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NEWS BRIEFS

Khaleda hands over cheque
RAJSHAHI, July 1: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Wednesday handed over a cheque for Tk one lakh to Mir Modasser Ali, father of Ruhul Kabir, former VP of the Engineering University Central Students Union who drowned in the Buriganga, reports BSS.

Ashura on July 12
The holy Ashura will be observed on July 12 as Muharram 10 will fall on that day, the National Moon Sighting Committee at its meeting Wednesday decided.
According to Islamic Foundation, the Moon Sighting Committee at its meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs yesterday reviewed reports from district administrations, district and divisional offices of Islamic Foundation and Meteorological Department and found that the moon of the holy month of Muharram was not sighted yesterday evening anywhere in Bangladesh due to cloudy sky, reports BSS.

Call to retain name of UZ
President of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Rob) Nur Alam Jiku and its general secretary Prof Humayun Kabir Hiru Wednesday called upon the government to retain the name of upazila. They said that the colonial rulers with the intention to suppress the people had named this administrative unit as thana. The decision to restore the colonial name was contrary to the values of freedom and democracy, they said, report BSS.

Jamaat walks out, JP abstains from JS AL-led Opposition joins session

By Staff Correspondent

The Awami League (AL)-led Opposition, ending eighty-day boycott, came back to parliament yesterday. But the much expected normalcy was disrupted again as Jatiya Party continued with its abstention and as Jamaat-e-Islami staged a walkout.

The session, delayed by 45 minutes, began at 4.45 pm with Speaker Shaikh Razzag Ali in the chair. With the seats of JP members empty and galleries full of visitors, the House gave a very lively look. Leading a mini-procession, Sheikh Hasina, Leader of the Opposition, entered the House. Immediately after the rituals were over, Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the House rose to inform that the Treasury Bench and the boycotting Opposition Bench have reached an understanding to make positive contributions to institutionalise and consolidate democracy.

Reading out the joint declaration signed by the ruling party and the Opposition, Prof Chowdhury said active participation of all member in the proceedings of the House could make positive contribution to resolve the social, economic and political problems including poverty alleviation.

The words of Prof Chowdhury were widely acclaimed by the members of



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina and other MPs proceeding to join the budget session yesterday. — Star photo

Budget can't be satisfactory to all: Saifur

By Staff Correspondent

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman Wednesday said that the government's choice would be an 'in-between system' of the command economy and the market-oriented economy.

Regarding withdrawal of protection from various industrial sectors, the Finance Minister said these were in fact the process of 'shock therapy' to bring potentiality in the economy.

Protection was being given to the local industries since long, but those did not respond positively, Saifur Rahman said, adding that rather, in some cases, it went against the interest of the consumers.

He also said that the government would enact a law for protecting the interest of the consumers soon.

The Finance Minister was exchanging views with the country's leading businessmen at a meeting organised by the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI).

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PM's selection to get priority in nationalising schools, colleges

By Staff Correspondent

The Government plans to nationalise one college and one secondary school in those thanas which do not have such public institutions.

Replying to a supplementary question, the Education Minister told the Parliament that 300 schools will be nationalised in the first three years and another 100 in the fourth year.

The minister said only those institutions will get priority which the Prime Minister will select for nationalisation.

This comment of the minister immediately attracted volleys of criticisms from the Opposition bench.

Suranjit Sengupta of Ganatantri Party said such process of priority is undemocratic and said the former President Ershad also used similar methods.

Tofael Ahmed of Awami League said declaration of the Prime Minister can not be the nationalisation policy.

The Education Minister See Page 12 Col 7

Turn tree planting into a social movement: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Wednesday inaugurated the national tree plantation campaign with a clarion call to give the afforestation programme the shape of a social movement, reports BSS.

Begum Khaleda Zia initiated the campaign at two programmes organised to mark the occasion in the capital and Rajshahi. Both the programmes were organised by the Forest and Environment Ministry.

In Dhaka, the Prime Minister said we want to turn tree planting campaign into a strong social movement and urged the political social organisations to supplement government efforts. She hoped they would include it in their See Page 12 Col 7



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia inaugurating the week-long afforestation programme by planting a sapling at Old Airport in the city yesterday. — PID photo

DU announces Tk 46.44 cr budget

By DU Correspondent
Professor Shahiduddin Ahmed, Treasurer of Dhaka University yesterday announced Tk 46.44 crore budget for fiscal 1992-93 with a deficit of Tk 6.97 crore.

Revenue income for the fiscal '92-'93 has been estimated at Tk 40.88 crore of which Tk 35.50 crore will be provided by the government while about Tk 5.38 will be collected from the university's internal resources.

The budget was announced on the third day of the annual session of DU Senate with Vice-Chancellor Professor Maniruzzaman Miah in the chair.

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Ex-UZ chairman of Habiganj killed in city

By Staff Correspondent
A former upazila chairman of Habiganj district was stabbed to death at Fulbaria in the city last night.

The victim, Abdus Samad Chowdhury, 35, a former chairman of Lakhai upazila came to Fulbaria Super Market where some unidentified miscreants stabbed him repeatedly and left the spot at around 8:15 last night.

Fatally injured Abdus Samad was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors on duty declared him dead.

When contacted Motijheel police acknowledged the incident but failed to give details.

Abdus Samad came to Dhaka from Lakhai last Tuesday. It was suspected that he was murdered following a previous quarrel. The victim left behind his wife and two children.

North-South gas pipeline Govt to compensate \$14m for delaying project

By Inam Ahmed

The government has finally decided to pay 14 million US dollar as compensation for delay of the north-south gas pipeline project to Saipem, the Italian contractor of the project.

However, Saipem has shown its strong resentment against certain term of the government for payment of the money, according to concerned sources.

The term which came under fire is that the government will have the right to realise full amount of compensation from Saipem if the firm is later found to be responsible for the delay.

The pipeline laying work was supposed to be completed by April, 1991 but was delayed by one year. The delay along with the loss of the government was due to the negligence of a section of Petrobangla officials in signing the contract, according to the sources.

Sources said the compensation has not yet been fully paid to Saipem. Only two million US dollar and Taka 70 million has so far been given to Saipem by the government.

Concerned sources said Saipem may put pressure on the government through the World Bank and the company may also go for arbitration.

Sources said Bangladesh could have easily avoided the loss in compensation if Petrobangla acted according to the legal agreement between the government and the IDA.

The agreement clearly stated that no contract shall be awarded until the right-of-way (ROW) for laying pipeline has been acquired.

However, Petrobangla for some mysterious reasons, hurriedly awarded the contract to Messrs Saipem of Italy on February, 1990 without acquiring the ROW for the work.

On June 1990, ROW was given for only two kilometers although the full work of the N-S pipeline was supposed to be completed during the 1990-91 dry season ending on April 30, 1991.

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'Public trial' of Golam Azam on British TV

MANCHESTER (England), July 1: British Television channel, Granada TV, organised a programme on Bangladesh's controversial Jamaat leader Prof Golam Azam this week, reports UNB.

The programme, "Public Trial" of Professor Golam Azam, telecast on Sunday (June 28), was thrown to an audience comprising Bangladeshis.

Renowned journalist Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury, who is editor of a local Bangla weekly — Purbodosh, presented the Golam Azam case for the prosecution. Prof Golam Azam was defended by his eldest son Mamun Al-Azam.

Gaffar Chowdhury accused the Jamaat leader of collaborating with the Pakistani army in murder, rape and torture during the Liberation War in 1971.

He argued that Golam Azam could not be tried earlier as he had fled the country. More See Page 12 Col 6

Rathajatra today

The Hindu community will celebrate today (Thursday) the Rathajatra (chariot festival) of Shree Shree Jagannath Dev with due religious fervour, reports BSS.

Chariots will be drawn on the day in different areas of the country. The chariot drawing rite will be followed by colourful processions participated by the devotees.

According to the Hindu mythology, God Jagannath Dev rode on the chariot on the day for showering blessings to mankind for establishing their rights.

The other programmes to mark the day include fair, cultural function, circus and puppet show.

About 700 families of the effected thanas took shelter on the nearby flood control embankments.

About 200 houses in eight See Page 12 Col 6

Transport strike called off

By Staff Correspondent

The striking group of of Industrial Relation Ordinance and putting the workers under bailable section after any fatal accident.

Manjurul Ahsan Khan, the executive president of the federation called the workers to operate their vehicles and the strike was near-collapse following the call.

But the supporters of the strike started attacking the passengers vehicles around the capital with petrol bombs to enforce the strike that left at least 200 passengers and drivers injured and over 100 vehicles damaged.

One driver Shahidullah injured earlier in the attack, died Wednesday at a private clinic, federation sources said.

A group of striking leaders led by federation president Wazuddin Khan Wednesday called on Communication Minister Oli Ahmed at his residence and announced their withdrawal, federation said.

Meanwhile, one federation source said that the leaders of pro and anti-strike groups will have talks for the patch-up of the almost splitting federation.

Floods engulf vast areas of Sherpur, Jamalpur

Onrush of flood water from the hilly areas coupled with incessant rains inundated vast areas in the Brahmaputra basin while erosion left several thousand people homeless, reports UNB.

According to reports reaching in Dhaka 20 villages in four thanas of Jamalpur district have been inundated over the last 24 hours ending 6 pm yesterday.

Seven villages in Madarganj, seven in Islampur and three each in Dewanganj and Bakshiganj thanas were submerged.

The Brahmaputra flowing by the town swelled 21cm while river Jamuna rose close to danger mark near Bahadurabad Ghat in Dewanganj thana. Water Development Board sources said.

With the rise of water level, erosion by the Jamuna intensified further, threatening the existence of Madarganj thana and health complexes.

Erosion by the Jamuna has rendered 10,000 families homeless and engulfed 15,000 acres of land in the thana over the last one year, official sources said. Some 50 families of Pullakandi were made homeless in the last two days.

A vast area in Sherpur district also went under water following incessant rain over the last two days.

River Sumeruati at Jhinagati, Karnajura at Sreebordi and Mregi at Sherpur recorded sharp rise.

UNB correspondent from Pabna reports: At least 1,000 families in five thanas of greater Pabna were rendered homeless by two mighty rivers — the Padma and the Jamuna — during the last three days.

The erosion victims are of Kaziপুর, Belkuchi and Chowhal thanas in Sirajganj and Sujanager thana in Pabna districts, WDB sources said.

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড

ঢাকা।

বিষয় : মূল্য সংযোজন কর-এর আওতায় নিবন্ধন সংক্রান্ত বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি।

আবগারী থেকে স্থানান্তরিত ও নতুন অন্তর্ভুক্ত ভ্যাটারের আওতাধীন পণ্য

চলতি বাজেটে দেশে উৎপাদিত সিগারেট, প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস, সিগারেস ও চুকট, জরদা, শেফিং, চৌবাকা, চৌবাকা ডাষ্ট, পেট্রোলিয়ামজাত দ্রব্যাদি, শূণ ও রৌপ্যের দোকানদার, ইট, গয়লা প্রদত্ত সেবা, শীমা শিল্প, ক্রিয়াশীল ও অক্রিয়াশীল সংস্কা, কুরিয়র সার্ভিস, চিকিৎসা প্রতিষ্ঠান এবং বিডিটি পার্লার- এর ক্ষেত্রে ১লা জুলাই '৯২ থেকে মূল্য সংযোজন কর ব্যবস্থা বলবৎ হয়েছে।

২। মূল্য সংযোজন কর আইনের ১৫ ধারা অনুযায়ী উপরোক্ত পণ্য উৎপাদনকারী বা সেবা প্রদানকারী যে সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের বার্ষিক টার্নওভার বা মোট বিক্রয় মূল্য ৫ লক্ষ টাকা বা তার উপরে সে সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের বাধ্যতামূলকভাবে স্থানীয় মূল্য সংযোজন কর কর্তৃপক্ষের নিকট নিবন্ধিত হতে হবে এবং নতুন ব্যবস্থায় নির্ধারিত সকল হিসাবপত্র রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ করতে হবে। নিবন্ধনের আবেদনপত্র মুদ্রিত অবস্থায় স্থানীয় কাগজ, একসায়েজ ও ভ্যাট সার্কেলের সুপার বা বিভাগীয় সহকারী/ডেপুটি কম্পিউটারিস্টের দস্তার থেকে সরবরাহ করা হচ্ছে। এর জন্য কোন মূল্য নেয়া হবে না। এছাড়া নিবন্ধনের জন্য কোন ফিও প্রদান করতে হবে না। একবার নিবন্ধিত হলে ব্যবসা চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত আর নিবন্ধন নবায়নের প্রয়োজন হবে না।

৩। একই স্থানে কোন শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠান একাধিক পণ্য উৎপাদন করলেও সকল উৎপাদিত পণ্যের ক্ষেত্রে একক হিসাব রক্ষণ ব্যবস্থা থাকলে শুধুমাত্র উক্ত শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠানের জন্য একাধিক নিবন্ধন সংখ্যা গ্রহণ করতে হবে। তবে একই মালিকানাধীন এক বা একাধিক পণ্য উৎপাদনের জন্য ভিন্ন ভিন্ন উৎপাদন স্থল হলে প্রতিটি ক্ষেত্রেই আলাদা আলাদা নিবন্ধন সংখ্যা গ্রহণ করতে হবে।

টার্নওভার করার ৪। আওতাধীন প্রতিষ্ঠানের সার্কেলে তালিকাভুক্ত হওয়া সংক্রান্ত

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৫। মূল্য সংযোজন কর, টার্নওভার কর এবং কুটির শিল্পের নিবন্ধন ও তালিকাভুক্তি সম্পর্কে উপরোক্ত তথ্যাদি ছাড়াও মূল্য সংযোজন কর আইন এর অধীনে প্রণীত বিধি বা বোর্ড কর্তৃক জারিকৃত আদেশাবলী বিভিন্ন প্রকার নিয়মাবলী বর্ণিত আছে। ভবিষ্যতে আইনের কোন প্রকার অমিলতা রোধকল্পে স্থানীয় মূল্য সংযোজন কর কার্যালয়ের সাথে যোগাযোগ করে নিবন্ধন বা তালিকাভুক্ত করা সম্পর্কিত আনুষ্ঠানিকতা অবিলম্বে সম্পন্ন করার জন্য সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ সকলকে পরামর্শ দেওয়া যাচ্ছে।

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