

Kamal visits MP

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal ibne Yusuf Thursday visited Nazrul Islam MP who is now under treatment in the Combined Military Hospital (CMH), Dhaka, reports BSS.

The Minister stayed by the bedside of the injured MP for some time and inquired about his health and medicare.

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'Rigid government control over private university may discourage sponsors'

Rigid government control over private university as provided in the bill passed in parliament may discourage the sponsors who have taken initiative for setting up university, reports UNB.

The provisions are extremely discouraging and we will think again in view of too much control of the government, said the sponsors of the proposed North South

University.

Reacting sharply to the passage of the Private University Bill in parliament Wednesday night, they said private university in other countries is free from government control.

President of the University Muslehuddin Ahmed, president of the Board of Governors Ifekharul Alam, M A Khasem and M A Awal were talking to newsmen.

The sponsors referred to the provisions of appointments, mobilisation of funds, role of the University Grants Commission and said all such restrictions frustrate the every purpose of privatisation.

It will see the fate of the government industrial policy which failed to attract investment because of bureaucratic red tapism despite the pious wishes of the government, commented a sponsor of the university.

He said government control is unwarranted since the sponsors are committed to running the university on no-profit basis. Moreover, foreign assistance will not come forward under such rigid control.

The sponsors expressed surprise to find such provisions in the Private University Bill. We have advanced a lot in fact, we are about to look the university, being encouraged by the government in our discussions for the last two years, they said.

Now we see many discouraging factors were included in the bill, may be at the behest of the bureaucrats, to frustrate the government policy, they added.

The sponsors of the North South University urged the government to revise the bill so that investors feel encouraged in setting up private universities.

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Dr. S. A. Malek speaking at a discussion meeting organised by Sonar Bangla Parishad in the city yesterday. —Star photo

Two new bacteria required for higher yield of rice identified

A Bangladeshi soil scientist has isolated and identified two new species of bacteria which are most efficient to fix atmospheric nitrogen in rice plants required for increase of yield.

The two bacteria collected from the soils in the flood plains of Brahmaputra and Ganges were named MRB16 (Azospirillum Lipoferum) and MRG3 (Pseudomonas Vesicularis) respectively.

The scientist, Dr. Mustafizur Rahman, Assistant Prof of Soil Science, Dhaka University, told BSS that the most active varieties of rice associated with these bacteria were BR 14 and BR 11 for the Boro and Aman rice seasons respectively.

He did the work under collaborative research programme between Dhaka University and the National Scientific Research Centre (CNRS), France on "Biological nitrogen fixation associated with rice".

Dr Rahman, who is the coordinator of the joint research programme, said biological nitrogen fixation was important in rice farming systems because it was an inexpensive source of nitrogen for higher yields. Expensive chemical fertilizers (urea) used for adding nitrogen to plants had numerous human health and environmental effects, he added.

Dr Rahman stated the work in 1986-87 and now giving trials in the farmers fields in DND and Savar in Dhaka, Hajipur in Kishoreganj and in the rice research institute in Joydebpur.

Dr Rahman said field inoculation of rice using invitro selected bacterial strain could increase the yield with normal recommended fertilizer dose or maintaining the same yield by decreasing fertilizer consumption.

According to the inoculation technique the bacteria are multiplied in the laboratory upto 1000 million per millilitre bacterial suspension.

Water soaked germinated rice seeds are put overnight in a large basin in contact with this bacterial suspension and are sown in the seed bed next morning.

Before transplanting in production fields the young plantlets of the inoculated seeds are re-inoculated by dipping their roots in similar bacterial suspension so that each plant could receive minimum one million bacteria.

Already such inoculum for leguminous crops are being produced in power form by Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear

Agriculture (BINA).

Similar technology could be used for producing inoculum for rice plants in near future, Dr Rahman said.

He said field experiments in Egypt showed that a same level of yield was obtained by adding 70 kg nitrogen fertilizer or alternatively by inoculating the plant using only 25 kg nitrogen fertilizer per hectare. The effect of inoculation was thus equivalent to the use of 45 kg nitrogen fertilizer per hectare at this level of yield.

He said inoculation of rice plant in Africa increased the yield by about 22 per cent. Similar studies were also being carried out in Vietnam, he added.

Dr Rahman said by using excess chemical fertilizers yield could be increased but many essential elements, minerals and vitamins in the grains were reduced except carbohydrates.

He said scientists had new opportunities to improve the productivity, profitability and stability of rice farming system on an ecologically sustainable basis. But utilisation of these opportunities would depend on the scientific strategies and priorities, and on the political commitment of the government and initiative of the industrialists to feed the growing population while saving the scarce land and protecting the treatment ecology.

Hasan Ahmed made envoy to Belgium

S Hasan Ahmed, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, has been appointed Ambassador of Bangladesh to Belgium, reports UNB.

He will be concurrently accredited to the Netherlands, Luxembourg and the European Community in Brussels, said a press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday.

Ahmed has been serving as secretary to the government for the last eight years. He has worked in the ministries of commerce, communications, health and family welfare, and textiles before joining the prime minister's office as the principal secretary.

Biswas visits Anisur's residence

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Thursday night visited the residence of Defence Secretary late Anisur Rahman at Gulshan here, reports BSS.

The President consoled the family members of late Rahman and expressed his heartfelt sympathy to them.

Students' rally protests killing of Shafiq

The students of Siddhswari Degree College yesterday held a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club to protest the killing of student leader Shafiq, reports BSS.

Presided over by Mohammad Badul Alam, Principal of the college, the rally was addressed, among others, by Nurunnabi Chowdhury and Moshfeque Jamil Kakon, Vice-President and General Secretary respectively of the Chhatra Sangsad and student leaders Shah Alam, Shahidul Kabir Bipul, Mukbul Sarkar and Gazi Mehdi, according to a press release.

Defence secretary dead

Defence Secretary Anisur Rahman died of heart attack here Thursday, reports UNB.

Rahman feel unconscious at the Cabinet Secretary's office while attending an inter-ministerial meeting in the afternoon.

He was immediately rushed to the Combined Military Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Late Anisur Rahman, who left behind his wife and a daughter, was born on April 1, 1938 in Rangpur.

He joined the erstwhile civil service of Pakistan (CSP) in 1963 and held many important assignments including Additional Secretary in-charge of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Secretary, Ministry of Food and Secretary, Science and Technology Division.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Gulshan Central Mosque after Jumma prayers today (Friday) and he will be buried at Banani graveyard.

Gulshwani of the deceased will be held at his residence at House No 434, Road No 103, Gulshan on Sunday after Asr prayers.

Death condoled

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday expressed his profound shock at the premature death of Defence Secretary Anisur Rahman, reports BSS.

In a condolence message, the President said that late Anisur Rahman was a dedicated and sincere government officer who died while he was working. President Biswas said at his death, the country had lost an able and efficient civil servant.

President expressed his sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

UNB adds: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday expressed deep shock at the sudden death of Defence Secretary Anisur Rahman who died at the Combined Military Hospital last morning following a heart attack.

In a condolence message the Prime Minister said the country lost an efficient administrative officer with the death of Anisur Rahman.

Begum Zia also expressed deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

Jalalabad Chhatra Kalyan Samity gives 64 stipends

The Dhaka Biswabiddalaya Jalalabad Chhatra Kalyan Samity and foundation recently provided 64 scholarships to the students of the district of Jalalabad studying in Dhaka University and other institutions in the capital, says a press release.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman presented the stipends to the students in a ceremony held at the Shishu Academy auditorium. Presided over by the chairman of the foundation, Dewan Muhammad Azfar, the Secretary, External Resources Division (ERD), Enam Ahmed Choudhury, was also present on the occasion.

Addressing the function, Saifur Rahman urged the well-to-do people of the greater Sylhet region to help increase the stipend fund of the foundation to about Taka 30 lakh as a one time stipend of Taka 800 Taka 1000 is not enough.

Both the Finance Minister and the ERD Secretary became life-time members of the foundation and donated Taka 10,000 each to the scholarship fund.

In addition, Shafi Ahmed Choudhury donated Taka 30,000 to the fund which will be used to provide scholarships to five students every year. The scholarships will be named after late Khan Bahadur Gausuddin Ahmed Choudhury and Sara Khatun Choudhury.

Dewan Azfar called on people of the greater Sylhet districts to come forward to inspire higher education of the students of the region.

Others who spoke on the occasion included S M Elias, treasurer of the foundation, Elias Ali, general secretary of JCD, Shamsul Huq, general secretary of the foundation, and Ziaul Islam, vice president of the samity.

Govt plans to double pry teachers' allowance

The government is considering doubling the monthly allowance of primary school teachers to Tk 1,000, the Education Minister said in parliament Thursday, reports UNB.

Barrister Zamruddin Sircar also informed the House that 4,000 more private primary schools would be given registration shortly.

Responding to a resolution by Awami League MP Abdul Awal Mia, the minister said Tk 2 crore would be needed for nearly 44,000 teachers of 11,000 primary schools if the present allowance is doubled.

Sircar said he had already talks with the Finance Minister for the required funds for enhancing the allowance. The proposal would be considered after availability of the fund, he added.

Awal Mia proposed that the allowance of primary school teachers should be enhanced to 1000 from Tk 500 on humanitarian ground.

Teachers are considered as the architect of the nation, but today they are facing severe economic hardship. They need justice," Mia said.

However, the resolution was sent to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Education Ministry on mutual understanding between the minister and the MP.

JU employees threaten work abstention

JU Correspondent

Employees of Jahangirnagar University threatened to launch work abstention if their demands were not fulfilled by August 31.

The employees, however, resumed work yesterday putting an end to their four-day work stoppage with the declaration of the presidents of Employees Union and Employees Association.

In a press release Thursday president of Employees Union Rafiul Alam and president of Employees Association Md Bashir said "The administration has assured that they would consider our demands by the end of this month. We would not be responsible for the consequences if our demands are not fulfilled by the given dead line," they added.

Employees of Jahangirnagar University were observing three-hour work stoppage daily from August 1, demanding the repeal of the Promotion Act which allows only one thirds of the employees to get promotion in a fiscal year.

Several hundred representatives from different districts attended the opening session of the council with acting president Mozful Islam in the chair.

The representatives reiterated that he authorities should implement the agreement signed with the union earlier.

Representative council of BADC begins

By Staff Correspondent

The two-day representatives council of the BADC Employees Union began on Thursday at the auditorium of Dhaka District Sports Association.

The council would elect a new committee for the next two years.

This was one of the six unions in Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC) which won the Collective Bargaining Agent (CBA) election last year.

BADC has around 14,000 employees countrywide.

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Dhaka College Rover Scouts

Dhaka College Rover Scouts organised a blood donation programme at the college auditorium Thursday at 9 am.

Vice Principal of the college AKM Motammin Rashid inaugurated the programme while it was attended, among others, by National Deputy Commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts Rafiqul Islam Khan, Joint Secretary of Rover Regional Scouts Sayedur Rahman, Nurul Huda and teachers and students of the college.

A total of 128 bags of blood were collected in the programme.

Jatiya Sramik Jote

A workers' meeting of the Tongi regional unit of Jatiya Sramik Jote was held Wednesday at the Sultan Market compound of the area.

The meeting presided over by S M Idris, Convener of the preparatory body for the forthcoming conference was addressed, among others, by Suru Mia, Abdul Quader Bachchu, Mantaz Mia and the representatives of various industries.

Jatiya Sramik Party

President and General Secretary of the Jatiya Sramik Party Shah Mohammad Abu Zafar and M A Gafur in a statement Thursday demanded restoration of peaceful atmosphere at Adamjee and other industrial areas.

They alleged that the BNP and its labour organisation was involved in brutal repression

HRJFB

Human Rights Journalists Forum of Bangladesh (HRJFB) organised a discussion meeting Thursday at a city hotel on the occasion of Hiroshima Day.

The meeting presided over by its Chairman Montaz Ahmed was addressed, among others, by Secretary General Khairuzaman Kamal, Joint Secretary General Martuza Haider Liton, Research and Publicity Secretary Sakir Ahmed and Aminur Rahman Taz.

Speakers at the meeting called upon all to boost public opinion against war and all other acts which go against human rights.

BIBM

A 18-day course on 'Frauds, Forgeries and Malpractices in Banks and Financing Institutions' organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) concluded on Thursday.

Presided over by the Director General of BIBM AHM Nurul Islam Chowdhury the concluding session was addressed among others, by Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank Shah Abdul Hannan and Chairman of Press Institute of Bangladesh Gazi Shamsur Rahman.

A total of 35 participants from banks, directorate of commercial audit and department of police attended the course.

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Tender documents are obtainable from (i) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka and (ii) Accounts Department, NGFF, Fenchuganj, bill 18892.

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9.00	World News
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11.00	News Headlines
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12 Noon	World News
12.25	Strange Affairs Of ...
1.00	World News
1.30	Business Morning
2.00	World News
2.25	Zoo 2000 (r)
3.00	World News
3.05	999 (r)
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4.00	World News Day
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6.00	World News
6.25	QED (r)
7.00	World News
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8.00	World News
8.25	News from London
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8 am	The Raccoons
8.30	Cartoon Classics: Casper
9.00	Wide World of Kids
9.30	Great Space Coaster
10.00	Just For The Record
10.30	Jupiter Moon
11.00	Attitudes
12 Noon	Image Workshop
1.00	Santa Barbara
2.00	The Bold & The Beautiful
2.30	Donahue
3.30	Environmental Documentary
4.00	War on Wildlife
4.30	Dr Fad Show
5.00	Butterfly Island
5.30	Great Space Coaster
6.00	Jupiter Moon
6.30	Just For The Record
7.00	Fly On Spain: Costa Blanca
7.30	Fashion File
8.00	The Irish RM
8.30	Hollywood Stars: Curly Sue
9.00	Capital News
10.00	Newhart
10.30	The Bold & The Beautiful
11.00	Santa Barbara
12 MN	Lifestyle Of The Rich & Famous
12.50	Hollywood Stars: This is a Movie: The Fearless Hyena
1.00	TP
2.30	WKRP in Cincinnati
3.00	St Elsewhere
4.00	White Shadow
5.00	Who's Line is it Anyway?
5.30	Runaway With The Rich & Famous
6.00	Adventure Documentary
6.30	'Right Up The Zipper'
7.00	Kidsgang
7.30	Commander Crumbeake

PRIME SPORTS

9 am	MTVVA Barcelona
10.00	MTV's Most Wanted
11.00	Classic MTV
12 Noon	Awake on the Wild Side
3.00	VJ Danny McGill
6.00	MTV European Top 20
8.00	The Day In Rock
8.10	VJ Sophia
8.30	Just Say Julie
9.00	MTVVA Barcelona
10.00	MTV's Most Wanted
11.00	Classic MTV
12 MN	MTV European Top 20
2.00	Video Countdown
3.00	VJ Danny McGill
5.00	The Day In Rock
5.10	VJ Sophia
5.30	Just Say Julie
6.00	MTV Party Zone

PRIME SPORTS

8 am	TAKING BB
8.30	PRIME TIME MOTOR SPORT
9.00	THIS WEEK IN NASCAR
10.00	PRIMEBODIES
10.30	BEHIND THE HELMET
11.00	SPORT OVER THE EDGE
12.30	INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORT
1.30	BRITISH MOTORCYCLE GRAND PRIX
From Donington Park	Highlights
4.00	WORLD TEAM POOL BILLIARDS
5.00	WFF WRESTLING SPOTLIGHT
6.00	BUD-PRO SURFING
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