stood at 26,897 of 8,983 families.

The tribals who stayed at Karbuk, Lebuchhari and Kathalchhari refugees camps in Tripura crossed into the country through Puzgung and Lowung frontier and reported to the local administration today (Friday), official sources said.

The returnees complained of harassment and humiliation by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) and the tribal insurgents across the border.

Jayati (22) who served as a medical assistant at Karbuk camp in Tripura told UNB that their team comprising of 51 tribals fell prey to the harassment of BSF while crossing the Ramgarh border on January 26. BSF opened indiscriminate fire on the group killing five of them on the spot, she alleged.

According to the returnees, at least 10-12 people are dying every day at the tribal camps in Tripura due to outbreak of diseases like diarrhoea, typhoid and malaria as well as acute shortage of food and lack of medicare.

Meanwhile, the government has taken various income generating projects to rehabilitate the tribal returnees in the three hill districts.

Every month, 1872 metric tons of foodgrains worth about Tk 1.68 crore are allocated for the returnees, official sources said.

Besides, work for the rehabilitation of 12,000 tribal families at a cost of Tk 15 crore is progressing satisfactorily, the sources added.

No nation can prosper without democracy: Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Friday said 'rule of law' and 'enjoyment of liberty and human rights' were the guiding principles of the present government to build a democratic society free from all threats, reports BSS.

"Rule of law and enjoyment of liberty and human rights are sine qua non of a good government and sincere efforts are being made to ensure independence of the judiciary and rule of law in the country," he said.

The President was inaugurating a seminar on "Human Rights and Liberty" organised by Asian Lawyers' Legal Inquiry Committee in collaboration with Bangladesh Legal Aid Society at the PG Hospital auditorium in Dhaka in the afternoon.

Eminent educationist Dr Sayed Sajjad Hossain read out the keynote paper while advocate H K Abdul Hye, president of Bangladesh Legal Aid Society, presided.

Former Chief Election Commissioner Justice Sultan Hossain Khan, Barrister Tamizul Haq, Justice Abdul Wahab, Dr Sumangal Barua of Dhaka University, Dr Narayan Chandra Biswas of Dhaka University and H A Madadi, Cultural Attache of Iranian Embassy in Bangladesh, among others, took part in the discussions.

President Biswas said these two principles should be upheld traditionally to build the society in an atmosphere of harmony and peace. "No nation can achieve prosperity unless the people can freely exercise their democratic rights," he said.

He said the people of Bangladesh had achieved their cherished' right after a long struggle and it should be nourished through their relentless efforts for upholding the spirit of human rights and values.

President Biswas said the people of Bangladesh were the worst sufferer of human rights during 1971 when the nation had fought shoulder to shoulder to achieve contry's independence. "With the lapse of 20 years since we got independence, the nation only at present has earned their democratic rights by installing a democratic government," he said.

The President said the human race was still confronting innumerable sufferings due to violation of human rights in different parts of the globe. He said the inhuman torture on Palestinians and occupation of their motherland were two issues warranting immediate solution. "Human rights are yet to be established in South Africa. The spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948 is yet to be established in different parts of the world," he said

Tempo drivers brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding arrest and trial of the killers of a tempo driver. —Star photo

River Port Week begins today

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority will observe " River Port Week" all over the country from today, reports BSS.

The objective of the week is to ensure more facilities to the passengers, efficient handling of river ports and ensuring of realisation of revenue.

All employees of BIWTA have been directed to look after the passengers and users of the river ports. They were also advised to keep the terminal buildings, ferry terminals and port areas clean.

Lease holders, owners of vessels, passengers and other concerned people have been requested to cooperate with the river port authorities to make the week a success.

Ajker Kagoj newsmen go on strike

Some 160 journalists and employees of daily Ajker Kagoj yesterday (Friday) said they were on strike and had no relation with the publication of the newspaper since Wednesday, reports UNB.

In a written statement read out at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club evening, the journalists and employees of Ajker Kagoj said they will not bear any responsibilities of the news items and write-ups published by the daily during the last two days.

" We are observing work stoppage protesting occupation of the Ajker Kagoj office by hired hoodlums of Kazi Shahed Ahmed," the statement said.

"And so we the 160 journalists and employees, along with six other directors, have no relation whatsoever with the publication of Ajker Kagoj from Wednesday", it added. They said they wanted to return to Ajker Kagoj office with professional and personal security and also demanded immediate withdrawal of " hoodlums" from the office as well as punishment to Kazi Shahed Ahmed and his hired hoodlums.

Editor Maimul Islam Khan, News Editor Ahmed Farook Hassan, Chief Reporter Manzurul Islam and Shift-in-Charge Sukalpa Gupta were, among others, present at the conference.

HERE and THERE

CPB

The General Secretary of the Communist Party of Bangladesh Nurul Islam Nahid Friday expressed concern over the deteriorating of campus situation.

Addressing a meeting of the Motijheel thana unit of CPB, Nahid also expressed his resentment at the government indifference to the continued strike by the teachers of the private schools in the country.

Bangladesh Chhatra Union

Bangladesh Chhatra Union at a workers meeting Friday called for a country-wide hartal in all the educational institutions in demand of the trial of Golam Azam and withdrawal of false cases filed against student leaders by Jamaat.

Jatiya Janata Party

A meeting of the Jatiya Janata Party Friday urged the government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to ban the politics of Jamaat-e-Islami and arrest the leaders.

Presided over by Sheikh Asad, the meeting held the Jamaat leaders responsible for killings of thousands of people during the 1971 War o' Liberation.

Shantibahini kidnaps labour leader

RANGAMATI, Jan 31 : Outlawed Shantibahini abducted a local labour leader from Uluchhari in Sadar upazila of the district this afternoon, local administration said, reports UNB.

Labour leader Muhammad Rafique was kidnapped by tribal insurgents from a pineapple plantation, sources added.

'Steps taken to lessen women's sufferings'

State Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Sarwari Rahman Friday said that the government had taken up poverty alleviation programme for women through imparting training in different self-employment oriented vocational courses, reports BSS.

She was speaking at a function held under the auspices of the Samaj Unnayan Sangstha in Dhaka.

Presided over by the poet Begum Sufia Kamal, the function was addressed by the Director General of NGO Affairs Bureau Mohammad Shahidul Alam and Project Chairman of the Sangstha Dr Sultana S Zaman.

Sarwari Rahman inaugurated a handicraft exhibition organised by the Samaj Unnayan Sangstha.

Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya

Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya Friday evening brought out a torch procession demanding the arrest and trial of Golam Azam. It also protested the framing of charges against the student leaders of Rajshahi and Chittagong Universities.

Later, a brief rally in front of the National Press Club was addressed among others by GCO leader Sarder Ruhin Hossain Prince.

The speakers at the rally called upon the students to make February 3 strike a success.

College Teachers' Association

Leaders of the Bangladesh College Teachers' Association in a statement Friday expressed concern over the continued strike by the private school teachers' since January 26.

The President and General Secretary of the Association called for solution to the outstanding problems of the teachers.

Krishak Sramik Mukti Andolan

President of Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Mukti Andolan Mohammad Sadek in a statement called upon the government and the Dhaka Municipal Corporation to take steps to fight the mosquito menace.

UNESCO Club Association

Bangladesh UNESCO Club Association organised a discussion Thursday at the Association office in Dhaka on the occasion of the 45th founding anniversary of UNESCO.

Speakers at the discussion called for eliminating illiteracy from the country and to uphold the ideals and objectives of UNESCO.

Hawkers' Oikya Parishad

Leaders of Bangladesh Small Traders (Hawkers) Oikya Parishad in a statement Friday called upon the authorities to take immediate steps against the toll collectors at the Bangabandhu Avenue, Baitul Mukarram, Motijheel and the Sadar Ghat areas of the city.

Police did not take any action against the collectors despite repeated pleas made by the traders' President of the Parishad Sirajul Islam Patwari said.

Jatiya Chhatra League

Jatiya Chhatra League leaders Friday congratulated the Shahjahan -Altaf panel for being elected in the DUJ polls.

The leaders of the party urged newly elected office-bearers of DUJ to take clear-cut stand against the " Killers of 1971".

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Divisional Forest Officer
Forest Division, Dinajpur

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No. 11 of 1991-92 — Dated : 21-1-92 (07/10/98 BS)

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