

7.8 pc fall in system loss : DESA

System loss of the Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) came down to 30.21 per cent in January from 38 per cent in October '91 it was informed at a high level meeting yesterday, reports UNB.

Presided over by Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Khondakar Mosharrar Hossain the meeting was told that the system loss continued to decline.

Lost
My SSC and HSC Markssheets, Roll-Dhaka, No-47668, Year-1981 and Roll-Dhaka, No-1157, Year-1984 respectively of Science group under Dhaka Board have been lost. M Farid Ahmed D-211

Addressing the meeting, attended by senior officials of DESA, the Minister asked to maintain undisturbed power supply and improve the service.

Electricity is a moving force for productivity and there is no alternative to improving and developing this sector, he added.

The minister said the World Bank has recently withdrawn its ban on credit to the power sector in appreciation of a significant improvement.



BJC Officers and Employees Coordination Council staged a rally yesterday in protest against retrenchment of workers. — Star photo

'Baby Corn' ushers in prospect of new cash crop

Trial production of Baby Corn, a hybrid variety of maize, at village Deopara in Kaliganj thana under Narasingdi district ushered the prospect of a new cash crop in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

Baby corn is a short duration crop rich in food value which can be grown round the year. It is taken at immature stage mainly as salad and vegetable and has got wide export market.

Talking to newsmen the enthusiastic farmers at Deopara while harvesting baby corn yesterday said they would cultivate the new crop if it was found more profitable in comparison to other crops.

The Ministry of Agriculture, and the International Fertilizer Development Centre (IFDC) in cooperation with "Pran", trade mark of agricultural marketing Co Ltd, set up the demonstration project on farmers land. IFDC provided the inputs and technical services.

Pran has already planted baby corn on five acres of land on commercial basis and was expected to plant 30 bigha more this year, Chief Executive of Pran Major General Amjad Khan Chowdhury (Retd) said.

To mark harvesting of baby corn the Agricultural Ministry, IFDC and Pran jointly organised a field day yesterday which was followed by a discussion on 'potential of baby corn' held at the premises of Pran food processing industry at Ghorasal.

The discussion was addressed, among others, by Chief Executive of Pran Major

Gen Amjad Khan Chowdhury (Retd), its Technical Consultant Dr S F Rubby, Chief of Party and Director Asia Division of IFDC K L Moots, IFDC Technology Transfer Advisory Farooq Ahmed, Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture Matior Rahman, USAID Representative Larry Paulson, Daily Sangbad Editor Ahmedul Kabir and John H Allgood of IFDC.

Moots said it takes around two months to harvest baby corn with an average yield of 1200 KG per acre.

He said IFDC introduced it in Bangladesh to create more opportunities for the farmers for cash crops.

He said baby corn was first introduced in Japan 30 years ago and the hybrid product was first developed 9 years ago by an American company.

Amjad Khan said they provide all sorts of inputs and technical service to the contract growers and provide buy-

back guarantee.

Farooq Ahmed said under the technical assistance programme of IFDC 75,000 tons of maize was expected to be produced on 1300 acres of land in Rangpur, Dinajpur, Bogra, Pabna and Sherpur areas during the current rabi season. This consisted of 1100 acres of hybrid maize and 200 acres of composite maize.

IFDC was making demonstration cultivation of maize in different areas of the country since 1990-91, he said.

Dr Rubby said Pran food processing factory had canning, juice making and bottling facilities backed by a modern quality control laboratory, they had produced 30,000 can pine apple last year, he added.

Matior Rahman said the government had eased seed import policy and had exempted duty on import of seeds. He said an agreement will be signed soon between the government and USAID on agribusness technology.

RUTA demands reopening of Rajshahi varsity

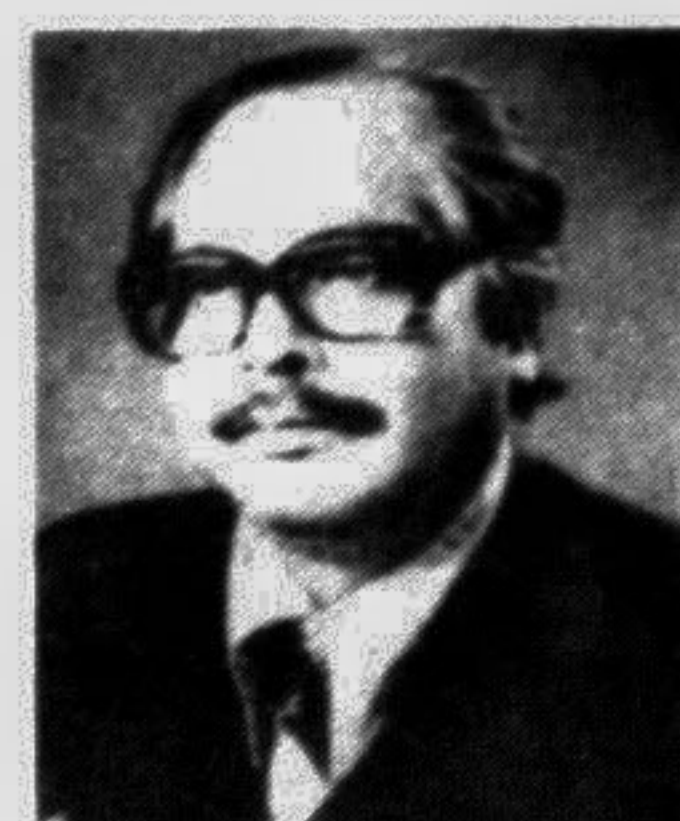
RAJSHAHI, Mar 14: Rajshahi University Teachers Association (RUTA) yesterday reiterated its demand to reopen Rajshahi University immediately for greater national interest, reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference, the President of the Association Prof Kaisuuddin said if the administration took prior appropriate action, the Feb 6 tragic incident could be overcome.

In a written statement, Prof. Kaisuuddin demanded the removal of those responsible for their mishandling the university affairs.

Prof. Kaisuuddin said: we want arms and terrorism free campus for maintaining congenial academic atmosphere in the university.

He also demanded safety and security of life of students before reopening the university.



Alim Al-Razee's anniversary of death today

By Staff Correspondent

The 8th death anniversary of eminent parliamentarian and lawyer Dr Alim Al-Razee will be observed today (Monday).

Different political and socio-cultural organisations will pay tribute to the late leader through offering fatcha and placing floral wreaths at his grave. Discussion meetings will also be organised on this occasion.

Bangladesh Peoples League will place floral wreaths at the grave of Dr Razee at Banani at 9 am today and will hold a discussion meeting Thursday at 4 pm at the central office of the party at 51/12 Johnson Road. Dr Razee was the founder chairman of Peoples League.

Bangladesh Garib Dal will also place floral wreaths at his grave and arrange a discussion meeting today at 3 pm at party's office at 643 Baro Moghbazar.

Dr Alim Al-Razee Smriti Sangsad will observe the day through a five-day programme that began Saturday.

The convener of co-ordination council of the Bar Associations, Shamsul Haque Chowdhury and Prof Hasna Begum, President of Sandhani Chakkhuda Samity, in different statements paid tribute to Dr Razee.

BPDSA seminar March 19

Bangladesh Private Dental Surgeons Association (BPDSA) will hold a seminar on 'Implication, Crown Bridge, and Modern Concept on Dentistry' on March 19 at Hotel Purbani International, reports BSS.

Eminent maxillo facial surgeons Dr Bruce J. Munroe and Dr. Michael D. Bowler of New Castle, Australia will participate.

The Association will also organise a free camp on oral and dental treatment for the poor patient at Gazipur Mohila College on March 18, from 9 am to 3 pm. Free medicines will also be distributed in the camp.

Bangladesh Private Dental Surgeons Association has requested all the graduate dental surgeons of Bangladesh (Government and private) to participate in the seminar and camp.

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Dhaka WASA Tender Notice (3rd Call)
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Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st, 2nd and 3rd class supply contractors/bonafide suppliers/manufacturers for supply of spare parts for Isuzu Trooper jeep of Workshop Division at an allotted cost of Taka 60,400/-. Tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon on 29-3-93 and opened on the same day at 12:30 pm in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.
Bill of quantities of tender will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all MODS Zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed descriptions will be available at the office of the undersigned.
Address : WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Dhaka. Shafiuddin Ahmad Executive Engineer, Procurement Division Dhaka WASA
WASA-P.I - 106/93
DFP (G) 3551-8/3
G-334

Farmers exempted from taxes upto 25 bighas to get 'Dakhila'
The government will provide 'Dakhila' to those farmers who have been exempted from taxes up to 25 bighas of land from next Baisakh, reports UNB.
The decision was announced by State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain while addressing the Assistant Commissioners (Land) at the closing ceremony of a 10-day Land Management training course here yesterday.
He also said the government would complete the process of exchanged property registration by next June and not extend the time further.
Fortyone Assistant Commissioners from different thanas attended the training course.
Kabir Hossain said the government would also establish Divisional Assistant Commissioner (Land) offices in Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Khulna and open revenue offices at union level also for making land administration more dynamic.
He urged the trainees to complete the record and survey properly to protect the general people from various harassment and unnecessary civil litigations.

Notice of RHD Inviting Tender Short Notice
1. Tender Notice No : 75/EE/1992-93.
2. Name of Work : As per group.
3. Estimated Cost : As per schedule.
4. Earnest Money : 2% (Two per cent) of the estimated cost in favour of Executive Engineer, RHD, Workshop Division, Dhaka.
5. Time Allowed : 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of issue of Work Order.
6. Eligibility of Contractors : Eligible enlisted RHD 'A' to 'E' category contractors.
7. Name of Offices of Availability of Tender Documents : Printed BD Form 2908, Notice inviting Tender, Schedule of items and terms & conditions etc of supply shall be available for sale on cash payment of Tk 20/- only per set per group (non-refundable) from the Office of RHD, Workshop Division, Dhaka/Equipment Control Division, Dhaka/Planning Division (Roads & Bridges) Dhaka.
8. Name of Officers to Receive Tender : Superintending Engineer, RHD, Workshop Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Workshop Division, Dhaka/Equipment Control Division, Dhaka.
9. Last Date of Receipt of Tender : Up to 12:00 Noon of 21-3-93.
10. Date & Time of Opening of Tender : At 12:30 PM of 21-3-93.
Md Golam Mostafa Executive Engineer, RHD Workshop Division, Dhaka
DFP (G) 3639-10/3 G-351

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International Tender
Ref: DACPB/Intl Tender/004/93 Dated: 06-3-93
Sealed tenders are hereby invited by Biman Bangladesh Airlines from Manufacturers/Suppliers/Local Agents/Indentors for the supply of the following inflight service items:
Tender Schedules will be available with Accounts Officer, Cash & Banking, Biman, Admin Building, Zia Intl Airport, Dhaka as well as with Finance Manager, Biman Singapore, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, London & Tokyo on cash payment (non-refundable) on all working days up to the 12th April, 1993.
The last date of Tender submission is 15th April, 1993.
DFP (G) 2030-10/3 G-354
By General Manager S&P (Commercial)

Group	Description	Tender No & Date	Cost of Schedule
A	EAU-DE COLOGNE 50 ML IN GLASS BOTTLE	DACPB/004/93	TK 500.00 OR
	MOISTURISER (SKIN TONIC) 120 ML IN GLASS BOTTLE	DT. 06-3-93	USD 15.00 PER SET
B	DINNER TRAYMAT NON-SKID SNACK TRAYMAT NON-SKID OVER NIGHT KIT (FOR GENTS) OVER NIGHT KIT (FOR LADIES)	-do-	-do-
C	SILVER TEA/DESSERT SPOON (E.P.N.S) SILVER CEREAL/RICE SPOON (E.P.N.S) SALT SHAKER PEPPER SHAKER	-do-	-do-

What's on today . . .
Drawing and painting show
The drawing and painting show of Ranjit Das being held at the Divine Arts of Sonargaon Hotel will remain open for the visitors today (Monday) from 9 am to 8 pm.
Today is the concluding day of the show.
Exhibition at Goethe Institut
An exhibition titled "One Vision-Two Versions" with painting by Ilse Hilpert and photographs by Klaus Benner will remain open at the Goethe Institut today (Monday) from 9 am to 5 pm.
HERE and THERE
IEG
A delegation of US based International Energy Group (IEG) headed by its President Stephen B Roy yesterday called on Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khondakar Mosharrar Hossain at his Secretariat office.
During the meeting, the Energy Minister briefed the IEG delegation of a purview of electricity network of Bangladesh. He informed the delegation that the government had agreed on principle to open power generation sector for the private investors and a committee and been working in this regard.
The IEG President expressed his keen interest to participate in power generation of Bangladesh with his company's long experience in power generation system.
Greetings
Bangladesh-Australia Students' Association greeted the Prime Minister of Australia Paul Keating and his Labour Party for its victory in general election, reports UNB.
In a statement, the association hoped that the friendly relations between the two countries would further be strengthened in the years ahead, said a press release.

Obituary
Kausar Hossain, General Manager (Sales) of Dhaka Refractories Ltd died of diabetic, at Calcutta Hospital yesterday morning. He was 52, reports UNB.
He left behind wife, a son, five brothers, 2 sisters and a host of relatives to mourn his death.
The Namaj-e-Janaza of late Kausar Hossain will be held at Banani mosque today after Asr prayer and Qulhwani will be held on March 18 after Asr prayer at his residence, House No-39, Road No-4, Banani, Dhaka.
Abdul Gani, Director of the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB), died of heart attack at Suhrawardy Hospital Saturday night. He was 52, reports UNB.
He was buried at the Banani graveyard yesterday.
Gani's Qulhwani will be held on March 17 (Wednesday) at his residence at 1/1 Secretariat Hostel, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, after Asr prayer.
He is survived by his wife and three daughters.
Tk. 24.11 lakh donated to Zakat Board
Different organisations and individuals yesterday donated a total of Taka 24 lakh and 11 thousand to the Zakat Board, reports BSS.
Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia received the donation in cash and cheques at her Sugandha office.
Qulhwani
The Namaz-e-Janaza of Monnoja Rahman, wife of Lutful Rahman, a leading businessman and social worker will be held at Baitul Mukarram Mosque after Zohar prayer today (Monday), reports BSS.
Monnoja Rahman, an Assistant Headmistress of Lalmitia Girls High School and a social worker died of cancer at a city clinic on Thursday night. She will be buried at Banani graveyard.
The Qulhwani of the deceased will be held at her New Colony residence at Asad Gate on Wednesday after Asr prayer.

Export Promotion Bureau
122-124, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka
Tender Notice
Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide offset printing press for printing of 50,000 (fifty thousand) sets Certificate of Origin Form for the countries of EC and 5,000 (five thousand) sets for the countries other than EC by 12:00 Noon on 21.3.93.
Tender Schedule may be procured for Tk 150/- (one hundred and fifty) only from the Accounts Section of the Head Office of the Bureau during office hours up to 20.3.93.
DFP (G) 3777-11/3 G-352
Sufia Akhter Khatun Deputy Director (Information)

Don't use coloured glasses: DMP asks car owners
Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) have cautioned car owners against using coloured papers on car glasses, reports UNB.
A DMP press release issued yesterday urged all not to use coloured or black papers on glasses.
Legal action will be taken against those who will violate the traffic rules.



Monday, 15th March (All programmes in local time)

6 am	World News
6.15	Asia Today
6.25	The Money Programme
7.00	World News
7.25	How Do You Manage?
8.00	World News
8.15	Asia Today
8.25	On the Record
9.00	World News
9.15	Asia Today
9.25	Food and Drink
10.00	World News
10.25	Magazine
11.25	Kilroy
12.00	World News
12.30	BBC Business Morning
1.00	World News
1.25	Horizon
2.00	World News
2.25	Horizon
3.00	World News
3.25	World News Day
4.00	World News
4.25	World News Day
5.00	World News
5.25	Horizon
6.00	World News
6.25	The Money Programme
7.00	World News
7.25	News from London
7.50	World News
8.25	The Clothes Show
9.00	World News
9.15	World Business Report
9.25	Salmon Run
10.00	World News
10.25	Food and Drink
11.00	World News
11.15	The Money Programme
12.00	World News
12.25	News from London
1.00	World News
1.25	Documentary
2.00	World News
2.25	Documentary
3.00	World News
3.25	News from London
4.00	World News
4.25	Film 93
5.00	World News
5.25	World Business Report

STAR Plus

6.00	Force Five: Danguard Ace
6.30	Sharky and George
7.00	Wide World of Kids
7.30	Force Five: Danguard Ace
8.00	Jack Thompson Down Under
8.30	Jupiter Moon
9.00	Attitudes
10.00	Music Workshop
11.00	Santa Barbara
11.50	Hollywood Stars
12.00	The Bold & The Beautiful
12.30	Donahue
1.00	How To Get by on Little or No Money
1.30	Slim Cooking
2.00	Attitudes
3.00	Riviera
3.30	Wide World of Kids
4.00	KTV
4.30	Jack Thompson Down Under
5.00	VideoFashion Monthly: Beyond Baroque
5.30	Thalberg Parorama
6.00	Movie: Sweet Lorraine
6.30	Riviera
6.40	Hollywood Stars
6.50	The Bold & The Beautiful
7.30	Santa Barbara
8.00	Remington Steele
10.10	Movie: Wild Thing
1.10	Movie Television
1.40	The Bold & The Beautiful
2.10	Santa Barbara
3.00	Donahue
3.30	Love American Style: Russian Import Brides
4.00	Attitudes
5.00	Choppy and The Princess
5.30	Dinky Dog

PRIME SPORTS

6.30	MTV Most Wanted
7.00	Dial MTV
8.00	Classic MTV
8.30	Danny
9.00	MTV Prime
9.30	VJ David Wu
11.00	VJ Darnny McGill
2.00	VJ Shophiya
4.00	MTV Prime
4.30	VJ David Wu
5.30	Day in Rock
6.10	3 From One
6.30	The Grind
7.00	MTV's Most Wanted
8.00	Dial MTV
9.00	MTV Mon Amour
9.30	Angela
10.00	Classic MTV
11.00	VJ Shophiya
1.00	VJ Darnny McGill
1.30	Day in Rock
3.10	3 From One
3.30	The Grind
4.00	Awake On The Wild Side
	Angela Chow