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**UK to provide Tk 348 cr project grant**

Bangladesh will receive over 50 million pound sterling (Tk 348 crore approximately) from the United Kingdom under bilateral aid programme during the year 1991-92 as project grant, reports BSS.

The funds will be utilized for the British aided on-going projects in the power and mineral resources, transport, health and family welfare sectors.

**Society for Professionals**

The Chairman of Society for Professionals, Prof Dr Mia Muhammad Abdul Kuddus and Secretary General, Dr Shakhawat Hasan in a statement on Thursday urged the government to hold talks with the striking teachers and formulate a national education policy.

They said the government has been showing indifference to the teachers issue which exceeded 20 days.

The Jatiya Sangsad has also evaded the issue, they added.

An agreed minutes to this effect was signed in London on January 28 between the two sides on conclusion of annual bilateral economic cooperation talks. Faizur Rahman Chowdhury, Joint Secretary, Economic Relations Division and RGM Manning, Under Secretary, Overseas Development Administration signed the minutes on behalf of their respective governments.

**Fashion show held at Sheraton**

A grand fashion show was held at the Hotel Sheraton Thursday, reports UNB.

Models presented a wide variety of fabrics of 1992's latest design made by indigenous textile with a varied choice for the fashion lovers.

Dhanak Fashion, a local fashion house arranged the fashion show to help promote textile industries.

A large number of viewers as well as fashion lovers attended the show.



Models presenting a wide variety of fabrics of '92's latest design made by indigenous textiles at a grand fashion show at Hotel Sheraton on Thursday. —Star photo

**Call to create awareness to reduce mother, child mortality**

President Abdur Rahman Biswas said in Dhaka Thursday that without the wellbeing of the women and children, there could be no tangible development in the country, reports BSS.

"Healthy mother and child are essential prerequisite for the nation", the President remarked and said the nation must put in its best efforts for the welfare of mothers and the children.

The President was speaking at the gold medal awarding ceremony of Dr MR Khan and Anwar Trust held at BIRDEM auditorium.

The function was ad-

dressed, among others, by Social Welfare and Women Affairs Minister Tariqul Islam, and Dr MR Khan, and Emdadul Haq of the trust.

The President underlined the importance of creating greater awareness among the people to minimise the high rate of mother and child mortality. Removal of superstition, better care during pregnancy, arrangement for hygienic delivery system and neo-natal care of the baby and that of mother have to be ensured, the President opined. He called upon all educated persons and those who feel for the society to come forward to

shoulder this responsibility which was so massive that government alone could not carry out.

President Biswas lauded the role of the trust in the services to the mothers and the children and wished its all success.

Recipients of the awards are Dr Mohammad Yunus, Managing Director of Grameen Bank and Khondakar Shahidul Islam, former Deputy Commissioner of Satkhira for their outstanding contributions in the field of banking and social service respectively. The awards were given for the years 1989 and 1990.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
National Board of Revenue  
Segun Bagicha, Dhaka

**Tender Notice**

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for Desktop Publishing of Operative Tax and Tariff Schedule on behalf of National Board of Revenue under IDA Technical Assistance Credit. The tender schedule containing the terms and conditions and full description of the work may be obtained from Second Secretary (Admn-7), National Board of Revenue, during office hours on all working days up to 15.02.92 on production of Treasury Challan showing deposit of Tk. 20 (Twenty) only (non-refundable) in Bangladesh Bank in favour of National Board of Revenue under Head of Account Misc. 65, Non Tax Revenue.

Tenders may be dropped in the Tender Box kept at the office of the undersigned up to 12-00 Noon on 15.02.92 and will be opened on the same date at 1 PM at the National Board of Revenue in presence of the tenderers who may like to be present.

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Second Secretary (Admn-7)  
Segun Bagicha, Dhaka.

**Freedom Party call to resist politics of conspiracy**

Freedom Party Thursday called upon the people from all walks of life to build resistance against "the politics of conspiracy and vandalism," reports UNB.

The call came from a joint meeting of the party's central executive committee, central advisory council, regional executive committees and regional advisory councils at its office, said a press release.

The meeting, chaired by party Chairman Col (Retd) Syed Faruq Rahman, reiterated the party's stand for establishing a statecraft suited to an independent and sovereign nation.

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**'Ties with Sudan to grow'**

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Thursday said that Bangladesh and Sudan would develop mutually beneficial co-operation and exchange visits and contacts at all levels for the benefit of the two peoples, reports BSS.

President said this while accepting the credentials of the Ambassador designate of the Republic of Sudan in Bangladesh Abu Zeid El-Hassan Abu Zeid at Bangladesh.

President said that as members of the United Nations the OIC and the Non-aligned Movement, both the countries shared common perception on various international issues.

**HERE and THERE**

**NAP**

National Awami Party President Professor Muzafar Ahmed and General Secretary Pankaj Bhattacharya in a joint statement Thursday called on all democratic forces to unite on the eve of February 21 to resist the anti-liberation forces and annihilate terrorism.

Condemning the appointment of Pakistani citizen and an anti-liberation personality Golam Azam as the Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami and the government's inaction on the issue the statement called for evaluating success achieved in establishing a democratic society in line with the dreams of the martyrs of February 21, '52.

**JSD**

The Presidium member of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), Kazi Arif Ahmed and General Secretary, Hasanul Haque Inu in a joint statement on Thursday urged the government to hold talks with the bank employees for fulfilment of their demands.

They said that the government was maintaining silence on the pledges of the three alliances concerning demands of professionals who fought against autocracy.

They also expressed their solidarity with the bank employees.

**Jubo Parishad**

Ganotantrik Jubo Parishad Thursday extended its support to the striking teachers and bank employees.

This was decided in a meeting of its central committee at the central office.

Presided over by its President Reza-e-Karim Khan the meeting was also attended by Abdul Mottalib Masum, Golam Kibria Khan, Aminul Islam Talukdar, FM Sikandar Ali, Anup Kumar Nath, Ramtuzuddin and Shaheedul Alam Shahin.

The meeting expressed deep concern at the situation arising out of the strikes by the teachers and bank employees and urged the government to solve the problems through discussions.

**Mahila Parishad**

A committee named "Combined Eighth March Observance Committee '92" has been formed with Poet Sufia Kamal as Convenor to welcome the International Women's Day.

Representatives from different women organisations were present in the committee formation meeting.

The committee will hold its next meeting on February 12.

All the representative organisations have been requested to attend.

**Night school for adult deaf to be launched**

The Dhaka Association of the Deaf is going to launch a night school for the adult deaf in the capital shortly, says a press release.

Interested persons have been requested to contact the General Secretary of the Association at 62, Bijoynagar in the city.

**Plea to solve problems in textile industry**

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman Thursday stressed the need for developing the country's textile industry to meet the local requirements, reports BSS.

Addressing a seminar on introducing Bangladeshi textile products to the foreign buyers and patrons, sponsored by Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) in Dhaka, Foreign Minister called for solving the problems hampering the balance in the textile industry.

He said the cooperation between representatives of both public and private sectors involved in textile sector could contribute to the growth of the textile sector.

The Foreign Minister called upon all involved in the textile business, and ready made garments sub-sector and foreign representatives to extend co-operation for ultimate success of the sector.

Among others, State Minister for Textile Major (ret'd) MA Mannan, Textile Secretary AZM Shamsul Alam, Chairman, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), President of Bangladesh Specialised Textile Mills and Power Loom Industries Association, Kazi Selimuddin addressed the function.

**Mannan visits textile fair**

State Minister for Textiles Major (Ret'd) Abdul Mannan alongwith other representatives from foreign missions and representatives of the buying houses visited the Textile Fair at Bijoy Sarani in Dhaka Thursday, reports BSS.

**One gunned down in Lalbagh**

One person was gunned down in the Lalbagh area of the city Wednesday night.

Gausul Hossain Himu, a resident of 32 Hossainuddin Khan Lane, Lalbagh, opened fired at the victim, Mohammad Ibrahim Adel (24), with a licensed double barrel gun at his residence at about 10.30 pm.

The victim was immediately rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors on duty declared him dead.

Lalbagh police arrested him and produced him in the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) court yesterday (Thursday).

The accused, Himu, told police that Adel and six of his accomplices had come to his

house demanding tolls from him. When he refused to give the money, Adel threatened him and exploded several crackers in his residence.

Himu said that he then opened fire with his licensed gun, said the Lalbagh police quoting him.

Police, however, could not arrest any of Adel's accomplices.

The autopsy of the victim was performed by the Forensic Department of the DMCH, but the report was not available till yesterday.

Lalbagh police said that they were investigating the murder but had not found any clue excluding Himu's confession on why he killed Adel.

**UNDP gives Tk 4.68 cr for low-cost housing in flood, cyclone-hit areas**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) at the end of January disbursed grant funding to the amount of Taka 468.05 lakh for the construction of low-cost rural housing in the flood and cyclone affected areas of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The grants are provided under a technical assistance project executed by the UN Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS/ HABITAT) and implemented by the ministry of LGED and Cooperatives, with a total UNDP contribution of approximately, Taka 18.9 crore.

The disbursement represents a first instalment of grants provided to Community Based Organizations (CBOs) under the Department of Cooperatives, the Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) and 9 selected NGOs through the Rural Development and Cooperatives Division.

These funds will be used by the organizations to establish revolving funds for providing loans to low income families who will construct 3,100 houses in the flood and 2,480 houses in the cyclone affected

areas of the country. The selected NGOs include Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Savar Gonoshastha Kendra, Association for Social Advancement (ASA), Society for Forestry, Enfants De Monde, Comilla Proshika Centre for Development, Manikgonj Association for Social Services, UTOB and Radol.

More NGOs and CBOs will be involved in the second phase activities of the project. It is expected that a total of at least 10,500 house will eventually be constructed in two phases.

**What's on today . . .**

**Children's painting competition**  
Jyounal Shishukala Niketan has organised a children's painting competition today (Friday) at 9 am at the Institute of Fine Arts of the Dhaka University in memory of the martyrs of historic Language Movement. The Director General of Shishukala Academy, Kamal Lohani will inaugurate the competition.

**Rapport Bangladesh Ltd**  
Sharu S Rangnekar, noted management expert from India will give a talk on "Management in Turbulent Environment" today (Friday) at 6 pm at Sheraton Hotel.

Organised by Rapport Bangladesh Limited, the function will be attended by LK Siddiqui MP, Chairman of Agrani Bank as the chief guest. It will be presided over by M Mosharrar Hossain, Managing Director, Rapport Bangladesh Limited.

**Meena Bazar**  
A day-long Meena Bazar sponsored by Uttara Ladies Club will be held today (Friday) at the play ground at Sector 3, Uttara in the capital.

Seminar on environment  
A day-long seminar on "Earth summit '92: The Bangladesh Context" will be held today (Friday) from 9 am to 12 am at Surma, Hotel Sonargaon.

Environment experts will focus on issues and approaches in the global summit.

**Peace for all**  
The regular weekly meeting of the "Peace for all" will be held at 4 pm today (Friday) at the organisation's office at Mirpur in the capital.

**Drugs Resistance Body**  
An emergency meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bangladesh Drugs Resistance Committee will be held at 4 pm today (Friday) at the committee office in the city.

**Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat**  
The three-day 68th annual convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, Bangladesh will start today (Friday) after congregation at 4, Bakshibazar in the capital.

The inaugural session will be presided over by the Amir of the Jamaat Mohammad Mustafa Ali.

**Mymensingh Zila Samity**  
A discussion of the Executive Committee of Mymensingh Zila Samity will be held at 5 pm today (Friday) at the Samity office at 384, Magh bazar in the city.

**Khelafat Majlish**  
The Dhaka Metropolitan unit of Bangladesh Khelafat Majlish will organise a rally and procession at the south gate of the Baitul Mukarram Mosque after Jumma prayers today (Friday).

**SIPHA meet**  
The general meeting of the Smoking and Intoxicant Preventive Human Service Association (SIPHA) will be held today (Friday) at 4 pm at Malibagh Diponti Bhan in the city.

**Rose Festival**  
A rose festival will be held today (Friday) at the Dhaka Club premises.

The Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas will inaugurate the festival at 9 am.

The festival is jointly organised by Bangladesh National Rose Society and Dhaka Club Limited.

**Flower Show**  
The Dhaka Flower Club will hold a two-day flower show beginning today (Friday) at 10 am at the WVA auditorium at House 20, Road 27, Dhakamandi residential area.

Principal of the Dhaka Flower Club Mrs Kazuo Zoha, will give away certificates among the participants on the concluding day of the show. Mrs Yoko Kitaoka, wife of First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan will attend the function as chief guest.

**Sight Savers**  
Sight Savers, Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind will begin its two-day South Asian Staff Meeting in Dhaka today (Friday).

The meeting will discuss the issues covering eye care, prevention and cure of blindness, education and rehabilitation of the incurably blind and manpower training/development.

The meeting will be participated by Kevin Carey, Director Overseas Services, James Beale, Programme Officer-A/P of Sight Savers Headquarters in the UK and senior staff members of Sight Savers of the region.

**Greater Rangpur Kallyan Samity**  
The Annual General Meeting, election and cultural function of the Greater Rangpur Kallyan Samity will be held today (Friday) at 8.30 am at PG Hospital auditorium.

Justice Mostafa Kamal will attend there as the chief guest.

**'Steps to be taken to make handicapped self-reliant'**

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar Thursday laid emphasis on imparting education to physically and mentally handicapped people of the society, reports BSS.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at the prize distribution ceremony of Dhaka Badhir School at Bijoynagar in the city. Director-General of Social Services M A Bari, also spoke on the occasion.

Barrister Sircar said the present government wanted to make the handicapped people capable to work like others in the society. He said the government will take steps towards introducing technical and vocational education for the mentally retarded to make them self-reliant. He also called upon the affluent to supplement the government

initiatives for making such programmes successful.

Earlier, the minister distributed prizes among the meritorious students of the school. Rear Admiral (ret'd) M H Khan presided over the function.

Later, the Education Minister also addressed another prize distribution function at Rayer Bazar Girls High School and distributed prizes among the winners.

**Call to publish more books on life of Zia**

A 12-member delegation of the "Amra Ziar Uttarsuri" Tuesday met President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban, reports BSS.

The leader of the team A K A Firoz Noon, presented one of his publications on Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman to the president.

While exchanging views with them, the president said that self-sacrifice should be the ideal of the generation to achieve progress and prosperity of the nation. He urged the youths to contribute their mite keeping moral high to enhance the country's image in the comity of nations.

He urged them to follow the ideals of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman who had sacrificed his life for the people as well as the country.

President said, endeavours of all were necessary to uphold the spirit of democracy and consolidate democratic tradition in the society.

He also stressed the need for publishing more books on the life and achievements of Shaheed Zia

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Local Government Engineering Bureau  
Rural Development Project-13 : Infrastructure  
Old Dinajpur and Jamalpur Districts  
5/8, Lalmatia, Block-B, Dhaka-1207

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**Notice For Local (Direct) Purchase of Concrete Vibrator**

Under the Loan agreements (Loan No. 908-BAN(SF), dated : 23rd November, 1988) between the Government of Bangladesh and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) sealed quotations are hereby invited from the bonafide Suppliers/Manufacturers eligible under member countries of the Asian Development Bank or their enlisted representatives for supplying the following equipment for the Rural Development Project-13 : Infrastructure.

Tender documents with detailed specifications, terms and conditions and other papers may be obtained from the office of the XEN, LGEB, Dhaka and in the office of the undersigned on payment of Tk. 1000/- (Taka One Thousand) only (Non-refundable) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the undersigned up to 15.02.92 on all working days during office hours.

Tenders will be received in the office of the Executive Engineer, LGEB, 46/47, Johnson Road, Dhaka and in the office of the undersigned up to 1.00 PM (local time) of 16.02.92 and will be opened on the same day at 1.30 PM in presence of the tenderers or their representatives those who may be willing to remain present. No tender will be considered for acceptance, receipt on expiry of the aforementioned date and time.

The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or to reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason thereof and in such case no compensation will be entertained.

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