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President assents to four bills

The President Abdur Rahman Btswas Wednesday assented to the four bills, passed by the Jatiya Sangsad during the current budget session. The bills are: The Banking Company (Amendment) Bill, 1993, The Bangladesh (Freedom Fighters) Welfare Trust (Amendment) Bill, 1993, The Securities and Exchange Commission Bill, 1993, and the Securities and Exchange (Amendment) Bill, 1993, reports BSS.

Satyen Bose dead

BOMBAY, June 9: Satyen Bose, noted Hindi film maker and writer, expired at his residence at Andheri in north-west Bombay today. He was 76. Bose is survived by his wife, "Dosti", "Chalti Ka Naam Gaadi", "Meru Bhatya" and "Payal Ki Zankar" are some of his well-known films, reports PTI.

AL demands relief for flood victims

Awami League has demanded distribution of relief goods among the flood victims in greater Sylhet district on emergency basis. In a statement yesterday acting President of the party Abdus Samad Azad and General Secretary Zillur Rahman expressed concern at the flood situation in Sylhet, Moulvibazar and Habiganj, reports UNB.

Jamuna erosion hits 2000

SIRAJGANJ, June 9: Some 2,000 people of 600 families were rendered homeless due to erosion by the river Jamuna during the last 24 hours following incessant rainfall and onrush of flood water, reports UNB.

Saifur presents new budget today

Star Report

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman will be the focus of attention today when he unfolds the contents of the budget for fiscal 1993-94 in the Jatiya Sangsad.

The Finance Minister's budget speech will be aired live by Radio Bangladesh and Bangladesh Television starting at 3 this afternoon.

This will be the 22nd budget for the nation since the first presented in 1972.

This year's budget is likely to have an aggregate expenditure outlay of about Taka 19,000 crore of which Taka 9750 crore will be spent on the annual development programme (ADP).

It is also hinted that the budget will aim at a revenue receipt of Taka 13,000 crore.

Saifur Rahman, the 11th finance minister of the country,

will be presenting his fifth budget — the record for any among his other ten predecessors. He had the honour of announcing four other budgets — in 1980, 1981, 1991 and 1992.

Tajuddin Ahmed, the country's first Prime Minister, and M Syeduzzaman, during the regime of HM Ershad, presented three budgets each.

Ziaur Rahman as the Deputy Chief Martial Law Administrator and Advisor in charge of the Finance Ministry had announced his first budget in 1976 and two more in 1977 and 1978.

The size of the country's first revenue budget was Taka 218.43 crore and a development budget of Taka 318.32 crore. The second budget presented in 1973-74 had a revenue earning of Taka 374.32 crore and a rev-

enue expenditure of Taka 295.30 crore. The development budget was of Taka 449 crore.

The first two budgets emphasised on the need for rehabilitation and reconstruction of the war-ravaged country. However, the third budget wooed the need for honesty, hardwork and commitment of the political leadership.

During the period of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the size of the revenue budget increased on an average by 66.84 per cent. During Ziaur Rahman's time, it increased by 21.42 per cent and during Ershad's time, by 13.76 per cent. But the revenue budget for 1976-77 had a negative increase of 4.77 per cent over that of the previous year.

The revenue budget is always shown as surplus while

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Discussion in JS on Farakka issue

All agree on urgency of the problem

The present government was trying its best to reach to an acceptable agreement with India for sharing the Ganges water, Agriculture and Irrigation Minister Majid-ul Haq told Parliament yesterday, reports UNB.

Winding up the more than four-and-a-half-hour debate on the Farakka issue, Haq said the country has been incurring huge financial losses every year besides other adverse affects of the Farakka barrage.

Increase of salinity alone poses serious ecological threat to some 10,000 square miles are in Bangladesh, he added.

The Agriculture Minister

said that Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia had discussed the Farakka issue with the Indian Prime Minister Narasimha Rao during his presence in Dhaka for the Seventh SAARC summit.

During the meeting, he said, the Indian Prime Minister had assured that he would come up with a specific proposal seeking a solution to the problem.

Haq said that India will have to abide by international laws concerning the international rivers.

Responding to various opposition suggestions on the

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Opposition returns to Parliament

By Staff Correspondent

The boycott of the Jatiya Sangsad proceedings by the Awami League (AL) led opposition ended yesterday.

Acting Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad led his colleagues into the House at 12:55 pm. The Jatiya Party (JP) members followed suit five minutes later.

Deputy Leader of the House Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, taking the floor at 12:30, requested the opposition to return to the House. He informed the chair that the treasury bench had reached an understanding with the boycotting opposition

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The newly-wed Crown Prince Naruhito (2nd left) and his wife Crown Princess Masako (2nd right) pose for photographs with Emperor Akihito (left) and Empress Michiko yesterday after wedding ceremony at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. — AFP photo

Naruhito, Owada exchange 'cups of sake'

TOKYO, June 9: Japan's Crown Prince Naruhito and his bride Masako Owada were married here Wednesday after exchanging cups of ceremonial sake in a secretive and mystical ceremony in the Imperial Palace gardens, reports AFP.

The 13-minute ceremony, which took place in an inner sanctum of the palace out of the gaze of some 800 assembled guests, involved exchanging vows in a sacred rite in which the royal couple were assisted by six court ritualists.

The Prince who arrived at the moated palace and hour earlier, was wearing an ancient orange silk robe and a black hanging crown as he stepped into the special sanctum carry-

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Education main weapon to fight poverty: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday sought cooperation from every section of the society to ensure education for all, saying "we expect unity of all on this national issue," reports UNB.

The present "education movement" cannot be made successful without ensuring mass participation at the grassroots level, she told a function marking distribution of prizes among the winners of National Education Week-1993 in Dhaka Wednesday morning.

Referring to the government's thrust on poverty alleviation, the Prime Minister said, "Education is the main weapon to alleviate poverty." She expressed her optimism about the success of the poverty alleviation programme if the entire

education system is reorganised.

Held at Osmani Memorial Hall the programme was broadcast and telecast live over radio and television.

Prizes were given to the winners of cultural and extracurricular activities at the national level in 12 items, best educational institutions and the best teachers.

Begum Zia said education has to be integrated with development of knowledge and skill in order to make it more practical.

"Our objective is to ensure education for all" and importance has been laid on primary education and education for women to achieve the goal, she said.

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Jamuna Bridge Project

WB disagrees with plans for compensation

By Staff Correspondent

The government will have to amend existing laws of compensation for the resettlement of the people already affected or to be affected by the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Project (JMBP), according to official sources.

This has become necessary since the major components of the resettlement plan for the JMBP affected people, made under the Compensation Ordinances of 1982 and 1989, were opposed by the World Bank, the sources said.

According to the said components of the 11-point resettlement plan, the affected people were entitled to have cash compensation equal to the estimated price of their property plus another 25 per cent of the estimated price. The World Bank opposed this plan on the ground that the compensation would not be enough for purchasing replacement land.

It also opposed another provision of the action plan, which provides for the affected people the opportunity to take loans from banks to the extent of 50 per cent of the compensation money. The Bangladesh Krishi Bank and Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank have already agreed to extend the loans in this regard.

But the WB felt that the affected people should not be made loanees because that would pave the way for their further harassment. Rather, the compensation money should be increased to the extent of 50 per cent of the estimated price of

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Wheat price reduced

The government has once again reduced the price of wheat for the convenience of the people, reports BSS.

The decision in this regard was taken as the people had to buy wheat and flour at comparatively higher prices though price of wheat remained stable along with that of rice and paddy and stock of foodgrains was satisfactory.

The reduced price of per KG wheat of different varieties are: ordinary wheat-Taka 6.80, white-Taka 6.10 and red strong-Taka 6.80.

The reduced price of per KG wheat at the port end are as follows: general wheat-Taka 5.80, white-Taka 5.90 and red strong Taka 6.60.

The facility of reduced price will remain effective till July 31 this year.

From now on, any organisation or person including flour mills can purchase any quantity of wheat from government godowns. However, 1000 tonnes of wheat or more would be sold at a time at the port end. Formalities relating to wheat purchase has been made easier.

Intending buyers have been advised to contact concerned district food controller.

Commentary

Budget: Today will show

by S B Chaudhuri, Guest Columnist

Traditionally, the first part of the budget speech tells us something about the state of the economy, gives an outline of the economic policy objectives, dwells for a while on and then moves towards laying out the expenditure proposals for the coming year. Contrary to the age old adage which asks an individual not to spend more than the money he earns, governments usually decide first how much to spend and then set about devising ways to get the money.

The second part of the budget speech tells us whence the money will come. Thus it is that, pronouncements made in the second part of the speech, make many a heart flutter — more with apprehension than in anticipation. During the days preceding the budget presentation, speculations on the impending revenue raising proposals — which remain shrouded in secrecy — provide grist for the rumour mills.

Announcement of an Annual Development Programme (ADP) of Tk 9,750 cr for fiscal '93-94 provides clue to

the size of the development budget next year. The question is wherefrom will the Tk 4,970 cr local component of the ADP come? Taka counterpart fund generation from foreign assistance will pay for part of it. The rest will come from self-financed projects of parastatals and, of course, revenue surplus generated after meeting the government's current expenditure.

Herein lies the rub! Will the revenue surplus be adequate to finance ADP? If not, will the government go for deficit financing or raise additional resources through new taxation measures? Some pundits are saying that an additional 500 crore taka will be raised — not all through imposition of new levies but also through expansion of the tax base and improvement of the tax administration! Well, today will show.

Meanwhile, the National Tax Lawyers' Association has called for effective measures to bring physicians, lawyers and other professionals, including private tutors, fully under the tax net. Adhunik, the national anti-

smoking organisation, has also chipped in — asking for higher taxation of cigarettes and other tobacco products.

Some trade bodies have raised questions about the exchange rate. The budget speech will probably tackle this thorny issue too.

Consumers' apprehensions about new duties and taxes appear rather muted this time. In consequence of the ongoing tariff rationalisation programme, government had been bringing rates of duties and taxes down. So, perhaps there is no a priori reason to fear a price hike caused by higher rates of levies on consumer goods. Pre-budget feelers in this area have mainly centered on what would be the possible highest slab of customs duty this time. Earlier, the pundits had voted for a 60 per cent — even 50 per cent highest slab. However, the recent raise in the duty on imported mangoes — from 60% to 75% — seems to have thrown a spanner into their works! Does this portend a highest slab of 75%?

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Budget '93: Dramatic changes unlikely

By Special Correspondent

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman will present the government's budget for fiscal year 1993-94 to Parliament today.

The budget exercise, which started in the Ministry of Finance early this year with all the different ministries submitting their expenditure claims, has ended several weeks ago. Since then proposals about different revenue measures have been fine tuned and the Finance Minister, with his team of key senior officials, have been busy finalising the budget speech.

As in last year, the Finance Minister had made a well-publicised attempt at making the budget exercise more participatory.

Starting last April, the month when he was quite pre-occupied with preparations for the impending Aid Group meeting, Saifur Rahman held a series of meetings with all ministries of the government, trade and industry representatives, members of Parliament and his

product (GDP) has not succeeded in curing the stubborn problem of stagnation. Although the government's estimate in April this year projected a GDP growth for 1991-93 at 5.1 per cent, economists believe that optimistically it cannot exceed the 3 to 4 per cent range. The GDP growth rate during fiscal year 1991-92 was 3.91 per cent. This persistence of slow growth has greatly overshadowed what the government calls its economic success, namely, lowering of inflation rate to less than 5 per cent and building up of a foreign exchange reserve of over 2 billion dollars.

Bangladesh's aid donors believe that the problem of stagnation is linked with the government's lacklustre performance in implementing its own development programme.

The government's 1992-93 annual development programme (ADP) target was Tk. 8,650 crore. The World Bank believes that the realised programme

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Police, public clash at Mohammadpur: many hurt

By Staff Correspondent

A drive to evict unauthorised roadside constructions precipitated a clash between police and local people leaving a several injured at Mohammadpur in the city Wednesday.

Police confirmed seven injuries on their side during the hour long clash.

The incident occurred when Dhaka City Corporation started demolishing the illegal constructions near the Mohammadpur Town Hall Wednesday morning in the presence of a Magistrate.

The dismantling of local party offices of the Bangladesh Awami League, and its student front and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), erected on government land, triggered off the violence, witnesses said.

The mob pelted the police personnel who retaliated by lobbing ten tear gas shells and baton charging the crowd.

Police also arrested three persons from the area and lodged cases against them under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

Police sources said, two vehicles parked in the area were also damaged.

Sihanouk refuses to form govt

PHNOM PENH, June 9: Prince Norodom Sihanouk, angry at the United Nations which encouraged him to try again to form a new government after giving it a chilly reception the first time, said Wednesday he had learned his lesson and would refuse, reports AFP.

"I absolutely refuse to undertake a similar experience in the present and in the future," Prince Sihanouk said in a statement. "I have learned my lesson."

Meanwhile, Cambodia's head U N peacekeeper today declared the results of last month's election fair and dismissed demands by the defeated government party for an independent inquiry into its claims of fraud.

"No credible evidence has been put forward to support such a suggestion, nor has any such evidence been detected by any of the international observers, diplomatic and otherwise, who have been in Cambodia," Yasushi Akashi said.

Lahore HC restores Punjab Assembly

LAHORE, June 9: The Lahore High Court through an interim order today restored the Provincial Assembly of Punjab as well as the cabinet of Chief Minister Manzoor Watto, reports AFP.

The five-judge court, headed by Justice Mehbub Ahmed suspended provincial governor Chaudhry Altaf Hossain's May 29 order to dissolve the assembly.

The court also reinstated the Punjab cabinet headed by Watto, a rival of the Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

However, the court also directed Sharif allies who challenged the dissolution order with a petition not to make any move in the restored assembly to unseat the Watto government.

It also ordered that Watto not issue in the interim any additional advice to the Governor to dissolve the assembly.

The High Court is scheduled to resume full hearings on the main petition against the May 29 dissolution order on Saturday.

Meanwhile, former Premier Benazir Bhutto's party expressed its grave concern today

over what it called political chaos in Pakistan and reiterated its demand for general elections.

The only solution to the present political impasse and dead end lies in an appeal to the political sovereign — the people of Pakistan — in transparently fair, free and impartial elections," a party resolution said.

The party's high command met ahead of impending talks with the government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

Political circles are skeptical about the success of the political talks because Sharif may find it extremely difficult to agree to be opposition's insistence on mid-term elections.

Grenade blast in Kuwait kills 2 Pak troops

KUWAIT, June 9: Two Pakistani soldiers were killed and another was seriously injured in Kuwait when a grenade exploded as they handled ordnance left over from the 1990-1991 Gulf War, a Pakistani diplomat said today.

They were segregating explosives in the Kuwaiti desert... one of them said: "this grenade does not have a pin — and that was his last word," Mohamed Ziad Khan told Reuters.

He said Sergeant Mohamed Husein, 40 and Sapper Mushtaq Ahmad, 31, were killed instantly when the grenade exploded on Monday. Their bodies will be flown home on Wednesday.

A third soldier, Sergeant Maqbul Husein, was seriously injured and is being treated in a Kuwaiti military hospital. The accident took place at an explosive dismantling site 40 kms (25 miles) north of Kuwait City.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh National Board of Revenue Dhaka Notice

The date for advance income tax payment for the 4th quarter of the current financial year is June 15, 1993.

The advance income tax payable by the concerned taxpayer is paid through I.T. Form No. T. 31 (B) (amended) challan.

The tax-payers should pay the advance tax filling in the said challan form as usual by replacing the figure "74 (1)" with the figure "64" in as many places as it occurs in the form.

It may be mentioned that the financial limit of total income for payment of advance income tax is as follows:

- a) For companies resident in Bangladesh Taka 20 thousand.
- b) For non-resident assesseees Taka 5 thousand.
- c) For other assesseees Taka 60 thousand.

All assesseees concerned are requested to pay their advance income-tax for the 4th quarter of the current financial year relevant to the assessment year 1993-94 under this system by June 15, 1993. Simple interest @ 12% per annum will be leviable if the advance income tax is not paid or paid at a lesser amount than due.

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