

# 436 metric tons of foodgrain spoiled in '92-93: JS told

Food Minister M Shamsul Islam yesterday informed the House that a total of 435.987 metric tons of foodgrain were spoiled in the government godowns in 1992-93, reports UNB.

The Food Minister stated this during the question hour while replying to Amnul Islam of Awami League. Islam said the government

sells the spoiled foodgrain through tender instead of selling those in the market.

In reply to a supplementary, the Food Minister said the foodgrain usually become unfit for consumption during the transportation by wagon.

To a question from M A Matin of BNP, Islam replied the country has to import 10 to 12 lakh tons of foodgrain (only wheat) on an average annually as the present food production cannot meet the requirement.

In reply to Strajul Islam of BNP, the Minister said 10,88,308 metric tons of foodgrains were kept reserved in government godowns till April 30 this year.

Replying to Musharraf Hossain of AL, the Food Minister said 25 employees in the Food Directorate were sacked in 1991-92 on charges of corruption.

The Minister, however, said the government has no plan to retrench officials or employees in the Food Directorate.

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A blast during the hartal hours in the city yesterday. (Story on page one)

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## Imams can help ensure health for all

Mosques and imams in the predominant Muslim society in Bangladesh can play the most effective catalytic roles in steering the government's endeavour towards ensuring health and education for all by the year 2000.

Young learners can be taught by the imams arithmetic and basic Bengali along with Arabic in mosques and madrasas in the morning while the adults can be motivated through religious sermons during prayer times as to how to protect the environment for a better health.

Shamsuddin Ahmed of the UNICEF office here, told BSS yesterday that whatever the rural Muslims and their children learn in the mosques from the imams could follow both in letter and spirit out of their firm faith in religion.

"I think it is the most realistic and innovative approach which can be utilised in mobilising the rural masses towards eradicating illiteracy and improving health," he said. He said the idea has occurred to him in view of the respectful position held by the imams and mosques, regarded as the most sacred place in the society.

## 4 bills introduced in JS

Four bills were introduced in the Jatiya Sangsad Wednesday night, reports BSS.

The bills are Bangladesh (Freedom Fighters) Welfare Trust (Amendment) Bill, 1993, Bangladesh Bank Company (Amendment) Bill, 1993, Securities and Exchange Commission Bill, 1993, and Securities and Exchange (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

The bills have been brought before the House to give legal cover to the ordinances promulgated when parliament was not in session.

The Bangladesh (Freedom Fighters) Welfare Trust (Amendment) Bill, 1993, introduced by Agriculture Minister and in-charge of Defence Ministry Mazidul Haq, seeks to reorganise the Freedom Fighters Welfare Trust Board under the leadership of the Prime Minister with the establishment of democratic and parliamentary

system of government.

After the amendment of the bill the Prime Minister shall be chairman of the board. A minister who was freedom fighter will be nominated by the Prime Minister as its vice-chairman. The Prime Minister will also nominate four members of parliament (freedom fighter) as trustees of the board.

The trustees of the board will also include secretary-in-charge of the ministry or division dealing with finance, secretary-in-charge of the ministry or division dealing with defence, one representative of the Bangladesh Army (freedom fighter) not below the rank of a Brigadier to be nominated by the Chief of the Army Staff and Managing Director, Bangladesh (freedom fighters) Welfare Trust, ex-officio.

The Freedom Fighters Welfare Trust was established in 1972 under a presidential order for the benefit of the freedom fighters. A board of trustees was constituted to run the activities of the trust. Under the latest amendment effected in 1984 the trustees board was reconstituted with the chief of the armed forces as its chairman.

Bank Company (Amendment) Bill, 1993, introduced by Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman aims at removing some difficulties in the enforcement of several provisions of the law enacted in May 1991 and correcting some printing mistakes in the interest of maintaining discipline in the banks.

The Securities and Exchange Commission Bill, 1993, introduced by the Finance Minister seeks the constitution of a Securities and Exchange Commission for the development of capital market



The Sramik Karmachari Oikky Parishad's procession in the city yesterday on the concluding day of its 72-hour strike programme. (Story on page one)

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## HERE and THERE

### Sylhet Division Movement

A 19-member Dhaka Atinjabl Samity branch of the "Sylhet division movement" was constituted here yesterday with Nizamul Huq as President and Ekhlashur Rahman, Badrul Islam Bara Laskar and KM Aminul Islam as joint convenors.

A meeting of the lawyers from the greater Sylhet area was held yesterday at the Atinjabl Samity office here. The meeting demanded creation of division for Sylhet and expressed serious concern at the flood situation in greater Sylhet and called for early despatch of reliefs for the affected people.

### BCS (Information) assoc. PID

Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) (Information) Association and Press Information Department (PID) Employees Welfare Association bade farewell to its six officials at the PID newsroom here Wednesday.

The officials, now on Leave Preparatory to Retirement (LPR), are: senior DPIO-M A Awal, senior IOS: M Nurul Islam and Syed Zinnat Ali, DMO-M A Aziz, record supplier Siddiqui Rahman and MLSS-Noor-E-Alam.

### BCSIR

A lecture on "Use of Tissue Culture in genetic engineering" was held at the seminar room of the Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) of BCSIR Wednesday.

Organised by BCSIR labs Dhaka the main speaker of the lecture programme was Dr Rafiqul Islam Khan, molecular biologist from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), of Australia based in Canberra.

The lecture was attended, among others, by the Chairman BCSIR Dr M Waliuzzaman, prof Ahmed Shamsul Islam of the Department of Botany, University of Dhaka, Dr Sirajul Islam of the Atomic Energy

Commission, Dhaka. The lecture was followed by opening of tissue culture labs of BCSIR.

### Bhasani Smriti Parishad

Bhasani Smriti Parishad Farakka Resistance national committee Wednesday called upon all the citizens of the country to identify Farakka issue as a main national problem and forge greater national unity to solve it.

The committee also urged the government to identify the Farakka issue as a main national problem in Parliament and undertake effective steps for its proper solution.

Addressing a press conference at a hotel here, Convenor of the committee Captain (Retd) Kazi Kabiruddin announced a token hunger strike to be observed from 8 am till sun set on May 16 in front of the national Press Club to create public opinion and draw world attention for solving the Farakka issue. He called upon all patriotic citizens to join this hunger strike.

### IUBAT

Professor Herbert J Davis, Provost of ITM/Malaysia and Member of Overseas Advisory Council of International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) met with Prof Dr M Alimullah Miyan, President of IUBAT Tuesday to discuss the cooperation and development in the Business Administration area.

The meeting was directed to improve relations with North American Universities and IUBAT. Prof Davis, briefed on the IUBAT proceedings, was highly enthusiastic about the idea of launching a two year Preparatory School to ease the process of further studies abroad.

Prof Davis appreciated the progress made in business programmes of IUBAT and assured continued support and cooperation through the Overseas Advisory Council.

## 17 train dacoity cases recorded, JS told

Seventeen cases of train dacoity were recorded in the country during 1991 to April, 1993, Communications Minister Oli Ahmed informed parliament during question hour Wednesday, reports UNB.

Replying to Shah Mohd Rafiqul Bari Chowdhury of Jatiya Party, the minister said the passengers lost goods and other belongings worth about Tk 5,61,000 due to train dacoity.

## Bangladeshis now get Saudi visas in 3 days

Bangladeshis now received Saudi visas without spending much time as the local Embassy of the Kingdom is said to have developed a system of speedy disposal of all visa cases, reports UNB.

Embassy sources said yesterday no visa application fulfilling all requisites is kept pending for more than three days.

The mission issues 500 visas a day on an average as one Saudi official and 11 local staffs in the section concerned promptly handle the cases, the sources said.

About a lakh people from Bangladesh, including officials, job seekers, businessmen and pilgrims, visit Saudi Arabia every year.

## Smuggled medicine recovered

By Staff Correspondent.

Customs officials recovered smuggled medicines worth Taka 5 lakh and 33 thousand from a passenger at Zia International Airport (ZIA) Thursday morning.

The passenger, Md Elias, arrived in Dhaka from Karachi by a Bangladesh Biman flight (BG 032).

The smuggled medicines included a total of nine pharmaceutical items.

Elias was detained at Cantonment Thana.

## 348 arrested in city

Police rounded up 348 people, including 290 'tokal' (street urchins), from different parts of the city in last 24 hours, reports UNB.

The arrested also include one wanted criminal, one charged with murder, one under the Anti-Terrorism Act, one for robbery, two accused of burglary and another two of stealing.

All the arrested people were produced before court.

## Exhibition of four artists begins

A week-long group art exhibition by four young artists began at the La-Gallerie at Banani here yesterday (Thursday), reports UNB.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahar Ara Begum inaugurated the exhibition.

The paintings and ceramic works of Bakar, Fakhru, Shagar and Darpan were put on display. The exhibition will remain open from 10 am to 8 pm till 19th May.

## CU MBBS exams shifted

CHITTAGONG, May 13: All professional MBBS examinations under the University of Chittagong scheduled to commence on May 15 will now be held from May 22, according to a press release of the university here, yesterday, reports BSS.

## Rotaract club office-bearer

Rotaract Club of Ramna has selected Rtr SM Ibrahim Hossain as the president for the year 1993-94, says a press release.

## Advertisement

1. This Headquarters intends to purchase two personal computers with printers. Sealed quotations are hereby invited from bonafide agency/firm/supplier within Bangladesh. Specification as follows:

- a. Computer (1) CPU-80386 SX (2) RAM-2 MB (3) HDD- 80 MB (4) FDD- 1.44 MB (5) Display-VGA Colour/Mono (6) Keyboard-Enhanced (7) With original operating system, software and manual.

- b. Dot Matrix Printer (1) 24 Pin, speed - 300 CPS at 10 CPI in draft mode. (2) 9 Pin, speed - 180 CPS at 10 CPI in draft mode.

- 2. Terms and conditions are as under: a. All quotations to reach this Headquarters by 0930 hours on 20 May, '93 positively. b. Items to be delivered at own expense of the supplier within three days of Purchase Order. c. Quotations will be opened on 20 May, '93 at 1000 hours in presence of the tenderers if available. d. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations.

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Friday, 14th May (All programmes in local time)

6 am	World News
6.15	Asia Today
6.25	Newsnight
7.00	World News
7.25	Question Time
8.00	World News
8.15	Asia Today
8.25	Newsnight
9.00	World News
9.15	Asia Today
9.25	Top Gear
10.00	World News
10.25	Film 93
11.00	World News
11.30	BBC Business Morning
12.00	World News
12.25	Kilroy
1.00	World News
1.25	First Tuesday
2.00	World News
2.25	First Tuesday
3.00	World News
3.25	World News Day
4.00	World News
4.25	World News Day
5.00	World News
5.25	Masthead
6.00	World News
6.25	News From London
7.00	World News
7.25	QED
8.00	World News
8.25	Question Time
9.00	World News
9.15	World Business Report
9.25	Film 93
10.00	World News
10.25	Top Gear
11.00	World News
11.25	News From London
12.00	World News
12.25	Public Eye
1.00	World News
1.25	Question Time
2.00	World News
2.25	Tomorrow's World
3.00	World News
3.25	Arts Documentary TBA
4.00	World News
4.25	Arts Documentary TBA
5.00	World News
5.25	Business Matters

6.00	Dr Fad Show
6.30	Force Five: Grandizer
7.00	Grimms Fairy Tales
7.30	Children's Room
8.00	Dr Fad Show
8.30	Force Five: Grandizer
9.00	Attitudes
10.00	Your Baby And Child
10.30	Growing Up Together
11.00	Santa Barbara

11.50	Hollywood Stars
12.00	The Bold & The Beautiful
12.30	Donahue
1.30	Cuisine Rapide
2.00	Attitudes
3.00	Riviera
3.30	Children's Room
4.00	Adventures On Kythera
4.30	Jack Thompson Down Under
5.00	Movie: Television
5.30	The Wander Years
6.00	Stacy Lucky
7.00	Tour Of Duty
8.00	Riviera
8.30	Hollywood Stars
8.40	The Bold & The Beautiful
9.10	Santa Barbara
10.10	Street Legal
11.10	Lou Grant
12.10	Crime Story
1.10	St Elsewhere
2.10	Treasure Island Cornwall
3.00	Sledge Hammer
3.30	Runaway With The Rich & Famous
4.00	Adventure
4.30	Travel Travel: Bernese Switzerland
5.00	Sharky & George
5.30	The Little Flying Bears

6.00	MTV's Most Wanted
6.30	None
7.00	Dial MTV
7.30	Norie
8.00	Classic MTV
8.30	Danny
9.00	MTV Prime
9.30	VJ David Wu
10.00	VJ Davina McGill
1.00	VJ Sophia
3.00	MTV Prime
3.30	VJ David Wu
5.00	MTV Sports
6.00	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's Alternative Nation
9.30	Sophy
10.00	VJ Sophia
12.00	Classic MTV
1.00	VJ Danny McGill
3.00	Day In Rock
3.10	3 From One
3.30	The Grind
4.00	MTV Excellent Indian Adventure

6.00	24 Hours Of Daytona 1993
8.00	Sup Reebok
8.30	Inshore F/B Emirates GP
9.00	International Motorsport TBA
10.30	Super Stars Cup American Team v Finnish National Team From Finland
12.30	1992 Baseball Series
2.00	WWF Wrestling Spotlight
4.00	The Asian Football Show
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## Notice Inviting Tender

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate approved electrical contractors, as per financial capability, for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received by the undersigned/Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Bogra/Jaipurhat & Superintending Engineer, Public Works Circle, Bogra at their respective offices up to 12.00 Noon on 20.05.93 and opened on the same day at 12.30 p.m. in presence (if any willing to be) of the tenderers.

Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Class of contractor eligible to submit Tender
Internal electrification & fan installation in the hospital building within the Sirajganj District Jail.	Taka 1,72,567/75	Taka 3,452	Public Works Directorate approved 1st & 2nd class electrical contractors having valid ABC/BC licence.

Schedule of work of tender, additional terms & conditions and tender form etc. can be seen & purchased at prescribed price (Non-refundable) from the offices of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Bogra/Jaipurhat/Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Works Sub-Division, Sirajganj/Ullapara/ E/M, Sub-Division, Sirajganj during office hours. No tender will be sold after 5-00 p.m. of 19-05-93.

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### Tender Notice No. LGED/3/92-93

Memo No. LGED/EE/Sher/93/774 Dt: 5-5-93  
Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from all contractors/firms enlisted with Local Govt. Engineering Directorate and having pre-qualification of all projects, for implementation of the undermentioned projects. Tender can be seen/purchased from the offices of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, Jamalpur/Superintending Engineer (Maintenance), 4/5, Lalmatia, Block-B, Dhaka-1207. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the offices of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, Jamalpur/Superintending Engineer (Maintenance), 4/5, Lalmatia, Block-B, Dhaka 1207 up to 1-15 hrs on 20-5-93 and the tenders will be opened from the tender boxes on the same day at 1-30 hrs in presence (if any) of the tenderers/representatives. Otherwise the tenders will not be accepted.

Earnest money at the rate of 10% of the quoted rate should be deposited in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/CD from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.

Sl No	Gr. No	Name of Project	Price of Tender (non-refundable)	Time Limit
1	17	Construction of HB3 Road from Mogar Ali's house to 2000.00 M on Dhanshail-Bhayadanga Road (Jhenaigati Thana)	1000/-	Two months
2	18	Construction of HB3 Road from chainage 00.00 km to 0.40 km on Dhanshail Bazar to Bhatpur Bazar Road (Jhenaigati Thana)	200/-	One month

- Terms & Conditions:- 1. On failure to start work within 7 (seven) days of issuing work order, the work order will be cancelled with outright forfeiture of the earnest money. 2. Itemwise analysis of rates (as per quoted rate) should be deposited with the tender. Tender without analysis of rate will be treated as rejected outright. 3. Work schedule describing time limit for each stage of completion of work should be deposited with the tender, otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.

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