

Death anniversary of Abul Kalam Shamsuddin today

The 15th death anniversary of Abul Kalam Shamsuddin, eminent journalist and leading literary personality will be observed today, reports BSS.

Abul Kalam Shamsuddin served as Editor of Daily Azad, Daily Jihad, Dainik Pakistan and Dainik Bangla. He played an important role as front-runner in the Muslim renaissance movement in the undivided sub-continent, Pakistan movement and its creation.

Establish Islamic ideals in society: Biswas

The President, Abdur Rahman Biswas, yesterday underscored the importance of establishing Islamic principles and ideals in the society for the welfare of the people, reports BSS.

Talking to a 13-member delegation of a socio-cultural organisation 'Dhaka Bash' when they called on him at Bangabhaban, the President said that the message of equality and fraternity taught by Islam required all to contribute to the betterment of the society for the common good of all.

The delegation, led by Abdus Salam, advisor of the organisation apprised the President about their programme on Eid festival including the traditional Eid procession.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia attended an Iftar party hosted by the Bangladesh Air Force at Shenakunja yesterday. — PID photo

Steps taken for diversified use of jute with EEC help

Jute Minister ASM Hannan Shah said here yesterday that the present government had taken steps for the diversified use of jute with the financial and technical assistance of European Economic Community, reports BSS.

Bangladesh can make a break-through in the world market through innovating products of jute for common use, the minister said adding that the country had already made some achievements in this regard.

The minister was addressing a seminar on 'Developing Bangladesh jute products for foreign market' at Sonargaon Hotel in the evening as the chief guest.

Organised by Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) the inaugural session was also addressed by JETRO representative in Bangladesh N Noguchi, BJMC Chairman Moniruddin Ahmed, BJMA Chairman Dr Naimur Rahman, IJO Executive Director M. Shamsul Haque Chisty and UNIDO Country Director GL Narasimhan.

goods produced by Development and Diversified centre at Rangunia, Chittagong, had drawn the attention of the buyers. He stressed the need for publicity to popularise jute goods in the world market.

He called for technological assistance in this field from the developing countries, particularly Japan. He said jute and plastic combination makes jute plastic which provides good material for making furniture.

Hannan Shah said the technology of making paper and pulp from jute was well underway and urged the entrepreneurs to take initiatives to explore these possibilities.

The minister lauded the initiatives of JETRO for organising the seminar on jute at a time when the whole world was reevaluating the prospect of jute as a natural fibre and hoped this seminar would go a long way in enhancing the understanding of the persons involved in jute sector in Bangladesh by sharing their views with the Japanese experts.

Jute carpet expert of Japan Toshio Yamashita, among others, conducted the seminar.

About 140 persons belonging to BJMC, BJMA and different foreign trade centres including Korean Trade Centre (KOTRA) and Australian Trade Centre (AUSTRAC) participated in the seminar.

Bangladesh, according to official sources, is expected to earn Taxa 1,600 crore by exporting around 5 lakh tons of jute goods this year. During the first six months of the current fiscal, the country exported about 2.5 lakh tons of jute goods.

JETRO representative Noguchi, in his welcome address, said that the main mission of his organisation was to support trade between Japan and other countries with a view to achieving balanced global trade.

Keeping this goal in view, Noguchi said since 1973 JETRO Dhaka office was actively involved in supporting the entrepreneurs of Bangladesh in various ways to uplift the standard of their products to meet the demand of world market including Japan.

Gear up activities of Sericulture Board: Mannan

The 15th parliamentary standing committee meeting of the Ministry of Textiles was held here yesterday at the cabinet room of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with State Minister for Textiles Abdul Mannan in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed and reviewed on going development projects undertaken by the Bangladesh Sericulture Board. The meeting approved the minutes of 12th meeting of the committee.

The state minister said sericulture sector is the main sub-sector of Textiles Ministry and this sector had to be developed for the overall development of textiles industry. He called upon all concerned to gear up the activities of Bangladesh Sericulture Board. The meeting stressed the need for increasing the production of mulberry sapling by reducing the production cost aiming at fulfil the demand of silk yearly during 1992-93.

The production target of mulberry sapling is 15 lakh. State minister instructed the concerned authority to achieve the target.

Among others, Abdur Rauf MP, Sahjaban Seraj MP, Sahidullah Khan MP, Abdul Ali Mridha MP, AM Riassat Ali MP, Begum Rabiya Chowdhury MP and Sayed Manjur Hossain MP were present in the meeting.

Besides, AH Mufazzal Karim, Additional Secretary, Incharge of the Ministry of Textiles, Brigadier Golam Rabbani, Chairman, Bangladesh Sericulture Board and the high officials of the Ministry of Textiles and Board were also present.

JB lowers interest rate

Janata Bank further lowered the rate of interest on advances with effect from March 1 93, reports UNB.

The bank which earlier reduced the rate of interest on advances from 4 to 3 per cent during the period from June 92 to December '92, has re-fixed the rate to help assist expansion of trade and industry and stimulate economic activities in the country.

The interest rates on Transport, Cold Storage, Brick manufacturing, FDR/saving certificates, services industries and commercial house building loans, have been reduced to 14 per cent from 18 per cent with effect from 1st March.

Besides interest rate has been lowered from 18 per cent to 14 per cent on advances against work order upto Tk 10.00 lacs.

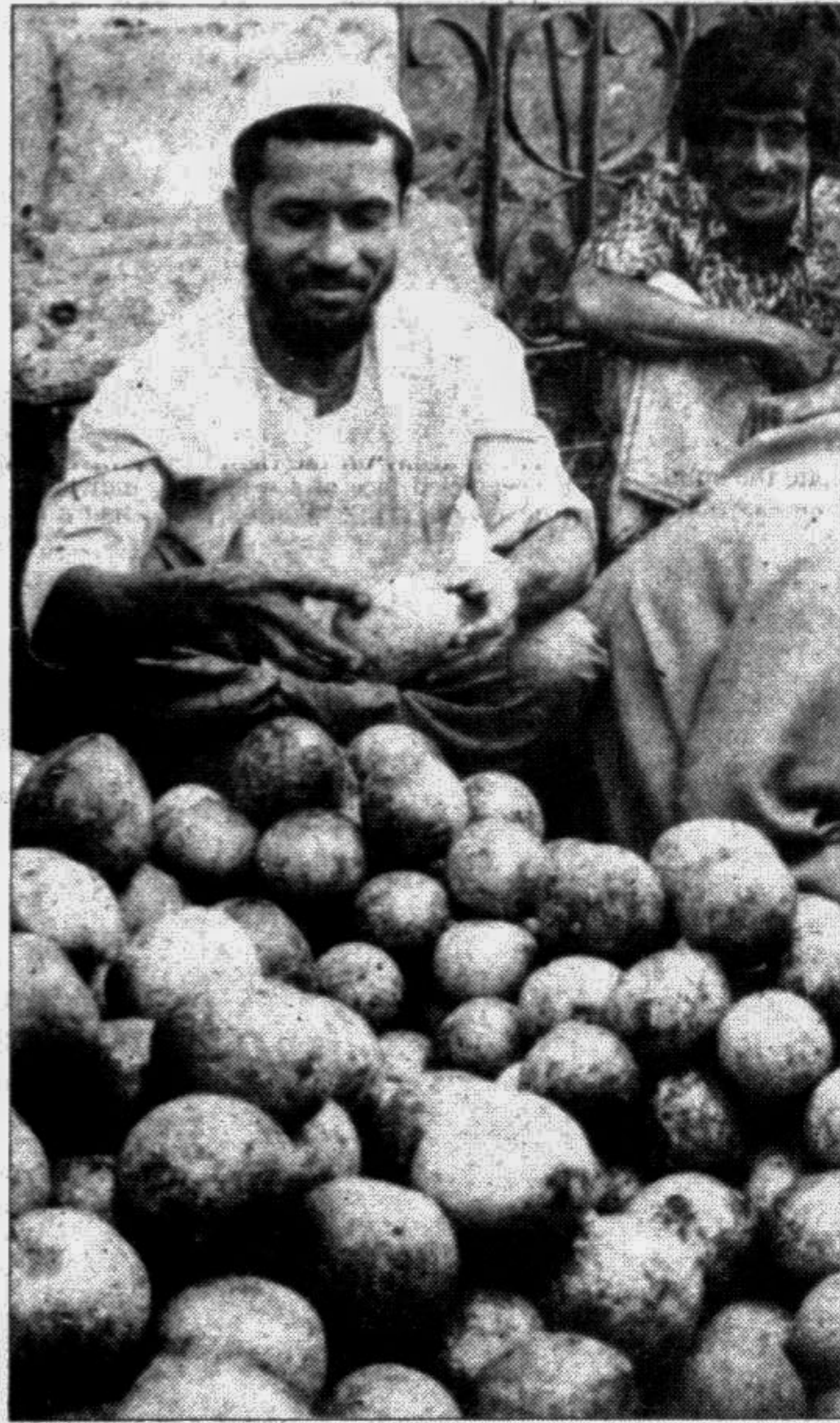
5.20 lakh tonnes of wheat for FWP

The government has sanctioned 5.20 million metric tons of wheat for Food for Works Programme for the current fiscal year, 22,000 tons less than last year's, reports UNB.

A total of 5,42,000 tons of wheat was allocated for the programme during the last fiscal year (1991-92).

The Food for Works Programme includes canal digging, reconstruction of roads and culverts, construction of embankments and reexcavation of derelict ponds.

It also covers Rural Maintenance Programme (RMP) and Post Monsoon Rehabilitation (PMR) programme.



Prices of woodapples despite abundant supply shoot up due to Ramzan. — Star photo

Govt teachers' assoc submits memo to PM

Principal Dr QATM Habibur Rahman and Abu Yusuf, the President and the Secretary General respectively of the BCS General Education Association submitted a memorandum to the office of the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Tuesday soliciting her interference in fulfilling the 16-point demands of the teachers of Govt Colleges, says a press release.

In the memorandum the leaders urged the government for immediate execution of the decisions which were taken in the joint meetings of the Ministry of Education and the Association.

They said that if the decisions were not fulfilled by March 29 the teachers of the cadre will start complete work stoppage from March 31.

Abstention from taking classes, all examinations of the boards and the Universities including the ensuing degree examinations will be with in the hands of the teachers they said.

Australian help for ICDDR, B

The Australian high commissioner to Bangladesh, Richard K Gate, handed over a cheque for Tk 8,177,520 (equivalent of Australian dollars 312,000) as the Australian government's contribution to the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh to Prof Demissie Habte, Director, ICDDR, B yesterday, says a press release.

CUOA polls held

CHITTAGONG, Mar 3: The election of office-bearers of Chittagong University Officers' Association (CUOA) was held yesterday at its office on the campus and the following were elected for different posts, reports BSS.

President — Mizanur Rahman Khan, Vice-President — Nurul Safa Chowdhury, General Secretary — M Abdul Monayem.

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IUBAT

Professor Taiichi Hayashi, of Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University, Japan visited South Asian Disaster Management Centre (SADMC) of International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) recently.

The discussion and exchanges revolved around natural disasters, their causes and mitigations, disaster management related activities of SADMC and Japanese experiences in disaster prevention. Information was exchanged on the programs of the two institutions.

Krishibid Institution

Krishibid Institution, Bangladesh yesterday said the combined efforts of farmers and agriculturists had made possible this year's bumper crop production.

It regretted that parliament members while discussing agriculture and the problems of farmers in the House on Monday had sidetracked the role of agriculturists.

In a statement, Secretary General of the Institution Javed Iqbal said by dint of hard labour the agriculturists had reached modern farm technology to the doorsteps of 60 per cent farmers of the country.

He said planning, research and field level technology transfer by them had contributed to this year's bumper crop production alongside the main role of the farmers.

The Krishibid Institution Secretary General pointed out that three crops were being produced instead of one in many areas of the country as the outcome of research by the agriculturists.

They also innovated new high yielding varieties and technology to tackle natural calamities like flood, drought and cyclone, he added.

He called upon both ruling party and opposition members to inspire the agriculturists, particularly those at the field level, to carry on their duties by recognising their contribution.

BITI

Renowned German theater Director and an expert on Bertolt Brecht Prof Fritz Bennowitz yesterday met the country's noted playwrights, artists and critics to discuss various aspects of drama with special emphasis on Brecht works and philosophy.

Held at the Goethe Institut here the discussion was organized jointly by Bangladesh Centre of the International Theatre Institute (BITI) and the Goethe Institut.

President of BITI Prof Kabir Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer B. Baria PWD Division, B. Baria

Notice Inviting Tender

- 1. Sealed tenders in B.D. Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the approved Special Class-I (One), Class-I (One) Bldg. contractors of PWD, Class-II (Two) Bldg. contractors of PWD Zone, Chittagong & Class-III (Three) Bldg. contractors of PWD Circle, Comilla for the under mentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/Chandpur/Feni/Noakhali/Lakshimpur in their respective office up to 1.00 P.M. on 9.3.1993 and will be opened on the same day at 1.15 P.M. 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.

Executive Engineer B. Baria PWD Division B. Baria

ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশন পানির পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিষ্কার রাখুন আপনার শিশুকে টিকা দিন দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

Dainik Bangla Karmochari Union

Shawpan Devnath and Samsul Alam were elected the President and the General Secretary of Dainik Bangla Karmochari Union.

USMBEWA

Syed Asaduzzaman (Bachchan) and Mir Mohammad Ershadullah have been elected Chairman and General Secretary respectively of the new executive committee of the US Mission Bangladesh Employees Welfare Association (USMBEWA) for 1993-94.

RHD Tender Notice

- 1. Tender Notice No. 02/FD Khulna of 1992-93.
- 2. Name of work : Supplying Electrical spare parts for 75 H. P. Hydromaster/Ford Engine of Daratana Ferryghat under RHD Ferry Sub-Division, Khulna, during the year 1992-93.
- 3. Estimated cost : Tk. 2,50,875/-.
- 4. Earnest money : Tk. 5,020/-.
- 5. Time allowed for completion of work : 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of issue of work order.
- 6. Eligibility of contractors : 'A' to 'C' Gen. category of RHD enlisted contractors, 'D' Class of RHD Ferry Circle, Khulna and 'E' Class of RHD Ferry Division, Khulna.
- 7. Availability of tender schedule : Executive Engineer, RHD, Ferry Division, Khulna/SDE (RHD) Ferry Sub-Division, Khulna (only office hours).
- 8. Last date of selling of tender schedule : 8-03-93/24.11.99.
- 9. Tender receiving offices : Superintending Engineer, RHD, Ferry Circle, Khulna/Executive Engineer, RHD, Ferry Division, Khulna.
- 10. Last date and time for receiving of tender schedule : 9-03-93/25.11.99 at 12-30 PM.
- 11. Date and time of opening of tender schedule : 9-03-93/25.11.99 at 1-00 PM.

Md. Zahir Executive Engineer, RHD Ferry Division, Khulna.



Thursday 4th March (All programmes in local time)

Table of TV programmes including World News, Newsnight, Reportage, etc.



Table of STAR Plus programmes including Force Five, Ovid & The Gang, etc.



Table of MTV programmes including MTV's Most Wanted, Nomic, etc.



Table of PRIME SPORTS programmes including Wednesday Night Soccer, etc.