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Probe into oil slick in Bay begins

Investigation of an oil slick on a 40-mile stretch in the Bay of Bengal is being carried out by experts, officials said Tuesday.

"We are investigating the slick. Our experts are collecting samples of the affected water for laboratory tests," Abdul Hamid, a Deputy Director at the Department of Environment, told UNB.

Khulna office of the Directorate has been assigned with the task of submitting report on the oil slick, the source of which is yet to be detected, he said.

But officials apprehended it was caused by certain foreign oil tanker that dumped its ballast crude into the Bay.

The Met office also told UNB that the present sea current trend is eastward, and the slick would have little effect on the flora and fauna of the Sundarbans.

Country's environmentalists have expressed grave concern over the oil slick, saying it will be disastrous for flora and fauna in the area, including rare sea eagles and sea gulls.

The Sundarbans, a mangrove forest covering an area of nearly 2,000 square miles, is home to famous Royal Bengal tigers, spotted deer, monkeys, snakes and rare birds.

Fishermen in the coastal districts last week reported they had netted some dead or sick sharks and whales.



Pakistan Air Chief Marshal Farooq Feroze Khan witnessed air to ground firing by BAF aircraft at Rasulpur Firing Range yesterday. Chief of Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Chowdhury is also present. — ISFR photo

Removing bureaucratic bottlenecks seen vital for attracting foreign investment

By Staff Correspondent

A leading Japanese expert on South Asia on Monday suggested the removal of bureaucratic bottlenecks in the administration to facilitate foreign investment in Bangladesh.

The expert, Professor Seizaburo Sato of Tokyo University, was presenting the keynote paper at a seminar to mark the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Dhaka and Tokyo at the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) auditorium on Monday.

Chairman of the South Asia Forum, Professor Sato, while quoting from an economic magazine report, pointed out that the 'hazardous' bureaucratic procedure prevailing in Bangladesh sometimes can even take over five years to approve only a medium-sized project.

"If this kind of bureaucratic bottlenecks continue to exist then there cannot be much scope for attracting foreign investments," he said.

Professor Sato, a political scientist and an internationally renowned scholar, also emphasised the need for developing the infrastructural base of the country to attract more foreign investments.

He said the existing 'obso-

lete' telecommunication network needs immediate improvement along with improvement in the road communication system and utility services.

Noting the lack of business opportunities, he said, a good business opportunity and better investment climate can induce more investments not only from Japan but also from the newly industrialised countries (NICs) of Asia and other western nations.

"It is a good time right now to attract foreign investment as labour costs are rising in many of the Southeast Asian countries," he pointed out.

Referring to the ongoing democratisation process in Bangladesh, Professor Sato noted that the real challenge now is to bring about economic development. He added that economic development is an 'absolute precondition' to consolidate democracy.

However, he cautioned that the democratic process could temporarily slow down economic development. He said that a very strong political leadership committed to economic development is ideally needed at the moment.

He warned that unless economic development comes about then the vicious cycle of

political instability and economic difficulties will likely make a comeback. "If the economy can be developed to a certain level then the people will not accept autocracy," he noted.

He suggested that Bangladesh evolve an economic model suited to its particular needs to be successful in industrialisation instead of following any specific model as there is no such 'golden' model to follow.

In the field of economic cooperation between the two nations, Professor Sato, while noting that Japan is the largest exporter to Bangladesh but only fifth as a buyer of Bangladeshi products, said Japan should provide a bigger market share to products from developing countries.

He said that Japan should also be a major source of transfer of technology to Bangladesh. Technological innovation is the primary basis for economic development, he pointed out.

Japan, he added, should also help Bangladesh in building basic infrastructures and in the education sector, primarily in the field of elementary education.

Noting that developing the human resources was the sin-

gle most important factor in the economic development of Japan and South Korea, Professor Sato pointed out that Japan initially invested heavily on elementary education instead of university education.

Professor Sato said that the seven-nation grouping of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation was lagging behind the ASEAN grouping of Southeast Asian nations in attaining stable international relations and contributing to economic development in the region.

He suggested that SAARC should try to reduce tension in the region and increase economic cooperation among the member states. Jointly organised by the embassy of Japan and BISS, the seminar was also addressed by Additional Foreign Secretary Faruk Sobhan and businessman Morshed Khan. Presided over by A K H Morshed, it was also addressed by the ambassador of Japan Toshio Saiki.

Noting that Japanese investment in Bangladesh was lagging behind compared to other Asian nations, Faruk Sobhan urged for Japanese involvement and collaboration with the SAARC nations similar to that with the ASEAN nations.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

The containerised cargo ex. M. V. "Brandenburg" VEM-203 from Khorfakkan, Antwerp, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Felixstowe, ex. M. V. "Neustadt" V-620 and "M. V. President Tait" V-395 from Damman have been relayed to M. V. "ATLANTIC CLIPPER" V-9203, Import Rotation NO. 96/92 is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 14.2.92 from Singapore.

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BCIC Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Managing Director, Zia Fertilizer Company Limited, Ashuganj, B.Barua for the following works from the BCIC enlisted contractors of category A-3 and above:

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost	Cost of schedule (non-refundable)
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01.	Repair and Maintenance of damaged Aluminium Sheet roofing of Urea Bulk Godown with New Sheet at ZFCL.	Tk. 89,457.60	Tk. 50/- per set.
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Tender documents will be available for purchase from the office of the General Manager (Accounts & Finance), ZFCL, Ashuganj, B.Barua and the Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka during office hours on all working days up to 18-02-92. Filled in tenders will be received simultaneously in a Tender Box kept in the office of the Sr. General Manager (Construction), BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka and The General Manager (Construction), ZFCL, Ashuganj, B.Barua on 19-02-92 up to 11-00 AM and will be opened immediately on the same day.

Earnest money @ 2% (two per cent) of the quoted amount must be submitted along with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/PO/DD from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of ZFCL. The tender without earnest money or with less earnest money will be rejected outright.

The ZFCL Management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders including the lowest one without showing any reason whatsoever.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Textiles
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.

APPOINTMENT NOTICE

No: MT/Admin/IA-21/92 Dated: 03-02-92
20-10-98 BS

Applications are invited from Bangladesh nationals for filling the undermentioned vacant posts in the office of the Minister for State, Ministry of Textiles in the pay scale mentioned against each post plus other allowances admissible as per rules.

Name of post and number	Pay scale	Educational qualification
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1) Zamadar 1(One)	Tk 550-25-725-EB-30-965/=	Class VIII passed
2) Orderly- 1(One)	Tk 500-20-860/=	-Do-

However, candidates experienced in relevant job will be given preference.

2. Application containing Name of applicant, Father's /husband's name, permanent and present address, date of birth, educational qualification, experience, passport size recent photograph, educational and character certificate, certificate from Union Parishad Chairman should reach the undersigned by 13-2-92. Candidates in service of government, semi-government organisation must apply through proper authority channel.

3. Age limit of all candidates should be within 18-30 years as on 13-2-92. In case of Freedom Fighter, woman and departmental candidates age limit is relaxable as per government rules. Freedom fighters should submit attested copy of proper certificate.

4. This appointment will remain valid for the period the Minister for State is in the responsibility or so long the candidates remain in confidence of the State Minister, whichever is earlier.

5. Candidates whose applications will be accepted after sorting of the applications, will be intimated the date and time for interview by post. No TA will be admissible for interview.

6. Name of the post should be superscribed on the envelope.

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Md Mujibul Huq
Assistant Secretary (Admin).

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Muktijoddha Sangsad

A workers' meeting of the Dhaka City Students Command Coordination Committee of Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad, was held Monday at its office at New Eskaton Road.

Joint Secretary General of the Sangsad Manirul Huiq Manir presided over the meeting, while Chairman of its Central Command Council Ahad Chowdhury, Secretary General Abdul Aziz, Sports Secretary M A Rashid, Office Secretary Abdul Quayum and Badrul Alam participated in the discussion.

Peace For All

A meeting of the executive committee of the Peace For All was held on Monday at its Mirpur office.

The meeting decided to distribute one lakh leaflets and launch a tree plantation programme in a bid to create consciousness among the people for peace, human rights and environment.

Tanbazar Sahayak Committee

Seventeen women, human rights and development organisations held a joint meeting Monday with the initiative of the Tanbazar Sahayak Committee to discuss the latest situation of Tanbazar prostitution.

The organisations expressed their supports to the prostitutes and assured all out cooperation on their part to combat any threat to their life and profession.

The organisations participated in the meeting are, Nir-

jatita Patita Parishad, Ganotantrik Nari Andolan, Naripakkha, Bangladesh Jatiya Mahila Ain-jibi Samity, Institute for Law and Development, Badda Self-Help Centre, Fulki, Nari Motare, Nari Pragati Sangha, Nari Uddag Kendra and Jatiya Mahila Sangstha.

Jatiya Janata Party

Jatiya Janata Party at a meeting Tuesday stressed the need for unity of the pro-liberation forces to root out all anti-liberation elements from the country.

The meeting presided over by Shaikh Asad, President of the party was addressed, among others, by Md Rahman, MA Ilye, MA-Ahad, M H Khan, Hafizur Rahman, Rashedul Islam and Shafig Ahmed.

Sahitya Parishad

The 95th monthly literary meeting of the Bangla Sahitya Parishad was held Monday at its Baro Moghbazar office.

The meeting, presided over by Jahangir Habibullah, Editor of 'Protirodh', was participated, among others, by Mohammad Humayun Kabir, Emdadul Huq, S K Towab, Shaheen Hasnat, Manoarul Kabir and Mizanur Rahman.

Sramik Forum

Bangladesh Jatiya Sramik Forum at a meeting Tuesday expressed its support to the demands of the teachers and demanded immediate realization of those.

The next meeting of the Forum will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 4 pm at its office at Purana Paltan.

Rail-head oil depot to be set up at Banani

The progress of implementation of different projects on petroleum, gas, coal, hard rock and other natural resources was reviewed at a high-level meeting held in Dhaka Tuesday with Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khondaker Mosharraf Hossain in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting had threaded discussion on secondary conversion plant of the Eastern Refinery and LPG storage, bottling and distribution plant under Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) and Kailastila-Chatak Gas Field Project, North-South Gas Pipeline Project, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), Barapukuria Coal Development Plant and Madhapara Hard Rock Project under Petro-Bangla.

The meeting decided that a 'Rail-head oil depot' would be established at Banani in Dhaka to cater to the need of fuel in Dhaka city and its adjacent areas.

The meeting was informed that about 75 per cent work of Kailastila-Chatak Gas Deve-

lopment Project which is being implemented at a total cost of Taka 26 crore and 20 lakh had already been completed. It was also informed that the remaining work of the project will be completed by October, this year.

The minister directed the concerned officials to complete the projects timely through proper utilisation of the project money.

Energy and Mineral Resources Secretary Mohammad Ali, Chairman Petro-Bangla, Chairman of BPC, and Director General of Geological Survey, were present in the meeting.

Sabina murder: No arrest yet

By Staff Correspondent
Police could not arrest any of the accused involved in the alleged murder of Sabina Yasmin till Tuesday.

Gulshan Police said, they did not get the autopsy report yesterday from the Forensic Department of Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

A teenaged school girl was found dead in a drain about 200 yards off her residence at Mohakhali area in the city Monday afternoon. A scarf was tied around her neck, police said.

The victim, Sabina Yasmin, 15, was allegedly killed by her neighbours following a family feud the family sources said.

Sabina was a student of class X of IPH School, Mohakhali and lived with her parents at GP-KA-31, Dakshinpara of Mohakhali.

Sabina went to visit the house of her grandmother at around 9 p.m. Sunday and since then she had been missing, family sources said.

Sabina's family members said they had a quarrel Sunday morning with their neighbours over a tennis ball that came through their window and hit the brother of Sabina.

Gulshan police said they however tried to bring them to reconciliation on Sunday evening.

Fariduddin, brother of Sabina, who lodged a case told Gulshan police that his neighbours, Salamuddin, Jamaluddin, Salamuddin and Jamaluddin—the four brothers and their father Azimuddin were involved in the murder.

Police said all of the accused persons were absconding.



Salam's death anniversary tomorrow

The 15th death anniversary of renounced editor Abdus Salam will be observed tomorrow (Thursday), reports BSS.

Sprha Samajik Sanskritik Andolan, a cultural organisation will hold a discussion on the life and activities of Abdus Salam at the auditorium of Press Institute at 5 pm.

A Milad Mahfil will be held at the deceased's residence at Dhanmondi, Road No 32, House No 67/A after Asr prayer today (Wednesday).

The discussion is expected to be attended by Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Mirza Golam Hafiz, Editor Daily Star, S M Ali, Editor of the Newsway, A B M Musa, Director General of Press Institute, Ahmed Humayun and Prof Begum Razia Khan Amin.

National Prof Shamsul q will preside.

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International Tender No. PARA (KE) 30.14/92.

Bangladesh Television invites sealed International Tender bids from reputed manufacturers/suppliers directly or through their appointed local agents for the supply of the following equipment as specified in Annexure- "A" of this Tender document:

1. Audio Tape Recorder.
2. 400 Watt Regulating Power Supply for Lab use.
3. Composite TV Colour Test Pattern Generator.
4. Television Colour Camera Test Chart.
5. TV Demodulator.
6. Waveform Monitor.
7. Tripod and Dolly.
8. Boom Stand.
9. Video Monitor (Black and White).

The import will be financed from BTB's cash foreign exchange allocation or in local currency under Wage Earner Scheme on "Free Delivery at Site" basis. Tender document with details of specification and scope of supply is obtainable from the Accounts Section of this office on payment of Tk. 200/= (Taka Two hundred only) non-refundable, on any working day between 9 AM and 2 PM up to 12th March, 1992. Tender must accompany an Earnest Money of 2% (Two per cent) of quoted total C&F (Air) price in the form of Bank Draft/ Bank Guarantee/Pay Order from any local scheduled bank.

Tenders will be dropped in the box kept in the office of the Chief Engineer (TV), NBA at NBA House (2nd floor), 121, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbagh, Dhaka-2, Bangladesh up to 12 Noon of 14th March, 1992. The received tenders will be opened at 12:05 PM on the same day in presence of the representatives of bidders, if there be any.

Bangladesh Television reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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The Annual Sports Competition of tuition-free educational institutions of Gulshan Ladies' Community Club was held in the Club premises yesterday.