

Diabetic lottery draw results

The draw of the lottery of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh for 1991 was held at its office here Friday, said a press release, reports UNB.

Development of Bhooban Mohan Park demanded

RAJSHAHI, March 6: Some 400 people today demonstrated near Bhooban Mohan Park in the city demanding its development, reports UNB.



Islami Shashantatra Andolon (Islami Constitution Movement) brought out a procession in the city Friday urging the people to maintain sanctity of holy Ramzan. — Star photo

Tk 9.43 cr relief sanctioned for flood victims

Relief Ministry Wednesday sanctioned more relief materials and cash money worth more than Tk 9.43 crore for the flood affected people in 13 northern districts of the country, reports UNB.

The additional relief materials and cash were sanctioned at an emergency meeting on flood and relief activities here with State Minister for Relief Lutfur Rahman Khan in the chair, said official sources.

The relief materials and cash money includes: 1,900 metric tons of rice worth Tk 1.90 crore as test relief, 2,900 metric tons of wheat worth Tk 2.08 crore against 95,000 VGD Cards, Tk 51 lakhs as house building grant and Tk 4.75 lakh as contingency and transportation cost.

Rangpur, Gaibandha, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram and Dinajpur districts will each get 200 metric tons of rice as gratuitous relief, 700 metric tons of wheat as test relief, 10,000 VGD cards, Tk 5 lakh as house building grant and Tk 50,000 as transportation and contingency expenditure.

The Relief Ministry has so far sanctioned relief materials and cash money worth about Tk 90 crore.

'Govt won't allow indulgence against people'

Commerce Minister MK Anwar Tuesday said the present government would not allow indulgence in any activity contrary to the people's interest, reports BSS.

Terming the people as the base of the present government, the minister said the government was determined to resist the elements who are trying to create obstacles in implementing the welfare programmes.

Jamaat-e-Islami

The Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh Secretary General Matur Rahman Nizami Friday condemned the arrest of its Panchagar district unit secretary Alhaj Emdadul Haq and demanded his immediate release.

He, also, demanded withdrawal of the false case against the Panchagar district secretary of the party.

Arambagh Terrorism Resistance Body

Arambagh Terrorism Resistance Committee on Friday held a meeting at the Arambagh Girls' High School to take measures to maintain law and order in the area. Local residents and Assistant Police Commissioner of Motijheel Zone Borhanuddin Choudhury and Officer-in-Charge of the Motijheel Thana Nur Mohammad attended the meeting as the chief guest and special guest respectively.

The prevailing law and order situation in the Arambagh was reviewed in the meeting and a 35-member committee was formed.

Hindu community

A meeting of the representatives of the Hindu community was held Friday at a local auditorium. Presided over by Barrister Nikhil Dutta, the meeting was addressed by among others by convener of Bangladesh Aijibi Samity Coordination Council Shamsul Haq Choudhury, journalist Kazi Shiraj, Shamendra Nath Ghoshwamy, Pulok Kumar Roy, Parotish Kumar Roy, Professor Shamir Kumar Majumdar, Dipak Kumar Sarkar, Haider Ali Khan, Shantosh Kumar Teli and Bashudeb Roy.

Plea to make canal digging a success

Jute Minister A S M Hannan Shah has called upon the people from all walks of life to make the canal digging programme a success, reports BSS.

He made this appeal while addressing a public meeting after inaugurating the eight-kilometre long Rayed-Bagherhat canal reexcavation programme at Rayed in Kapasia under Gazipur district Thursday with the reexcavation of the canal about 200 acres of land will get irrigation facility.

The Minister said the BNP government was committed to ensure balanced development in the country for materialising the hopes and aspirations of the people. The meeting was also addressed by Dr Saraulah former MP and other local leaders.

One held with pistol

Motijheel Police Friday arrested one person from rail crossing near Khilgaon for carrying illegal weapon. They also recovered a loaded pistol from Nasir (22) who, the police said, was the member of a toll extortionist group.

A case was filed against Nasir while investigation continued, Police said.

Ramma Police while chasing a group of youngmen on suspicion near Noyatola Jahanbox Lane in the capital Friday recovered a Pipegun and a cartridge left by the youths. None was arrested in this connection.

Bhutanese minister due today

An eight-member delegation, led by Bhutanese Minister for Trade and Industries Lyonpo On Pradhan, arrives in Dhaka today (Saturday) on a five-day official visit, reports BSS.

During the visit, the delegation will meet Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Commerce, Finance, Industries and Power, Energy and Mineral Resources.

Ganotantri Party demands reduction of fertilizers' price

The leaders of Ganotantri Party Friday demanded of the government to reduce the price of fertilizers to boost farm production, reports BSS.

Ahmedul Kabir and Mohammad Afzal, President and General Secretary respectively of the party, said the government had enhanced the price of TSP and MP fertilizers for the third time by Taka 500.

They said the farmers had faced difficulties to procure fertilizers at the previous rate. The fresh price hike will reduce the use of fertilizer and it may lead to the declining of agriculture production, they said.

Sweeper stabbed to death in Khulna

By Staff Correspondent. KHULNA, Mar 6: Nantu Lal (22), a Railway sweeper was stabbed to death Friday morning at Beny Babu Road in the city. According to police, the incident was sequel to an earlier dispute with some local mastans.

Meanwhile, more than hundred sweepers brought out a procession in the city in afternoon with the body. A case has been registered with Khulna Thana.

'Professional criminals brought under control'

CHITTAGONG, March 6: Forest, Environment and Livestock Minister Abdullah A. Noman said the government was determined to maintain law and order at all cost. The minister said this while discussing law and order situation in Rauzan upazila and some development programmes with officials of local administration here yesterday, reports BSS.

He said the society could not be held hostage in the hands of a few indiscipline people. The professional criminals have been mostly brought under control, he said.

He said the criminals had no political identity. He urged the administration to play its pro-people role. In this connection he said the administration was required to undertake necessary steps to help curb crimes in the society.

Divisional Commissioner Omar Faruq and officials of the district administration were present.

CPB demands repeal of undemocratic acts

By Staff Correspondent

Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, the President of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), at a discussion meeting Friday called upon all political parties to behave 'properly' to give the hard-earned democracy an institutional shape.

He said if the political parties failed to reflect democratic norms and values through their activities at both national and party levels, the anti-democratic elements might have the chance to capture power once again, he added.

The discussion meeting was organised marking the 44th founding anniversary of the CPB Friday afternoon at its office compound.

Mujahidul Islam Selim, the President of the Bangladesh Khetmajur Samity, Nurul Islam Nahid, General Secretary of CPB, Mohammad Shamsud-doha MP, Ahsanullah and Manruzzaman also participated in the discussion.

The CPB President expressed his skepticism about 'the establishment democracy in the country saying that the undemocratic acts like Indemnity Act, Special Powers Act and Vested Property Act

were yet to be repealed.

Referring to the recent activities of the fundamentalist forces Manik said, "If we allow them to fan up communalism, it will lead to dangerous consequences for the country".

He demanded embargo on political activities in places of worship.

Saifuddin Ahmed criticised the Jatiya Party (JP) for its move to release the former President Ershad overruling the legal process and called upon JP leaders to take lesson from their consequences.

Mujahidul Islam Selim said the people and toppled the autocratic regime through a mass upsurge. But they would have to struggle more to remove the system that the government inherited from the previous governments, he added.

Mohammed Shamsud-doha MP called upon all patriotic and democratic forces to embark on an united movement against communalism and all kinds of exploitations.

Nurul Islam Nahid said the prime need of the time was to give democracy a firm footing, so that no unholy force could be able to pose threat to it once again.

HERE and THERE

Chayanika Biddypath

The annual prize '91, text books and school kits distribution '92 of Chayanika Biddypath, a school run by Anxysya, a socio-cultural organisation for the poor and orphans was held at the School premises at 2/2 Purana Paltan in the city recently, says a press release.

Text books, school kits and prizes were distributed among the students.

Text books were supplied by the Directorate of Primary School. The school has been imparting knowledge to the poor working children, orphans since its inception in 1981 and earned a good reputation.

Joy Bangla Okkya Jote

Joy Bangla Shanskritik Okkya Jote held a preparatory meeting to observe the 72nd birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Member-Secretary Sheikh Abdul Kader, Office Secretary Abdul Latif and Publication Secretary Shahadat Hossain Nipu participated in the discussion. The meeting chalked out an elaborate programme to mark the day. The convener of the Okkya Jote Sakihuddin Badal presided.

JSD (Rab)

The Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) Friday demanded immediate release of its leader A S M Rab.

The JSD condemned the government role in rehabilitating Golam Azam and the anti-liberation forces.

Argentine envoy meets DU VC

Victor E Beauge, Ambassador of Argentina, met the Vice Chancellor Professor Manruzzaman Miah of the Dhaka University Friday at his residence.

The Ambassador discussed the possibility of exchange programme between the Dhaka University and Argentina.

Deutsche Welle Listeners Club

All Bangladesh Deutsche Welle Listeners, Convention 1992 was held Friday at the German Cultural Centre Auditorium.

Shahjahan Farouk presided over the convention. Ernst Peterssen, head of the Listeners, mail department, Deutsche Welle (Voice of Germany) Cologne was the chief-guest on the occasion. The First Secretary of the German Embassy in Dhaka Graf, Director of the Goethe Institute, Dhaka Miss Lechner, Syed Ahmad and Mobarak Hossain Khan addressed the convention. Later, a cultural function was held at the Centre.

Gana Azadi League

The Bangladesh Gana Azadi League leaders Friday expressed deep concern over the government's decision to increase railway fare.

The leaders also urged the government to review the decision immediately.



Magician couple Ulfat Kabir and Rukshana Kabir performing show at the 'Spring Carnival' organised by Zonta Club-III, Dhaka, at Gulshan Park in the city recently.

Dateline Chittagong

Directive to supply CI sheets among cyclone survivors properly

CHITTAGONG, Mar 6: Communication Minister Col. Oli Ahmed (Retd) has called upon the government officials to serve the nation with honesty and sincerity, reports BSS.

The minister was addressing today the divisional and district level officials of different departments, engaged in relief and rehabilitation programme following the devastating cyclone and tidal surge of April 29.

Presided over by divisional commissioner Mohammad Omar Faruque, the meeting was also addressed by the Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation Mohammad Nasrud-din, Sirajul Islam, MP, Rozi Kabir MP, Nazibul Bashir MP, Chairman of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA), Chittagong Development Authority (CDA), Chittagong WASA, DIG of Police (Chittagong range), Deputy Commissioner and others departmental heads.

Ahmed said strict supervision and timely monitoring must be observed in execution of development projects under implementation.

He directed the concerned officials for proper distribution of C.I sheets among the affected people and disbursement of fund for construction and re-construction of affected educational institutions.

The Communication Minister asked the concerned officials of Roads and Highways to remain ever vigilant so that the contractor use construction material properly.

He said anti-social and corrupt people must be identified under the existing law of land as they hinder the development process.

He said the success of the development process depends on the support of the people, in respect of political opinions and belief. He called upon the people to make the historic canal digging programme initiated by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman successful.

What's on today . . .

Ganotantri Party

Ganotantri Party will hold a meeting of the presidium today Saturday at 7pm at the party central office.

Alem Al-Razee Smriti Sangsad

The newly constituted Dr Alem Al-Razee Smriti Sangsad will hold a meeting today (Saturday) at its office at 69, E. New Circular Road, Malibagh at 10.30 am.

The meeting will discuss programmes for observance of the 7th anniversary of death of Dr Razee and the gold medal awards named after him.

IFPRI Press Conference

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) will hold a press conference at its local office at 48, Dhanmondi, Road No 16 today Saturday at 5pm on the occasion of the visit of its Director General Dr Just Faaland.

Woman Artists Exhibition

The woman artists of Bangladesh will hold a special art exhibition at Art Institute today (Saturday) at 4 pm on the occasion of International Women's Year Day.

Poet Sofia Kamal will inaugurate the exhibition. About 55 women artists will participate in the show. The show will remain open till 5.30 pm tomorrow.

Joybangla Oikya Jote

Joybangla Sangskritik Oikya Jote will hold a rally today Saturday in front of Bangabandhu Bhaban at 8.30 am on the occasion of Historic 7th March. The jote will garland the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at 9 am.

Hotel Workers Rally

Dhaka City Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union will hold a rally today Saturday at 10 am in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

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Ganotantri Party

A meeting of the National Conference Preparatory Committee of Ganotantri Party will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at the party central office at 4 pm.

Nari Andolon

Nari Adhikar Andolon will hold a discussion meeting tomorrow (Sunday) on international Women's Year Day at 10 am at ICMA Auditorium, Nilkhet.

The President of the organisation, Prof Chemon Ara will preside over the meeting.

Naripakkha Torch Procession

Naripakkha, an organisation for the women's will hold a torch procession tomorrow Sunday at 8 pm to mark the International Women Year Day.

The procession will start from Dhanmondi Club field and reach the Prime Minister's office at Sugandha.

Women community urged to be vocal of rights

By Staff Correspondent

International Women's Day Celebration Committee at a rally Friday at the Jatiya Sangsad compound called upon the women community of the country to be vocal on the question of their rights.

The rally was organised on the occasion of the International Women's Day on March 8.

The rally stressed the need for economic emancipation of the women community as well as equality in all aspects of life. It also demanded announcement in both national and international levels of terming the repression on woman as the violation of human rights.

A written declaration read out at the rally observed that only the large-scale physical humiliation like killing and raping were identified as the repressions on the women. But, it added, they were also being repressed at the family level, where the fundamental problem of disparity between the male and female was lying unseen and untold.

It, however, stressed the need to look into the problems at the grass-root level simultaneously with the large-scale repression on them. The Women's Day Celebration Committee earlier at 9 am brought out a motor cycle procession of the women from

the Zero Point which joined with the colourful procession of about seven thousand women brought out from the Dhanmondi Club ground.

The organisations, participated in the programme include Naripakkha, ASA, Ganowastha Kendra, Fulkee, Nari Maitree, Badda Self Help Centre, Dgd Paurashabha, Nirjatta Patita Parishad, Bangladesh Women's Health Coalition, Paribar Parikalpanay Attanibedto Mahila, Bangladesh Mahila Samajkallyan Samity, Palli Mangal Samity, Girl's Guide, Jatiya Mahila Sangstha, Tribal Female Students Council, Jagarant Chakro, Gano Sahajya Sangstha, Prigoti Samaj Kallyan Pratishthan, Gendaria Mahila Samity and Manikdi Mahila Samity.

Meanwhile, Save the Distressed People (SDP) organised a discussion meeting Friday at its office at Khilgaon on the occasion of the international Women's Day.

The meeting presided over by Dr Tapashie Ghosh was attended by the Project Director of SDP Khan Rafiqul Islam. Finance Director of SDP Mattiar Rahman, Training Director Mahbubur Rahman, Medical Officer Dr Djenndral Sarkar, Dr Javed Azhar, Dr Abdus Samad Azad and Dr Khaled Morshedha.

BTMC's Tender Schedule. Purchase of Stationery and Printing Goods. Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Joint Secretary (Common Service), Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation, Bastra Bhavan, 7-9, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka from bonafide printers/supplying firms/manufacturers for supply of stationery and printing goods.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division, Shariatpur. Corrigendum Notice. This is for general information that the undermentioned corrections have been made as per Superintending Engineer, Barisal PWD Circle's instruction regarding the tender invited vide this office Memo No 166(19) dt 6-2-92 for the work Construction of Modernised Sadar Hospital at Shariatpur SH : Sanitary and Water Supply arrangement to 10 bedded Isolation Ward attached to Modernised Hospital at Shariatpur.

Corrections are as follows: 1. In SI No 3 of the Notice inviting tenders the estimated cost will be Tk 1,67,239/- in place of Tk 1,39,287/- and in SI No 4 of the same Earnest Money will be Tk 3345/- in place of Tk 2786/-.

Government of Bangladesh. Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division, Shariatpur. Corrigendum Notice. This is for general information that the undermentioned corrections have been made as per Superintending Engineer, PWD Circle, Barisal's Memo No 509 dt 24-2-92 regarding the work "Installation of 75 mm dia Deep Tubewell with external distribution line attached to THC" at Goshairhat in the Dist. of Shariatpur.