

Star poultry farm case

**Ershad waived interest for partyman : PP**

The hearing of the charge against former President H M Ershad for his alleged misuse of power in waiving bank interest to the tune of Taka 35 lakh in favour of a poultry farm owned by a Jatiya Party man was deferred on a prayer of the defence, reports BSS.

The special court headed by Judge Mohammad Ali, fixed June 18 the exact date of the hearing.

Former President Ershad and five others including former industries secretary A K M Mosharrar Hossain are accused in this case.

All the accused including Feroze Kabir, one of the directors of the Three Star Poultry Farm at Savar and a JP stalwart in the area were in court. Kabir, still in detention, was produced before the court.

Ramzan Ali, defence lawyer for Feroze Kabir, prayed for the bail of his client and the court granted the appeal against a bond of Taka two lakh.

Public prosecutor Abdur Razzak Khan while dwelling on

the case said the former President Ershad to benefit his partyman Feroze Kabir had waived interest of Taka 35 lakh which was due to Bangladesh Shilpa Bank against its lending to the Three Star poultry. The former President ordered the relief of interest without investigating the case and also in complete disregard to the legal steps taken by the BSB against Three Star poultry farm thus depriving the state exchequer of the resources.

Ramzan Ali claimed that there was no evidence that his client (Feroze Kabir) ever prayed for any relief, nor was he mentioned in 161 (statement made before). Besides, the farm is continuing to pay instalments to the banks regularly as was settled earlier.

Earlier, the defence lawyers drew the attention of the court about the difficulties they were facing in procuring security passes to attend the court. The court asked prosecution to take necessary measures to meet the demand.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia addressing a public meeting at Muradnagar, Comilla, yesterday. — PID photo

**Environment Day**

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being held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The theme of the day reflects the concern of the world leaders and environmentalists who envisage an ecological disaster unless all the nations become active to change their way of development.

In a message on the eve of the day, President Abdur Rahman Biswas emphasised the need for making new efforts for saving the posterity and all species of lives and trees.

The Prime Minister, Begum Khaleida Zia, in her message on the occasion called for making the development of environmental programme a social movement.

In Bangladesh, where the environmental problems are rising steadily, the day will be observed by different organisations with elaborate programmes.

Bangladesh Scouts will take up programmes to make the people aware of the pollution and about the ways to check such pollutions.

The organisations will also bring out processions with posters and festsions. It will also take tree plantation programme and educate people about garbage management and other health issues.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission will hold a discussion meeting at its office at House 8, Road 12, Dhanmondi at 4.30 pm. The State Minister for Environment, Flood, Fisheries and Livestock, Goyeswar Chandra Roy will be the chief guest.

Institute for Environment and Development Studies will bring out a procession from Dhanmondi at 10 am bound for National Press Club where the officials will deliver speeches.

National Awami Party (Bhasani) will hold a discussion on the day at 4 pm at the party office at 295 Elephant Road.

**JU vacation begins June 10**

SAVAR, June 4: All the classes in Jahangirnagar University will be suspended from June 10 to July 25 for the holy Eid-ul-Azha and summer vacation, official source said yesterday, reports BSS.

**Work for autarky : PM**

By Staff Correspondent

HYDERABAD (Comilla), June 4: Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia today urged the countrymen to lend their whole-hearted support to her government for attaining political as well as economic self-sufficiency.

"Cooperate with our nationalist government... inshallah, we will serve you with our toil," she told a public meeting here in the local Shamsul Huq College premises this afternoon.

The Prime Minister made a whirlwind-hop to this remote hamlet from Dhaka to let water flow in the 3.08 kilometre Hyderabad-Burinadi re-excavated canal in Muradnagar upazila of the district.

Presided over by local BNP leader Nurul Islam, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Commerce Minister M K Anwar, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Khondakar Mosharrar Hossain, Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia and Members of the Parliament Manzurul Hasan Munshi and Rabeya Chowdhury.

Begum Zia said that Bangladesh Nationalist Party did not believe in the politics of rhetoric.

She iterated various pro-

grammes initiated by her government for attaining economic emancipation and said that Bangladesh could be self-sufficient if these programmes were implemented.

The PM described the objectives of her government's canal digging programme and said "For Bangladesh canal digging is very important for irrigation, food production, fisheries and afforestation aimed at ecological balance."

"United efforts are needed for the development of the country," she said, "for the country's prosperity, we have to do it all by ourselves... nobody from outside would come up if we don't help ourselves."

Begum Zia mentioned that villages of the country were the main focal point of the development programmes of the BNP government and assured that it would always remain by the side of the people in removing poverty, illiteracy and superstitions.

"Let us show the world that we can change our condition with concerted efforts."

The PM pointed out various measures taken by the BNP government including the compulsory primary education, free education for girls up to class eight, waiving of agricultural loan up to Taka 5,000

and taxes on land up to 25 bhigas.

She also assured that the government would provide necessary assistance in setting up of small and cottage industries in the villages.

The Prime Minister emphasised the need for participation of women in the nation-building efforts saying that "mothers and sisters of the country will have to be involved in the development works."

She called upon the village women to rear up cattle and livestock for help strengthening rural economy.

She pointed out that about Taka 300 to 400 crore was being spent every year for importing powder milk, but the situation could be reversed if we want for dairy farming.

Referring to the booming population of the country, Begum Zia regretted and said "If the population grew bigger at the present rate, a time would soon come when there would be hardly any space in the country for people to stand on."

Earlier, the PM visited the Hyderabad-Burinadi canal and released its water flow. She also released fry in the canal and planted a quick-growing shishu sapling on the bank.

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**Lanka denies Indian move to overthrow Premadasa**

COLOMBO, June 4: Sri Lanka today denied press reports that India was trying to overthrow President Ranasinghe Premadasa and destabilise Colombo by funding a pro-opposition press. Bradman Weerakoon, International Affairs Advisor to Premadasa, said that to the best of his knowledge there was no truth in the allegation first made by Tamil Tiger guerrillas and given wide coverage in the state-run press, reports AFP.

**Cory declares state of calamity in 3 provinces**

MANILA, June 4: President Corason Aquino today declared a state of calamity in three provinces in the northern Philippines threatened by mudflows from the mount Pinatubo volcano. Executive secretary Franklin Drilon said Aquino cited Zambales, Tarlac and Pampanga provinces, and Angeles city, all in danger of being swamped by tonnes of mud and rocks that heavy rains could unleash from the slopes of Pinatubo, reports Reuter.

**Walesa demands dismissal of PM**

WARSAW, June 4: Polish President Lech Walesa called on parliament to dismiss Prime Minister Jan Olszewski without delay, a presidential statement said today. The demand follows distribution by the government to deputies of a top secret list of politicians and officials suspected of being former secret police agents, reports Reuter.

**UCBL**

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tors loaned the money from UCBL and invested it at Rajshahi Steel and Engineering Works.

According to existing law, if any director of any banking institution wants to take loan for any of his enterprise from banks, he requires permission of the BB.

According to BB sources, the central bank was further investigating into some other allegations of irregularities against the UCBL. The sources, however, did not elaborate on the allegations.

This is the third financial institution found involved in malpractices after the Bangladesh Commerce and Investment (BCI) and National Credit Limited (NCL) during the last two months.

Akhtaruzzaman Babu is an Awami League MP elected from Anwara thana of Chittagong.

**Israeli jets raid Palestinian base**

TYRE (Lebanon), June 4: Israeli helicopter gunships rocketed a suspected Palestinian guerilla base AP.

**Concern over BJC move to sell jute**

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Jute Association (BJA) and Bangladesh Jute Exporters Association (BJEA) expressed their concern at the decision of Bangladesh Jute Corporation (BJC) to sell about two lakh bales of raw jute through tender in the international market.

A joint meeting of these two associations Thursday viewed that the decision had been taken when the local jute mills are about to be closed down due to scarcity of raw jute.

The meeting also urged the authorities concerned to see that the raw jute are not sold below the export price check (EPC) for the protection of the country's interest.

It also decided to hold a jute convention for implementing a sound policy on all the issues relating to jute.

The meeting held at the BJA office was presided over by the president of BJA, M A Wadud.

**11 more killed in Kabul as truce fails**

KABUL (Afghanistan) June 4: Rival factions agreed to a cease-fire early Thursday, but broke the fragile truce within hours, killing at least 11 people and wounding more than 100 others, reports AP.

The Islamic caretaker government said that if the two warring sides do not work out a permanent truce by Friday, the loyal militia and rebel forces will intervene.

**DUTA**

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the department's academic committee and DUTA executive committee.

The meeting also expressed deep concern at the publication of defamatory news items in a section of dailies on a senior teacher of the department sidetracking the real incident.

It also expressed resentment for not taking any action against those who had assaulted teachers in the past and demanded that those incidents be enquired into and the culprits punished.

Meetings of the university syndicate and the disciplinary board will remain outside the purview of the strike, said a DUTA press release.

**Repatriation talks**

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sions, sources said. They refused to elaborate at this stage.

Security arrangements in and around the areas where the refugees are camped, activities of NGOs working there, environmental and social problems figured prominently in the deliberations, they said.

Cabinet Secretary Ayubur Rahman, Home Secretary Lutfulahil Majid, Director General of Forces Intelligence Major General Nasim, Additional Foreign Secretary Mahmud Ali were among others who attended the meeting.

**Water crisis**

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cent was "technical loss" and around 30 per cent was "non-technical loss".

According to him technical losses included leakage in pipeline, connection without meter, and ineffectiveness of meter while the non-technical losses were illegal connection and under-billing.

The WASA Chairman said measures were being taken to reduce the system loss and sought cooperation from subscribers.

বিশ্ব পরিবেশ দিবসের প্রত্যাশা সফল হোক

সভ্যতার অগ্রগতির সাথে সাথে:

- \* শিল্প কারখানা বৃদ্ধি পাচ্ছে।
- \* স্থলে জলে যত্রতত্র বর্জ্য নিক্ষেপ হচ্ছে।
- \* ক্ষেত খামারে কীটনাশক ব্যবহার হচ্ছে।
- \* বাস ট্রাক যানবাহনের হাইড্রলিক হর্ন ও কালা ধোয়া, রাস্তার ধূলা, মাঠে নদীর পাড়ে ঝোপের আড়ালে যেখানে সেখানে মলমূত্র ত্যাগে।

পরিবেশকে করছে কলুষিত, জীবনকে করছে অসহনীয়।  
শিশু গর্ভবতী মা সহ সকলের স্বাস্থ্যের করছে অপূরণীয় ক্ষতি।

এর প্রতিকারে আপনিও কি কিছু করতে পারেন? আপনার অবদান অবশ্যই গুরুত্বপূর্ণ।

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**গ্রাহক জরিপ সম্পর্কিত**

**ঢাকা ওয়াসা বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

সিস্টেম লস তথা পানির অপচয় রোধ এবং সরবরাহকৃত পানির সুস্বাদু বন্টন নিশ্চিত করে সর্বোত্তম গ্রাহক সেবার নিশ্চয়তা বিধানের জন্য ঢাকা ওয়াসা ১লা জুন, ১৯৯২ইং হতে "গ্রাহক জরিপ" কার্যক্রম শুরু করেছে। এ কার্যক্রমের অধীনে সম্মানিত গ্রাহকদের সঠিক তালিকা গণনয়ন করে গ্রাহক খতিয়ান বহির সকল এন্ট্রি আপডেট করার ব্যবস্থা নেয়া হবে।

পানির অপচয় রোধ ও সুস্বাদু বন্টন নিশ্চিত করার লক্ষ্যে বিভিন্ন তথ্য ও উপাত্ত সংগ্রহের জন্য নির্বাচিত উপদেষ্টা ফর্ম "মেসার্স একোয়া কনসালটেন্ট" এর প্রতিনিধি সরেজমিনে কাজ করার সময় প্রতিটি গ্রাহকের হোল্ডিং পরিদর্শন করবেন।

সার্বিক জনস্বার্থে পরিচালিত ঢাকা ওয়াসার উক্ত কার্যক্রমকে সফল করার জন্য বৈধ পরিচয়পত্র প্রদর্শন সাপেক্ষে কর্তব্যরত সকলকে আন্তরিক সহযোগিতা প্রদানের জন্য জনসাধারণের প্রতি ঢাকা ওয়াসা বিশেষ অনুরোধ জানাচ্ছে।

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