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# 'Govt should ensure people's participation in uplift'

The Fourth Grand National Council-93 of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Friday strongly pleaded that the party government should take necessary steps to ensure people's participation in all development activities for achieving desired economic growth and progress with the coming 21st century, reports BSS.

In a number of resolutions adopted at the concluding session of the two-day and a half-day council, the BNP hoped that the government would also involve the people in the promotion of scientific research and technological expertise, building skilled and educated manpower and in the introduction of a people-oriented administration.

The council coinciding the 15th founding anniversary of the BNP of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, was opened and presided over by party chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia and was attended by thousands of councillors delegates and leaders from across the country.

During the deliberations, the councillors dwelt on various aspects of the socio-political and economic issues prevailing in the country and hoped that the BNP leadership would be able to overcome these challenges paving the way for the consolidation of a more competitive political atmosphere.

The BNP council referred to the initiation of massive short and long term programmes for poverty alleviation and achieving national self-reliance and suggested "Now was the time for peace and political stability and above all the out-cooperation of the people including opposition parties."

The Council charged that the opposition parties instead of co-operation were disturbing peace required for development and resorting to creation of anarchy and unrest through giving frequent calls for hartal and strikes.

The council unanimously adopted a set of political, economic and organisational resolutions towards the materialisation of the 19-point programme of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman for economic uplift and self-reliance and institutionalising the democratic process.

Increasing production in

agriculture, industrial and services sectors, removal of illiteracy, expansion of educational facilities, promotion of vocational and technological training, development of human resources, solution of unemployment problem and keeping prices of essential commodities within the buying capacity of the people reforming the administration and strengthening the rule of law and local body institutions are the other imperatives of the 19-point programmes.

In its 27-point political resolution, the BNP council expressed deep concern at the undue bid to push in the Indian citizens forcefully into Bangladesh on completely baseless accusations and demanded that such attempts should be stopped by India immediately.

About the Farakka issue and its adverse reaction on the economy of Bangladesh, the BNP council pleaded for immediate solution to the vexed issues of Farakka and 54 other common rivers through discussion and negotiations.

The council observed that the existence of Bangladesh was dependent of these international rivers including the Ganges strongly demanded of the government to take the issues of Ganges water to the United Nations and other international forums, if necessary.

The BNP council noted that due to unilateral withdrawal of waters through construction of embankments on the international common rivers at the upper reaches, the vast tract of land of Bangladesh had been facing acute crisis of water for farm activities during dry season on the one hand and on the other the rivers were losing their navigability. Such unilateral withdrawal of waters by India has already created adverse reaction on the ecological balance initiating the process of desertification of northern districts threatening the livelihood of about five crore people.

The council expressed satisfaction at the government's diplomatic efforts to bring back the tribals of Chittagong Hill Tracts from India. It urged the government to take necessary steps immediately for the return of those tribal brothers and sisters who had crossed the border.

The council noted that the long pending problem of the tribals stemmed from the foul attempt to make them Bangladeshis. The BNP had always wanted a political solution to the problem.

About the sending back of Rohingya refugees from Bangladesh, the council hoped that the government would soon find a permanent solution to it. The council appreciated the government's diplomatic efforts for creating situation congenial for the return of the Rohingya refugees to Myanmar through involving the United Nations.

The council expressed deep hatred and resentment at the incident of demolishing the historic Babri Mosque in India. It also condemned the attempts of a section of elements to disturb communal harmony in Bangladesh, following the demolishing of the Babri Mosque by the extreme fundamentalists in India. The council hailed Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia for controlling such attempts with an iron hand and urged the government to take sterner measure in future against any attempt to foil the unique communal harmony in the country.

The BNP national council noted that establishment of Bangladesh's right on the Tin Bigha corridor was another diplomatic achievement of the BNP government and thanked Prime Minister Begum Zia for her leadership in this respect.

The council congratulated Prime Minister Begum Zia on her election to the post of the chairperson of the seven South Asian SAARC countries and hoped that the SAARC would be able to accomplish its goals under her dynamic leadership.

The political resolution adopted by the national council of the BNP also touched on the protection of independence of Bosnia, stopping atrocities and genocide on the Bosnian Muslims by the Serb and the Croatian forces and establishment of an independent state for the Palestinians and stopping aggression by Israel.

The council observed that Bangladesh had been playing an active role in maintaining global peace.

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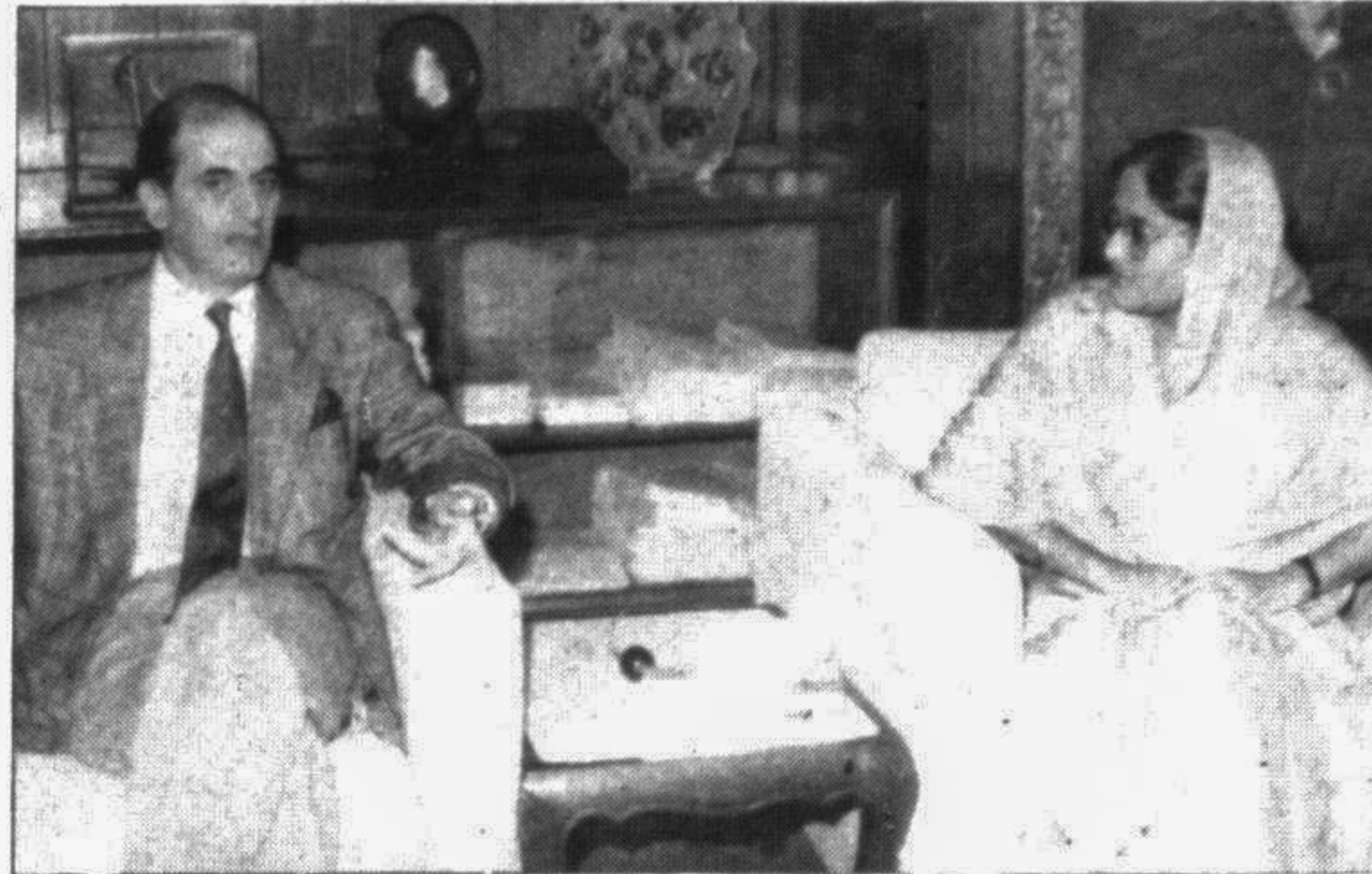
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Visiting Pakistan People's Party leader Zia Ispahani called on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina at her Sangsad Bhaban office in the city yesterday.

## What's on today . . .

### Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka

The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka will be held today (Sunday) at 5:30 pm at the Conference room of International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT), House-135, Road-9A (old-19), Dhanmondi Residential Area.

Rtn PP Dr M Alimullah Miyan will be the speaker on Rotary Information.

### SERI and BAFED

The inaugural session of the South Asian Sub-Regional meeting of Educational Researchers will be held today (Sunday) at 9:30 am at the National Academy for Educational Management, Dhanmondi.

The meeting has been sponsored jointly by the Southern Educational Research Initiative (SERI) and the Bangladesh Forum for Educational Development (BAFED).

Prof Enajuddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University, will attend the meeting as chief guest.

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## WUS workshop ends today

The Asian workshop of World University Service (WUS), an international organisation of universities, will be concluded in Vietnam today, says a press release.

The subject of this workshop is "Education for Democracy" which began on August 30.

The delegates from different Asian countries including Bangladesh, and UNESCO, ESCAP and some donor agencies are taking part in the workshop.

General Secretary of WUS, Bangladesh, Professor Dr. Musharraf Hussain Mian of Soil Science Department, Bangladesh Agricultural University and Miss Fazilatunnessa Bappy, member of the national executive committee and national council of WUS, Bangladesh, are representing Bangladesh at the workshop.

## 90 arrested on various charges

Police rounded up 90 people, including eight charged with murder and under the Anti-Terrorism Act, from different parts of the city in last 24 hours, a DMP press release said Saturday, reports UNB.

All the arrested people, who also include 15 wanted criminals five under the Narcotics Act, four accused of robbery and five of stealing, were produced before court.

## Death anniversary of Abdul Alim today

The 19th death anniversary of renowned singer Abdul Alim will be observed today with due solemnity, reports UNB.

Different socio-cultural organisations have organised elaborate programmes to observe the day. Abdul Alim Smriti Sangsad will place floral wreaths on the mazar of the singer at the Banani graveyard in the morning and hold a milad mahfil.

Bangladesh Radio will broadcast a special day-long programme while Bangladesh Television will telecast a special programme on the singer at 7:15 pm.

## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

কয়লা পরিদপ্তর  
৪৮ মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা।

নং কবি/কয়লা বিক্রয়/৪৮/৩০/০৪ তারিখ : ২০-৯-১৯০০বা/৪-৯-৯০ইং

## কয়লা বিক্রয়ের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

কয়লা পরিদপ্তরের আওতাধীন ২০ (বিশ) টি ডিপোতে মজুদ ভারতের রাণীগঞ্জ, ইন্দোনেশিয়া, মার্কিন যুক্তরাষ্ট্র, সোয়াজিল্যান্ড, মোজাম্বিক ও কোরিয়া উৎসের কয়লা উন্মুক্ত দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে বিক্রয়ের জন্য আর্থী ফ্রেডাডের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। ডিপোর নাম ও কয়লার পরিমাণসহ বিস্তারিত তথ্যাবলী দরপত্র তফসিলে উল্লেখিত আছে। দরপত্র তফসিল ৭-৯-৯০ইং হইতে ২৫-৯-৯০ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত কয়লা নিয়ন্ত্রকের অনুকূলে যে কোন শিডিউল ব্যাংক হইতে ৫০০/- (পাঁচশ) টাকার পে-অর্ডার (অফেরতযোগ্য) প্রদান পূর্বক কয়লা পরিদপ্তর, ৪৮, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, (৬ষ্ঠ তলা), ঢাকা হইতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সপ্তাহে দুইবার প্রাপ্য ডিপোর জন্য পৃথক পৃথক তফসিল প্রস্তুত করিতে হইবে। দরপত্র তফসিলে বর্ণিত শর্তাবলী অনুযায়ী কয়লা বিক্রয় করা হইবে।

২। ডিপোর ভারপ্রাপ্ত কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীর উপস্থিতিতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ২৫-৯-৯০ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত যে কোন কার্য দিবসে ডিপোর কয়লা পরিদপ্তর করা যাইবে।

৩। ২৬-৯-৯০ ইং তারিখে বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত কয়লা পরিদপ্তরের প্রধান কার্যালয়ের রক্ষিত টেবিলে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২-৩০ ঘটিকার উন্মুক্ত দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে কয়লা বিক্রয়ের জন্য গঠিত টেন্ডার কমিটির সামনে দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। দরপত্র খোলা হইবে।

৪। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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## BDR headquarters declared 'no-smoking zone' from Sept 7

The BDR headquarters at Peelkhana here was declared a 'no-smoking zone' with effect from September 7, reports BSS.

This was stated by BDR Director General Major General M Anwar Hossain while addressing the officers, JCOs and members of different ranks at the central Durbar at Peelkhana here yesterday.

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(All programmes in local time)

6 am	BBC World Service News
6.25	Newsnight
7.00	BBC World Service News
7.25	Doce Martirios Casabon
8.00	BBC World Service News
8.25	Newsnight
9.00	BBC World Service News
9.25	UN World
10.00	BBC World Service News
10.25	All Black
11.00	BBC World Service News
11.30	How Do You Manage?
11.55	BBC World Service News
12.25	Crime Ltd
1.00	BBC World Service News
1.25	The Late Show
2.00	BBC World Service News
2.25	Britain in View
3.00	BBC World Service News
3.25	Vive La Difference
4.00	BBC World Service News
4.25	World News Week
4.50	BBC World Service News
5.25	Tomorrow's World Inc.
6.00	BBC World Service News
6.25	On The Line
7.00	BBC World Service News
7.25	The Late Show
8.00	BBC World Service News
8.05	Pandora's Box
9.00	BBC World Service News
9.25	All Black
10.00	BBC World Service News
10.25	World News Week
11.00	BBC World Service News
11.25	India Business Report
12.00	BBC World Service News
12.25	The Late Show
1.00	BBC World Service News
1.25	Fight Again
1.50	BBC World Service News
2.05	Hirakfah With Frost
3.00	BBC World Service News
3.25	Top Gear
4.00	BBC World Service News
4.25	World News Week
5.00	BBC World Service News
5.25	World Business Report



6.30	Eric's World
7.00	Size 9
7.30	Dappledawn Farm
8.00	The Ren & Stimpy Show II
8.30	The STAR Kid Show
9.30	The Oprah Winfrey Show
10.30	The India
11.00	The Best of Donahue: Parents Who Got Too Involved In Their Kid's Romance
12.00	High Mountain Rangers
1.00	Mini Series
3.00	Riviera
4.00	Movie Television
4.30	The Ren & Stimpy Show II
5.00	Love At First Sight
5.30	In The Picture
6.00	Crossbow
6.30	Movie
8.30	London's Burning
9.30	In The Picture
10.00	Movie: Little Girl Lost
10.30	Neighbour
12.30	Video Action News: Royal Rebel
1.00	Movie Television
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3.30	The Oprah Winfrey Show
4.30	Pandora's Box
5.00	Sharky & George
5.30	The Magic Box

7.00	MTV Documentary: Janet Jackson
7.30	Week In Rock
8.00	MTV Top 20 Video Countdown Europe
10.00	Big Picture
10.30	Liquid TV
11.00	VJ Angela Chow
1.00	VJ Sophia
4.00	MTV Top 20 Video Countdown USA
6.00	MTV Unplugged: Show
6.30	Gone Taiwan
7.00	Classic MTV
9.00	Dial MTV
9.30	MTV Heart And Soul
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