

Ill effects of tobacco smoking MPs urged to table bill

By Staff Correspondent

Anti-smoking group 'Adhunik' and the Consumers' Association of Bangladesh (CAB) Friday urged the Members of Parliament to table a bill proposing restriction on further expansion of the tobacco sector.

At a joint press conference at the National Press Club, Adhunik president Prof Nurul Islam said that they would formally lobby the individual MPs for support before parliament goes into session on Sunday.

About one lakh people die of cancer every year in the country, of whom 80 per cent were the victims of cancer caused due to smoking, Dr Nurul Islam said.

Nurul Islam said the smoking habit was gradually declining in the developed countries but unfortunately increasing in developing countries like Bangladesh.

He urged the Dhaka City Mayor to restrict the use of billboards under his jurisdiction

to advertisements promoting family welfare, breast-feeding, immunization, etc, instead of tobacco advertisements.

He said that the government should stop financial support to the tobacco companies and restrict their sponsorship of different socio-cultural functions and sporting events.

Prof Islam claimed a single company had drawn between Tk 20 to Tk 30 crore overdraft from the state-run banks.

The national professor admitted that the tobacco companies were regular tax payers and contributed handsomely to the national exchequer every year but the government had to spend much more in the health sector because of the rising number of tobacco-related diseases. Some 25 lakh people die annually in the world of tobacco-related diseases, he said.

Prof Islam added that the tobacco companies encourage the farmers to cultivate to-

bacco by ensuring marketing of their produce and supplying inputs, including high-yielding seeds, fertilizer, insecticides and pesticides.

"But the time has come for alternative farming to replace tobacco cultivation to save millions of people", Prof Islam said adding the government should provide subsidy to encourage the farmers going for such alternative farming.

Among others, secretary general of Adhunik, Enayetullah Khan, Prof A Zafar of the National Heart Institute, Sarwar Jahan of the CAB, Prof Harun-ur-Rashid of the PG hospital and Dr Z Karim of the Agriculture Research Council were present at the press conference.

Dr Karim told newsmen that it was possible to cultivate more profitable crops during the five-month tobacco season and the anti-tobacco groups should launch a fresh campaign to motivate the farmers to go for alternative crops.



Exhibition of Portrait of Rabindranath Tagore by Abdul Manan at the Fine Arts Institute yesterday. — Star photo

Milad to mark Dulal's death anniversary

Journalists and other employees of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) yesterday held a milad mahfil at their office to commemorate the 12th death anniversary of Ferdous Alam Dulal, reports BSS.

Dulal, a senior correspondent of BSS, was gunned down along with a labour leader, Abdur Rahman, at Bijoy Nagar Square on May 7, 1981.

Paribar Parikalpana Peshajibi Parishad's action programme from today

Paribar Parikalpana Peshajibi Kendrio Samonnoi Parishad at a conference of its district representatives Friday decided to observe two-hour workstoppage everyday from today to realise the demands of its 14 front organisations.

It also decided to observe one-day full workstoppage on May 20 to press home its demands.

Other programmes of the Parishad included, rallies and processions at thana levels on May 17, submission of memorandum at thana levels on June 7 and conference of the front organisations on June 22.

The conference of representatives presided over by its Chief Coordinator Nazmul Huq was addressed, among others, by Saiful Islam, Parimal Chandra Bhaumik, Syed Md Asadullah, Harun-al-Rashid, Abdus Samad, Zulfiqar Ali, Ruhul Karim Khan, Emran Hossain Khan, Akhtaruzzaman Khan, Mohiuddin Ahmad and Mohammad Faruk.

Moudud invited to China

Jatiya Party leader Moudud Ahmed has been invited to visit China with his wife for 10 days from today (Saturday), reports UNB.

The invitation was communicated by Chinese Ambassador Zhang Xujiang on behalf of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs.

Moudud Ahmed has already been accorded permission by Supreme Court to leave the country for the visit to China.

Govt will uphold dignity of workers: Noman

CHITTAGONG, May 7: Minister for Forest and Fisheries, Livestock and Environment Abdullah Al Noman today said the present government would firmly stand to uphold the dignity of the working class, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at a big workers' rally at Lalidighi Maidan here, Noman urged all workers to maintain peace and order and discharge duties with utmost devotion in the mills and factories for massive production there.

The rally, held under the auspices of Chittagong Divisional chapter of Jatiyatabadi Samik Dal in observance of the historic May Day, was chaired by the chapter president, Nazimuddin.

It was addressed, among others, by the State Minister for Textiles, M A Mannan, the Deputy Minister for Shipping A B M Zahidul Haq.

The rally was also attended by city Mayor Mir Mohammad Nasruddin, Begum Rozi Kabir MP and Dr Serajul Islam MP.

74 arrested on various charges

Police rounded up 74 people from different parts of the city in last 24 hours on various charges, reports UNB.

Of the arrested, four were wanted criminals, two charged under the Arms Act, one accused of robbery and eight of scaling.

All the arrested were produced before court.

CUJ annual conference held

CHITTAGONG, May 7: The annual conference of Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) was held at the Press Club here today, reports UNB.

Former Vice Chancellor of the Jhangirnagar University and eminent intellectual Prof Zilur Rahman Siddiqui inaugurated the conference in the morning with CUJ president M Nasirul Haq in the chair.

The conference was also addressed by acting president of BFUJ Zahirul Haq, DUJ president Shahjahan Mian, former DUJ president Iqbal Sobhan Choudhury, DUJ secretary Altaf Mahmood, former DUJ secretary Abul Kalam Azad, Chittagong Press club president Ataul Hakim and CUJ general secretary Nirmal Chandra Das.

The Annual General Meeting of CUJ will be held tomorrow (Saturday) and the election of the union scheduled to be held on May 16.

Notice Inviting Tender

Tender No. T-56/1992-93

- Dated: 3-5-1993
- Sealed tenders in duplicate are hereby invited from bonafide dealers and suppliers for supply of one number 5-door, 7 seater (Minimum) Petrol jeep as per specifications and terms & conditions attached with the schedule. Acceptable brand will be as per standardisation approved by Govt. Viz. Toyota, Mitsubishi, Isuzu, Daihatsu, Nissan, Suzuki.
 - Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 11-00 A.M. on 13-5-1993 and will be opened on the same day at 11-05 A.M. in presence of the intending tenderers or their authorised agents (If there be any).
 - Earnest money @ 2% (Two per cent) of the total quoted amount shall have to be furnished alongwith the tender in Pay Order/Bank Draft/Treasury Challan in favour of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
 - The schedule of tender, specifications and other terms and conditions will be available for sale up to 12-5-93 on payment of Tk. 500.00 (Taka Five hundred) only per set (non-refundable) from the office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Storage Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka on all working days during office hours.
 - No tender form will be sold on the day fixed for opening of tender.
 - The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.
 - The authority reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of vehicles to be procured without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Beijing assures continuous help

The visiting BNP delegation led by the party Secretary General and Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder passed a busy day yesterday meeting senior Chinese leaders and attending a briefing, according to a report received here, says BSS.

The delegation had a meeting with Hu Jin Tao, a top member of the Politburo of Chinese communist party, during which they discussed matters of mutual interest.

Vice-President of BNP Chowdhury Tanveer Ahmed Siddiky was present.

Hu Jin Tao said his country would continue to cooperate with Bangladesh to help improve the quality of life of the people of both the countries.

He referred to the recently concluded seventh SAARC summit in Dhaka and appreciated the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in infusing the organisation (SAARC) with a new vigour and direction.

Jin Tao expressed the hope that Bangladesh and China would continue to cooperate in different international fora to strengthen peace and stability in the region and the globe.

Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder said that Bangladesh highly value the friendship of China.

He lauded the leadership of the Chinese communist party which, he said, was the driving force behind the successes of China.

They also discussed ways and means of further deepening the friendship and coop-

eration between the Chinese communist party and the BNP.

During a meeting with the Chinese Agriculture Minister Liu Jiang, the BNP leader discussed matters of mutual interest with emphasis on cooperation between the two countries.

The Bangladesh delegation was informed that the fruits of reforms carried out over last few years helped faster growth of agriculture in China.

The Bangladesh delegation had also been briefed by the Chief of the State Commission of China, Wang Shi Yuan, on restructuring of the economic system.

DU 'Ka-unit' results published

The results of admission test for first year honours courses of Science and Biological Science faculty 'Ka-unit' for the session 1992-93 of Dhaka University were published yesterday, reports BSS.

The results have been placed at the notice board of the Dean office of the Science Faculty.

A total of 2400 students have been selected according to merits and interview for final selection will begin on May 17 at the Dean office of Science Faculty. The detailed programme for the interview has already been given at the notice board of Dean office of the Science Faculty.

The students will have to show their admit cards, original mark sheets of SSC and HSC examinations and two copies attested passport size photographs during their interview.

Lions District 315 B-II office-bearer

Ln. Engr. Mahbubur Rahman was elected the cabinet secretary for District 315B-II for the year 1993-94 in the annual Convention held recently, says a press release.

Ln. Mahbub previously held different positions in Lions club and Lions District which includes Club President, Leo Clubs Chairman, Zone Chairman, Convention Secretary and Treasurer of Bangladesh Lions Foundation.



Downpours submerged the road from Bashabo Tempo Stand leading to Madaritek yesterday. — Star photo

What's on today . . .

- Book promotion function**
A book promotion function will be held at the auditorium of the German Cultural Centre Goethe-Institut Dhaka today (Saturday), at 6.30 pm, on the occasion of publishing of the proceedings from a seminar on 'Development Financing Institutions (DFIs) of Bangladesh: Policy, Performance, Problems and Prospects' edited by Prof Dr Kazi Ahmed Nabi.
- Condolence meeting**
A meeting will be held at the Department of Geography, University of Dhaka, at 11.30 am today (Saturday) to condole the death of Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Associate Professor of the department.
- Bangladesh Economic Association**
The tenth biennial conference of Bangladesh Economic Association on 'Market Oriented Economy and Economic Development' will begin today (Saturday) at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB).
- The three-day conference will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia as chief guest.
- SPGR**
The central committee of Stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee (SPGR) will bring out a procession of stranded Pakistanis exclusively of Adamjecnagar today (Saturday) at 10 am.
- The procession will start from the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh and end in front of the National Press Club. Leader of SPGR M Nasim Khan will lead the procession.

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- Seminar on "Application of Standards"**
A seminar on "Application of Standards" will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 9-30 am at the conference hall of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) under the auspices of Bangladesh Employers' Association in collaboration with ILO area office.
- Minister for Labour and Manpower Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan will inaugurate the seminar while officials of International Labour Organisation from Bangkok will take part in the discussion.

HERE and THERE

- Proshika**
Proshika Manabik Unnayan Kendra has undertaken an emergency relief operation for the 1,200 destitute families who have been evicted from the Balurmath slum of Mirpur, reports BSS.
- Proshika authorities have initially distributed Taka 500 per family among 400 distressed families. Other families will also get the same amount per family.
- Proshika's urban poor development programme, earlier, organised 1419 male and female members of slum dwellers of the area in 91 primary groups providing them training, tubewell and sanitation.
- It also provided them credit amounting to Taka 10,80,947 for various income generating activities.
- Telephone Subscribers Association**
Telephone Subscribers Association, an organisation to protect the rights of telephone subscribers was formed yesterday at a meeting of the subscribers at the Teachers Training College Auditorium here.
- An 11-member ad hoc committee of the association was also formed at the meeting with former Justice Mohammad Abdul Mutalib and M Hussain as its convener and joint convener respectively.
- Chaired by Justice Mutalib, the meeting adopted 25 resolutions that included introduction of proper billing system to avoid anomalies and corruption, payment of penalty by telephone authorities to the subscribers if their telephones are dead or connections are snapped without prior notice and proper enquiry.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Project Implementation Management Unit Chittagong Division Primary Education Development Project Road No. 8/A, House No. 72 Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka

Appointment Notice

Applications are invited from bonafide Bangladesh nationals for appointment (upto Project duration i.e. May '95) to the undermentioned post at Dhaka office of the Project Implementation Management Unit of Chittagong Division Primary Education Development Project under Primary & Mass Education Division at the pay scale mentioned against the post with other allowances admissible as per Govt. rules. Those who had applied for the said post in response to the notice of 29 June '91 need not apply again.

| Serial No. | Name of post & pay scale | Age limit | Direct appointment | Educational Qualification |
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| 1. | Data Entry Operator (Tk.1725-3725/=) | 18-30 years | Direct appointment | Minimum HSC passed in Second Division or equivalent. Should have experienced of Data Entry in Computer. Should possess training in Computer operation. Must be successful in general intelligence test of data entry. |

General Important Information:
1. Self hand written application in plain paper with the following descriptions should reach the Project Director, Project Implementation Management Unit, Road No. 8/A, House No. 72, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka. Name of the post should be superscribed on the envelope. Application should contain (A) Name, (B) Father's/Husband's Name, (C) Date of birth, (D) Present address, (E) Permanent address, (F) 2(two) copies recent photographs (attested by first class gazetted officer), (G) Educational qualification (with name of examination/Division/ Class/year), (H) Experience, with certificate, (I) Character certificate (from first class gazetted officer), (J) Attested copies of all original certificates, (K) Nationality or domicile certificate.
2. Candidates in service must apply through proper authority channel.
3. Bank Draft/Postal Order worth Taka 10/(ten) in favour of Project Director, Project Implementation Management Unit (non-refundable) should be attached with the application.
4. No T/ADA is admissible for attending written Test/Interview.
5. Only the candidates considered as highest qualified by the authority after primary selection will be informed by letter for written test or viva voce.
6. Faulty or incomplete application will be rejected without assigning any reason.
7. The authority will not be bound to issue interview card or fill in the vacant post on account of publishing this advertisement.
8. Nothing of what are submitted with the application will be refunded.
9. Original copies of all certificates shall have to be produced at the time of interview.
10. Candidate will be selected in accordance with the present Govt. instruction regarding Freedom Fighter, women & tribal etc quota reservation in case of more than one posts.
11. Freedom Fighter & tribal candidates should distinctly write "Freedom Fighter" & "Tribal", respectively, on the envelope as well as the application. Freedom fighter candidates should attach attested copy of Govt. approved certificate with the application.
12. The said age limit should be calculated upto 31-5-93. The maximum age limit for Freedom Fighter is 32 years, for Tribal & women candidates 30 years and the minimum is 18 years.
13. Applications should reach the office of the undersigned by 25-5-93.

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Saturday, 8th May
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| 6 am | World News |
| 6:25 | Newsnight |
| 7:00 | World News |
| 7:25 | Mashtunad |
| 8:00 | World News |
| 8:25 | Newsnight |
| 9:00 | World News |
| 9:25 | Kilroy |
| 10:00 | World News |
| 10:25 | Network East Extra |
| 11:00 | World News |
| 11:25 | Film '93 |
| 12:00 | World News |
| 12:25 | France Means Business |
| 1:00 | World News |
| 1:25 | The Late Show |
| 2:00 | World News |
| 2:25 | Public Eye |
| 3:00 | World News |
| 3:25 | Every Picture Tells A Story |
| 4:00 | World News |
| 4:25 | World News Week |
| 5:00 | World News |
| 5:25 | TBA |
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| 6:25 | Cats |
| 7:00 | World News |
| 7:25 | The Late Show |
| 8:00 | News Headlines |
| 8:05 | Rough Guides |
| 9:00 | World News |
| 9:25 | Network East Extra |
| 10:00 | World News |
| 10:25 | Soundbytes |
| 11:00 | World News |
| 11:10 | Assignment |
| 12:00 | World News |
| 12:25 | The Late Show |
| 1:00 | World News |
| 1:25 | Network East Extra |
| 2:00 | News Headlines |
| 2:05 | Rough Guides |
| 3:00 | World News |
| 3:25 | UN World |
| 4:00 | World News |
| 4:25 | Top Gear |
| 5:00 | World News |
| 5:25 | A Cook's Tour Of France |

STAR Plus

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| 6:00 | Grimm's Fairy Tales |
| 6:30 | Dinky Dog |
| 7:00 | Cartoon: |
| 8:30 | Magic Adventure |
| 9:30 | The Star Kid Show |
| Family Specials: | |
| Every Heroes | |
| Attitudes | |
| 10:30 | Today's Gourmet |
| 11:30 | Cuisine Rapide |
| 12:00 | Master Classics |
| 2:00 | Just For The Record |
| 2:30 | Beyond 2000 |
| 3:00 | Street NOISE |
| 4:00 | The Spectacular World of Guinness Records |
| 4:30 | Videofashion Special: Behind The Scams |
| 5:00 | Environmental Documentary: Race To Save The Planet |
| 6:00 | Sledge Hammer! |
| 6:30 | The New Statesman |
| 7:00 | Lois Grant |
| 8:00 | Crime Story |
| 8:40 | St Elmo's Fire |
| 10:00 | The Crystal Maze |
| 10:30 | Perfect Scorecards |
| 11:30 | Mini Series |
| 12:40 | Movie Television |
| 1:10 | Fame Fortune & Romance |
| 2:00 | White Shadow |
| 3:00 | Beyond 2000 |
| 4:00 | Environmental Documentary: Race To Save The Planet |
| 5:00 | Choppy & the Princess |
| 5:30 | Ovid & The Gang |

MTV

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| 7:00 | MTV Top 20 Video |
| 8:00 | Countdown Asia |
| 9:00 | Gone Taiwan |
| 9:30 | MTV Sports |
| 10:00 | VJ Nomic |
| 1:00 | VJ David Wu |
| 3:30 | MTV Top 20 Video |
| 6:00 | Countdown USA |
| 6:30 | MTV Documentary |
| 7:00 | Week In Rock |
| 7:00 | MTV Party Zone |
| 8:00 | VJ Sophya |
| 10:00 | Dial MTV |
| 11:00 | Classic MTV |
| 12:00 | ALT Nation |
| 1:00 | VJ Nomic |
| 4:00 | VJ Sophya |

PRIME SPORTS

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| 6:00 | 1992 Baseball Series |
| 7:00 | WWF Wrestling Spotlight |
| 8:30 | The Asian Football Show |
| 9:00 | Gillette World Sport Special |
| 9:30 | High |
| 10:00 | European League Snooker Alan McManus v James Wattana |
| 12:00 | Boxing |
| 2:00 | 1992 Baseball Series |
| 2:30 | Dunhill Qualifier Highlights |
| 4:00 | Houston Open Day 3 From Houston Texas, USA |
| 6:00 | WWF Wrestling Mania The AT&T Challenge Quarter-Final From Atlanta, Georgia, USA |
| 7:30 | 1992 Baseball Series Dunhill Qualifier Highlights |
| 9:00 | EPGA Tour Cannes Open |
| 10:00 | 1992 Baseball Series Dunhill Qualifier Highlights |
| 11:00 | Houston Open Day 3 From Houston Texas, USA |
| 12:00 | WWF Wrestling Mania The AT&T Challenge Quarter-Final From Atlanta, Georgia, USA |
| 2:00 | EPGA Tour Cannes Open |

Zee TV

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| 7:30 | Churashi |
| 8:00 | Gaata Rahe Mera Dil |
| 8:30 | Gulmohar West |
| 9:00 | Shandi Ya . . . |
| 9:30 | Sa Re Ga Na |
| 10:00 | Ghumta Aaina |
| 10:30 | Boleg Taarey : Deepika |
| 11:00 | Movie : Ek Paheli (Peros Khan, Tanuja) |
| 1:00 | Ghumta Aaina |
| 1:30 | Close Down |