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1.8 lakh die of cancer every year

Help fight cancer, Biswas urges affluent section

By Staff Correspondent

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Friday urged the affluent section of people to take up initiatives to fight cancer in the country.

He also stressed on comprehensive programme to provide people with access to treat and diagnose all kinds of diseases, specially cancer.

The President was addressing the Fourth Annual Convention of the Bangladesh Cancer Society at a local hotel.

"Bangladesh is afflicted with thousands of problems which the government alone cannot afford to solve," the President said.

"I hope the affluent section will work with us side by side. As cancer treatment is relatively expensive, the President urged for using local herbal medicines and rendering services by all experts of the country. He also urged the physicians to work sincerely up to the grass-roots level.

The President also hoped that the donor countries would come forward with more funds for health sector. He said the World Health Organization (WHO) could provide assistance for a national cancer control programme.

The inaugural function of the convention was chaired by the Society President Prof Sayed Fazul Huq while it was addressed among others by Health Secretary Syed Ahmed, Representative of WHO in Bangladesh Dr A N A Abyeasundere, Dr S A Ashraf, Dr A M M Khan, Dr Syed Fazul Haq, Professor Habibuz Zaman, Professor K M Nazrul Islam and Maj Gen Anis Waz.

The President hoped that Bangladesh Cancer Society would take up a more coordinated programme to fight cancer.

Biswas said prevention of some types of cancer was possible by abandoning smoking and tobacco, eating vegetables regularly and maintaining a pollution free environment.

The President, who is also the chief patron of the Cancer Society, said the construction of the only cancer institute in Bangladesh had been possible with the continued help and cooperation of Dhaka Rotary Club to the government.

"Despite resource constraint, steps have also been taken to improve treatment of cancer and build efficient physicians and experts to deal

with cancer in the greater interest of the nation," he said. UNB adds: Dr A M M Khan said about eight lakh people of the country are now suffering from cancer and 1.8 lakh people die of the disease every year. Nearly two lakh people are affected by cancer every year.

Dr A N A Abyeasundere said one out of 10 deaths throughout the world is due to cancer. After the age of 5 years, cancer is one of the three most frequent causes of death in both developed and developing countries.

Every year, some 7 million new cases of cancer are diagnosed and more than half of the cases take place in developing countries. Each year, 5 million people die of cancer and majority of the world's cancer patients are in the developing countries, he said.

He said WHO can provide assistance for a national cancer control programme in Bangladesh.

Praising ADHUNIK and the Cancer Society which are highlighting the hazards of smoking, he said giving up smoking can diminish cancer risk and heart diseases.

Inflation rate now 5.8 pc

The rate of inflation remained "well under control" during the current fiscal year as it stood at 5.8 per cent at the end of February, Bangladesh Bank sources yesterday said, reports UNB.

In February, last year, the rate of inflation was 8.9 per cent.

The bank sources said there have "broad indications" that the economy has been picking up in recent months.

Imports which remained depressed during the first few months of the current fiscal year have picked up substantially, the sources said.

In the first eight months (July 1991 to Feb 1992) of the current fiscal, import payments totalled US dollar 2,096 million compared to US dollar 2,082 million during the corresponding period of the last year.

The sources said the rise in import payments was particularly notable as they took place despite sharp decline in the prices of petrol and petroleum products.

Imports were relatively sluggish in the first three months of the current fiscal but gathered momentum thereafter.

Average monthly import payments which stood at US dollar 228 million during July-September, 1991 increased to US dollar 283 million in October-February quarter.

Breakdown of imports showed that from July, 1991 to February, 1992 imports of intermediate goods and industrial raw materials together registered a rise of about 48 per cent over the same period of the previous year. These items comprise 39 per cent of total imports in terms of value.

Sectoral movement of bank credit indicated that the demand for agricultural credit in the rural sector has picked up since December 1991.

Total disbursement during July 1991-March 1992 amounted to Tk 580 crore as compared to disbursement of Tk 462 crore during the corresponding period of last year. During July 1991-March 1992 period, disbursement of agricultural credit has exceeded the recovery by about Tk 100 crore.

**Badruddoza, Matin, Sultan, Lohey visit Mirza Golam Hafiz**

Deputy leader of Jatiya Sangsad A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury, Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Justice Sultan Hossain and Saudi Charge D'Affaires to Bangladesh Abdul Rahman M A Lohey Friday visited ailing Law Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz at the Diabetic Hospital, reports BSS.

People from various walks of life also visited Mirza Hafiz to enquire about his welfare.



Khalequzzaman Bhuiyan, Convener of BSD delivering address at a rally at Nur Hossain Square demanding the execution of 'people's court' verdict on Golam Azam Friday. —Star photo

Eye Donation Ordinance '75 may be amended

Deputy leader in the parliament Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury stressed on motivational campaign to create awareness for posthumous eye donation, reports UNB.

He said that the government would consider making amendment in the Eye Donation Ordinance 1975 and giving all possible help for the welfare of the blind people.

Dr Badruddoza was addressing a seminar on "Posthumous eye donation movement: Every one's role" at the Diabetic Hospital auditorium in the city. Organised by the Sandhani National Eye Donation Society (SNEDS) the seminar was arranged on the occasion of annual general meeting of the Society. Bangladesh Tobacco Company Limited (BTC) sponsored the seminar.

He said mass awareness at all levels should be created to ensure success of the eye donation campaign.

"Increased literacy is important to stop ignorance but there is no time to wait any longer rather than to activate the eye donation campaign immediately," he said.

He said massive awareness could be created through ensuring people's participation in the campaign even though in a less literate society.

Dr Badruddoza in this context referred to the success

achieved in eradicating small pox, EPI programme and minimising diarrhoea.

He also mentioned that the illiterate people could be motivated successfully through Radio, TV and other media.

Stressing on the importance of the preventive measures he said that the cause of the blindness should be checked by stopping protein deficiency.

"We could easily prevent white cataract disease if we check diarrhoea," he observed.

He also called upon the people to motivate four lakh Imams of the country because they could easily motivate the people for donating eye posthumously.

Earlier, Dr Badruddoza received a micro bus from BTC donated to the SNEDS. He also visited the ailing Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz, now undergoing treatment at the Diabetic Hospital.

He enquired about his health and prayed for his early recovery.

Presided over by Prof Hasna Begum, president of SNEDS the seminar was also addressed by Health Secretary Syed Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of Open University Dr Shamsur Rahman, Member of Planning Commission Mohammad Sirajuddin, Eye Specialist of BIRDEM Prof A Q M Haraon and Journalist Gias Karol Chowdhury.

Eminent playwright Moinuddin Ahmed also participated in the discussion and declared posthumous eye donation of himself, his wife, one son and daughter.

**US team assures help solve Rohingya issue**

A two-member US team now in Bangladesh to study Rohingya issue called on Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury at his secretariat office yesterday morning, reports BSS.

The team is led by Eric Schwartz, Staff Consultant to the Asia and Pacific Sub-Committee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The other member of the team is James McCormick, Staff Consultant, Sub-Committee, Minority Staff.

They discussed the Rohingya refugee problem and its solution in details.

The Home Minister apprised the team of relief and rehabilitation programmes and various socio-economic problems, degradation of environment and law and order situation faced by Bangladesh due to influx of refugees.

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**Janadal**  
The emergency meeting of the Central Executive Committee of Janadal presided over by Party Chairman Khandaker Mahtab Uddin was held Friday at its office.

Leaders at the meeting praised Khaleda Zia saying she would be successful in establishing democratic institution in the country.

They denounced those who were launching movement against Golam Azam saying that the agitators were leading the country to confusion backed by some foreign countries.

They also said retrenchment of government workers at present would strengthen the movement so the government should not implement such decision immediately.

**BSD rally**  
Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (Khaleq) held a public rally at Nur Hossain Square in the city Friday demanding implementation of the People's Court verdict on Golam Azam.

Presided over by Khalequzzaman, the rally was also addressed by Golam Mahmud, Abdur Razzak, Mostafa Faruk, Bazlur Rashid Froze and Belal Choudhury.

The speakers observed that the resolution adopted by the Jatiya Sangsad regarding the Golam Azam issue was not only contrary to the people's hope and aspiration, but it was also an attempt to shelter the 1971 killers by the government.

**Swarasruti**  
The council session 1992 of the cultural organisation 'Swarasruti' was held Friday at the Teacher-Student Centre of the Dhaka University.

The council elected the organisation's central executive body for the year 1992-93 with Jahangir Alam as its president and Dewan Masud bin Malek as general secretary.

**Lions Clubs International**  
The 5th Annual District Convention of the Lions Clubs International District 315-B, Bangladesh ended Friday in the premises of Officer's Club Dhaka.

Lion MG Morshed has been elected as the District Governor of District 315-B, for the year 1992-93.

Lion Mustafizur Rahman MP, Advisor of the Dhaka Garden Lions Club has been elected as the Lt Governor for the same term.

**Khelafat Andolon**  
Bangladesh Khelafat Andolon Friday brought out a protest procession from the south gate of Baitul Mukarram condemning the United Nations embargo imposed on Libya.

The procession followed by a rally near the Golap Shah mazar premises of the city was addressed by Andolon Maulana Rashid Ahmed and other leaders.

The leaders said the UN was a puppet of the USA, Britain and France who wanted to weaken the uprising Islamic world. They said Gaddafi as a Muslim would never bend down to the UN pressure and urged the OIC to fight UN pressure.

**CPB meet**  
The Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) at a meeting of its presidium members Friday condemned the recent attack on the party central office by some miscreants.

A resolution adopted at the meeting said the attack proved that the fundamentalist fascist forces sheltered by the police did not pay minimum respect to the public opinion.

The meeting demanded exemplary punishment to the attackers without any delay.

**Janata Mukti Party**  
Convener of Janata Mukti Party A O M Shafulquddin at a statement issued Friday demanded withdrawal of the case against 24 sponsors of Golam Azam's public trial and called all concerned to make a success tomorrow's (Sunday's) public meeting convened by the National Coordination Committee for Realisation of the Spirit of the Liberation War and Resistance to the Killers and Collaborators of 1971.

**BAU postpones examinations**  
MYMENSINGH, Apr 23: Bangladesh Agricultural University authorities postponed all examinations of the University scheduled to be held today and on April 25 due to "grave situation prevailing on the campus" caused by a severe cyclonic storm early last night, a BAU press release said today, reports BSS.

**Tender Notice**  
Tenders in Form T-1 under sealed cover are invited from Power Development Board enlisted A, B & C class contractors firms having valid ABC electrical licence and experience of similar work. Estimated Cost of the work is Taka 2,23,502/- (two lakh twentythree thousand five hundred two) only. Tender will be available at Tk 200/- (two hundred) only (non-refundable) per set from (1) Chief Engineer (southern zone), PDB, Chittagong, (2) Superintendent Engineer (O & M) PDB, Comilla, (3) Pubali Bank Ltd Maizidcourt, Noakhali subject to prior permission of the undersigned up to 6-5-92. Tenders will be received at the office of (1) Chief Engineer (southern zone), PDB, Chittagong, (2) Superintendent Engineer (O & M) PDB, Comilla and (3) the undersigned up to 11-30 AM or 7-5-92 and opened on the same day at 12-00 Noon in presence (if any) of the contractors.

Executive Engineer  
Distribution Division, PDB,  
Noakhali.

Power/Pub-1055 (3/91)-92  
DFP (BA) 3499-20/4  
G-462

**স্থান পরিবর্তন**  
মোচাক শাখা  
পূর্বের ঠিকানা  
১০০ নিউ সার্কুলার রোড, মোচাক, ঢাকা  
বর্তমান ঠিকানা  
১১৬/১, নিউ সার্কুলার রোড,  
সিঙ্গেলুরী, ঢাকা- ফোন: ৪০৬৭০৯  
রাষ্ট্রীয়ভাবে স্বাক্ষরকৃত বীমা একমাত্র প্রতিষ্ঠান  
সাধারণ বীমা কর্পোরেশন  
(অর্থনৈতিক নিরাপত্তার স্বতীকৃত)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
National Institute of Preventive & Social Medicine  
Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212  
**Urgent Re-Tender Notice**  
Memo No. NIPSOM/Store-92/564 Dated: 18/4/92  
Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide Bangladeshi contractors and suppliers for supply of superior quality black shoes and sandals for drivers and 4th class male/female employees of the National Institute of Preventive & Social Medicine.  
The tender must be submitted in the approved form. The approved form can be collected by office time of 30-4-92 by depositing its price Tk 50/- (fifty) through Treasury Challan under head '36 Health and Population Control' and submitting the original copy to this Institute's Stores Section.  
No tender without the approved form and sample will be accepted. Tenders will be received up to 11.00 A.M. of 2-5-92 and opened on the same day at 11-30 hours.  
The Tender Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any rate without assigning any reason and is not bound to accept the lowest rate.  
Director  
DFP(G)5955-20/4 National Institute of Preventive & Social Medicine  
G-461 Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

**Notice Inviting Tenders**

- Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited in BD Form No. 2911 from Class-I (one) approved E/M Contractors of PWD Bangladesh, Class-II (two) approved E/M Contractors of PWD Chittagong Zone, Chittagong having valid ABC/BC supervisory licence respectively for the under mentioned work and will be received by the under signed and as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division No. I/II, Ctg. and PWD Division, Rangamati up to 12.00 Noon of 11-5-92 and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.
- Name of work : Providing Internal EI in the Magazine Building at New Police Line for the Scheme 44 New District Head Quarter one at Khagrachhari.
- The estimated cost of the work put to tender : Tk 2,09,286/-
- Each tender is to be accompanied by earnest money Tk 4,186/- in TC or DD from any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Khagrachhari.
- Tender form together with Schedule of items, specifications special terms and conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the Office of the undersigned and Offices of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division No. I/II, Chittagong, PWD Division, Rangamati and all Offices of the Sub-Divisional Engineer under this Division during Office hours on all working days on or before 10-5-92 on payment of usual charges.

S M Khaled  
Executive Engineer  
Khagrachhari PWD Division  
DFP (G) 6038-21/4  
G - 459

**Notice Inviting Tender**  
Roads and Highways Directorate

- Tender Notice No. : 99 BRD of 1991-92.
- Name of work : Work of laying foundations of various lengths Bailey bridges and assembling at different kilometres of different roads under Barisal Road Division during 1991-92.
- Name of offices the tender papers to be had at : Available at the offices of Executive Engineer, R & H, Road Division, Barisal/Patuakhali/Bhola/Faridpur/Gopalganj/Madaripur/Sub-Divisional Engineer, R&H, Road Sub-Division - 1/2, Barisal/Perojpur/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division on all working days during office hours except holidays. No tender will be sold on the date of opening tender.
- Name of office where tenders will be received : Superintending Engineer, R & H, Barisal Road Circle, Barisal/ Executive Engineer, R & H Road Division, Barisal/ Madaripur/ Sub-Divisional Engineer, R & H, Perojpur.
- Last date & time of receiving tender : (24-1-99 BS) 7-5-92 up to 12-30 minutes
- Date & time of opening tender : (24-1-99 BS) 7-5-92 at 12-40 minutes

Group No.	Name of Road & situation—length of bridge	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time for completion of work	Eligibility of contractor for submitting tender
1 (one)	At 1st kilometre of Mathbaria-Patharghata Road — 15.24 metre long	1,42,698/-	2,855/-	45 (fortyfive) days	Special category 'A' to 'C' class enlisted contractors of Roads and Highways Department and Special Category 'D' class enlisted contractors of Barisal Road Circle
2 (two)	At 4th kilometre of Danduat - Nazirpur Road — 30.49 metre long	2,20,486/-	4410/-	60 (sixty) days	-Do-
3 (three)	At 14th kilometre of Perojpur-Nazirpur Matibhanga Road — 36.58 metre long	3,45,398/-	6,908/-	-Do-	-Do-

Md. Kamal Uddin  
Executive Engineer, R & H  
Barisal Road Division  
DFP (G) 5770-18/4  
G - 460

What's on today . . .

**Import Consultative Committee meet**  
Import Consultative Committee meeting will be held today (Saturday) at 9 am at Hotel Sheraton. Representatives from different chambers, banks, insurance and secretaries will be present at the meeting.

**Exhibition on aquarium fish**  
An exhibition on aquarium fish (bahari mas) will be held today (Saturday) at the Exhibition Room of the National Museum.

**Garments Sramik press conference**  
Bangladesh Garments Sramik Karmochari Samanoy Sangram Parishad has convened a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club today (Saturday) at 4.30 pm. The press conference has been organised to reveal the demands of the newly formed Parishad.

**Course on forensic medicine**  
The inauguration function of the orientation course on forensic medicine will be held at 9 am today (Saturday) at the NIPSOM auditorium, Mahakhali. Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf is expected to inaugurate the course.

State Minister for Law and Justice Barrister Aminul Islam will present as special guest. Inspector General of Police M Enamul Haque will attend the function as a guest of honour.

**BCU founding anniversary**  
Bangladesh Chhatra Union organises a gathering of its present and former members and wellwishers at the premises of Central Shaheed Minar today (Saturday) at 5 pm. The gathering will be held in connection with the BCU's 40th founding anniversary that falls tomorrow.

**Rotary Club of Uttara meet**  
The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Uttara will be held today (Saturday) at 5 pm at the Chilling Chinese restaurant.

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**BARC workshop**  
A four-day national workshop on 'Oilseed Research and Development' organised by Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), begins tomorrow (Sunday) at 12 pm at the BARC auditorium.

Maj Gen (ret'd) Majid-ul-Haq, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control, will grace the occasion as chief guest. K M Rabbani, Secretary, the Irrigation Ministry, will preside over the inaugural session of the workshop.

**BCU rally**  
Bangladesh Chhatra Union will hold a rally in the premises of Aparajeyo Bangla at the Dhaka University campus tomorrow (Sunday) at 11 am in observance of the organisation's 40th founding anniversary.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sherpur  
(Revenue Section)  
**Re-Tender Notice**  
Sealed tenders are invited from intending persons for leasing out, under instruction of Land Ministry Memo No. LM/7-Misc-5/91/424 (12/1240) dated 12-9-91, the undermentioned leaseable Jalmahals & Balu-mahals (not settled through 1st Tender Notice) under Sherpur district for one year from 1st Baishakh to 30th Chaitra of 1399 BS. Any intending person from among the public can participate in this tender. Tender form can be purchased at Taka 200/- (two hundred) in cash (non-refundable) from the Offices of Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka; Deputy Commissioner, Sherpur and any Upazila Executive Officer of this district up to 29-4-92 during office hours. 2% of tender quoted value as Earnest Money through Bank Draft (in favour of Deputy Commissioner, Sherpur) must be enclosed with the tender at the time of submitting tender.  
Tenders in sealed cover should be submitted in the tender box kept at the Revenue Section of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sherpur or in the tender box kept at the offices of Upazila Executive Officers of this district by 12-00 Noon on 30-4-92 and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 12-05 hours in presence (if any) of the tenderers. The meeting of the Tender Committee will be held on 02-05-92 in the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner, Sherpur.  
The Jalmahals under the current programme are: (1) Keuta Beel, (2) Kaladanga Dhaladanga Paikardanga Beel, (3) Dashedi River (Rouha Belmari UP), (4) Dashedi River (Balairchar UP), (5) Aura Baura Beel, (6) Belmari Beel, (7) Bihari Beel under Sherpur Sadar Upazila, (8) Baubila Beel, (9) Bordubi Beel, (10) Dashedi River including estuary with Mrigi River, (11) Raniganj Hatimara Beel, (12) Pekua Beel, (13) Godadanga Beel, (14) Kaida Beel under Nalka upazila, (15) Mafijee River including Daishakhali, (16) Kachhimara Dhal Beel, (17) Dadia River and (18) Bara Baisa Beel under Sreebari Upazila. Besides, the Balu-mahals are: (1) Charpakhimari Balumahal under Sherpur Sadar Upazila and (2) Sohagpur Balumahal under Nalitalbari upazila.  
Detailed description, necessary terms and conditions and informations of the above Jal & Balu Mahals will be available from Revenue Section of this district, Offices of all the Upazila Executive Officers and Upazila Land Offices of the district. It may be noted that tender bids not exceeding that of previous year by 25%, will not be accepted. Name of the highest tenderer will be announced in public. Subject to acceptance of the highest tender by the Tender Committee 50% of the tender quoted value should be deposited immediately after closing announcement and the remaining 50% within 7 (seven) days, otherwise the deposited amount will be forfeited to the government.  
Revenue Deputy Collector  
and  
Member Secretary  
District Jal & Balu Mahals  
Tender Committee, Sherpur  
DFP(G)-5988-20/4  
G-457