

Take up viable project, PM tells NASIB team

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday asked all concerned to identify the priority areas in the small and cottage industries sector and take up viable projects by minimising administrative and infrastructural expenses, reports UNB.

Care should be taken to avoid heavy administration which hinders progress and growth of any sector, she said.

Begum Zia was addressing a delegation of National Association of Small and Cottage Industries of Bangladesh (NASIB) who called on her at the Prime Minister's office in the afternoon.

The Prime Minister said that while identifying the priority industries, consideration should be given to dairy, poultry, pisciculture, horticulture and flower cultivation in the backdrop of the country's socio-economic needs.

Linkage industries like fish, cattle and chicken feed should be developed to cater to domestic needs, save foreign currency and create employment opportunities, she added.

Referring to the existing credit facilities to small and cottage industries, the Prime Minister stressed the need for proper implementation of the

interest rate which has been reduced by the present government to attract entrepreneurs.

She also emphasised proper marketing facilities for the products of this sector.

The delegation apprised the Prime Minister of various problems faced by the small and cottage industries and urged her to raise the ceiling of investment to Tk 10 lakh from the existing Tk 4 lakh. They also suggested extension of special facilities to underdeveloped areas.

Begum Zia assured of all possible steps to solve the problems.

Police denies any drowning by Staff Correspondent

A Fire Service salvage team yesterday recovered only a broken loudspeaker from a lake in Madhubagh, Maghbar, in the city where a boat carrying a picnic party of around two dozen people got entangled with a live electric wire Friday.

Police confirmed that no one was drowned.

Of the ten people who received electric shock and were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital, seven were discharged yesterday after proper implementation of the



Deputy Leader of the House Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury and his Opposition counterpart Abdus Samad Azad during a discussion meeting on reasons and solutions for backwardness of education in Bangladesh, organised by the Bangladesh Literacy Samity in the city yesterday.

— Star photo

MP accuses ministers

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League Member of Parliament (MP) Mirza Azam has demanded removal of LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder and Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sirajul Haque, accusing both of being corrupt.

Addressing a news conference in the Jatiya Sangsad office of the Opposition Chief Whip yesterday afternoon, Azam further alleged that the two ministers, by abusing their powers, were harassing him and repressing AL leaders and workers in his Jamalpur-3 constituency and also threatening their lives.

The AL MP also demanded immediate scrapping of the Anti-Terrorism Act, which he said, was being used by the ruling party leaders against their opponents in the AL.

The AL legislator charged that the two ministers started filing 'false' cases against him after he raised different issues relating to corruption and irregularities by them in the House.

Elaborating his allegations, the AL MP said a warrant of arrest and an order for confiscation of property were issued against him following an 'unfounded' case of misusing corrugated tin sheets last July 15. "However, the court granted me bail, which infuriated Salam Talukder. He lodged four more cases under the Anti-Terrorism Act on baseless charges," he remarked.

Moreover, the declaration of the "Weekly Jamalpur," owned by Azam, was cancelled on August 22 because of the magazine's role in 'revealing misdeeds' of the ministers, he said.

The AL MP said cases under the Anti-Terrorism Act were filed against 28 leaders and workers including himself in connection with the observance of a half-day hartal called by his party on August 15.

Azam blamed Salam Talukder for patronising the Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Madarganj thana who, he said, was harassing the local AL workers and his own family members.

"All these heinous acts were being done by using the local administration to belittle and defame me," he claimed.



Youth from the rival wing of the Pakistan People's Party, carrying pictures of Murtaza Bhutto and chanting slogans in his favour, took over the stage where Benazir Bhutto was due to deliver an election speech in Karachi Friday.

JP (N) committee

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(Shamim), Kazi Nurur Rahman Babul, Shahi Alam Munna and Habibur Rahman (Liton) have been assigned to organise the youth front of the party as co-ordinators.

Rakibul Islam Rakib and Omar Faruk Kamal have been made the student affairs co-ordinators.

The Central Committee has announced coordinators for the five divisions of the country, which are as follows:

Dhaka Division: Former MPs Principal Abdur Rouf Khan, Almas Hossain, Ali Osman Khan, Nuresh Maksud, Fakhrul Islam and Harun-ur-Rashid. Deserted JP leaders Chowdhury Abdul Mannan, Golam Moshir, Sharfuddin Khan Mukul, Helaluddin Ahmed, Mesbahuddin Khan, Noorjahan Kamal, Syed Hafizur Rahman and MA Hakim have also been included as coordinators for the Dhaka Division.

Rajshahi Division: Iqbal Hassan Mahmud, ex-MP, Maj (ret'd) Asgar Ali Khan, ex-MP, A Jalil Pradhan, ex-MP, Salim Sarder, former Deputy Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation, Feroza Zaman, ex-MP, Kamal Haider, ex-MP, Abdul Hye Khan and Akteruzzaman Khokon.

Chittagong Division: Syed Mohammad Kayes, former State Minister, Abdul Wadud Khan, ex-MP, Dr. Nurul Alam, Maj (ret'd) Sirajul Islam, Kazi Siraj, Haji Salahuddin and Wahed Asghar Chowdhury.

Khulna and Barisal Divisions: Nazimuddin Al-Azad, former BL College closed.

KHULNA, Sept 11: Authorities today closed the BL University College for five days to avoid clash between the Islamic Chhatra Shibir and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, reports UNB.

Benazir, Murtaza

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charges and lives in Syria, has registered as an independent candidate for next month's general elections in a move that could split the vote for his sister's party.

Both brother and sister claim to have inherited the mantle of PPP leadership from their father, former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto who was hanged in 1979 after a controversial conviction for conspiring to murder a political opponent.

Murtaza in a telephone interview from Damascus late on Thursday, issued a veiled demand for his sister to be replaced as PPP leader.

mer Religious Affairs Minister, Korban Ali, former State Minister for Inland Water Transport and Shipping, Hasina Banu Shirin, former Whip, Sk. Wahidul Islam, ex-MP, Manirul Islam Munir, Azizul Haque and Ali Afzal.

JP (N) sources said more names would be added to the lists later.

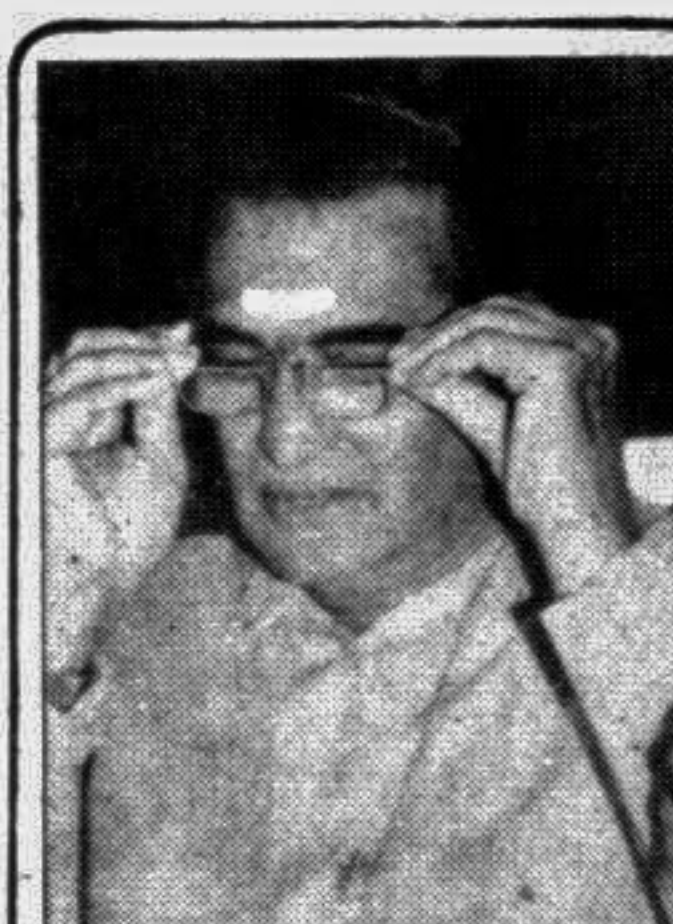
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ment Bank and Japan Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) who are co-financers of the project were present in the meeting.

The government is very sincere and would do everything possible for smooth and expeditious implementation of the bridge project, the minister said and advised the World Bank appraisal mission to reciprocate the sentiment of the government and not to impose any unnecessary conditionalities which may create unwanted problems.

Regarding resettlement of the people who are affected by the JMB project, the Finance Minister said the government had already made satisfactory arrangements to resettle the affected people, which should be acceptable to the World Bank. The government has already allocated Tk 54 crore for the resettlement programme.



Rama Rao weds

HYDERABAD, Sept 11: The thespian of Telugu cinema and National Front Chairman, N T Rama Rao, found his lady love in his biographer and fan, Ms Lakshmi Sivaparthi, whom he married at a simple function at his Banjara hills residence here today, reports PTI.

Rama Rao, 71, introduced his new bride to the newsmen and said, "She nursed me at the crucial hours. The three successive strokes I survived during the past couple of months was only because of her."

A divorcee in her thirties, was beside Rama Rao all through the press conference helping him out in revealing finer details of their association which culminated into their marriage.

Rama Rao chose Tirupathi, the abode of Lord Balaji, to disclose his association and willingness to marry Sivaparthi at a function organised yesterday to celebrate the 100th day of his recent movie Major Chandra Kant.

At the end of his speech, Rama Rao declared, "I am willing to marry Ms Sivaparthi if she is willing." His biographer came to him this morning and gave her consent and that was how "We became man and wife," a jubilant Rama Rao told reporters.

The Midnight File

Gaddafi dismisses Western ultimatum

BONN, Sept 11: Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi was quoted today as dismissing a Western ultimatum to hand over for trial two Libyans wanted by Britain on suspicion of carrying out the 1988 Lockerbie airliner bombing. The United States, Britain and France want the United Nations Security Council to pass a resolution on or around October 1 tightening its air and arms embargo against Libya if the suspects are not handed over before then, reports Reuters.

Aristide's leading supporter killed

PORT-AU-PRINCE (Haiti), Sept 11: Gunmen assassinated a leading supporter of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide on Saturday, breaking up a mass that commemorated those killed in a military-backed massacre five years ago. Another person was killed and one wounded in Saturday's attack, the strongest challenge yet to a UN peace plan calling for Aristide's return to Haiti next month, reports AP.

Blast rocks Zagreb suburb

ZAGREB, Sept 11: An explosion rocked a southwest suburb of Zagreb today and UN officials said they believed it was caused by a ground-to-ground missile. "We think it was a Lunar 17 artillery rocket which impacted near the suburb of Lucko," a UN source in Zagreb said. Local residents said there was damage to the centre of Lucko and some people had been injured and taken to hospital, reports Reuters.

SC judges

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Rasul yesterday, the inspections would be conducted by the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court and the High Court division during the annual vacations of the court from September 12 to October 25.

Justice Mahmudul Amin Chowdhury will hold an enquiry from September 13-16 into allegations of irregularities in the civil court of Sathkira.

He will also inspect the civil and criminal courts of Narail district between September 18-21.

The courts of some other districts will be inspected by other judges of the High Court Division.

The Chief Justice Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed himself will inspect the courts of a few districts including Sylhet, Sunamganj, Comilla and Tangail during the annual vacation.

Soil fertility

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do not exist. They do not also get gas supplies. So they depend on cowdung or compost as fuel.

The use of chemical fertilizer by farmers in general was also disproportional as a result of which the soil was being deprived of any real benefit from the use of urea or TSP.

Lac of nitrogen and sulphur in the soil retard the photosynthesis process of plants and their leaves become grey. Absence of potash and zinc stunt the growth and regeneration of plants while the stalk and roots are affected by the absence of phosphates in the soil, the researcher explained.

Describing the water level situation especially in the northern region as alarming, Iqbal blamed it on the Farakka dam and over consumption of water.

"The rainfall pattern has also become erratic in recent years," he said and added that of late dryness was prevailing, much to the disappointment of the farmers, for longer periods. Rainfall, though occurring in heavy amounts, often comes at the wrong time and doesn't always serve the needs of the farmers, he said.

Woman set on fire for dowry dies at DMCH

By DMCH Correspondent

A pregnant woman who was reportedly set on fire by her husband for failing to bring dowry from her parents, succumbed to burn injuries at a hospital in city yesterday.

Selina Akhtar, 22, who was in her seventh month of pregnancy, gave birth to a still born child only two days before her death.

Daughter of late Askar Ali of Chandipur, Keraniganj, Selina was married to Mohammad Moslem Uddin of Sial, of the same thana, three years ago.

Even since her marriage, her husband reportedly tortured her for dowry. On September 6, Moslem allegedly beat her up severely and asked her to go to her parents' house to bring dowry. But Selina refused to comply.

That night Moslem reportedly set her on fire and admitted her to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where she died yesterday.

Moslem is reportedly absconding since her death.

Tripura Chakma

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receiving the returning Chakma refugees on June 8 under an agreement with India. But the repatriation was stalled when the refugees refused to return until the fulfillment of their 13-point demands placed earlier.

Minimum wages

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It also approved in principle the draft of the Protection and Observation of Fish (Amendment) Act 1993 seeking to prohibit manufacture, import, marketing, carrying, transport or possession of any fishing net, traps, gear and other such contrabands to stop the use of current net or any such harmful nets.

The amendment aims at protecting the fish resources of the country.

Punishment for violation of the provisions of this Act has also been proposed to be made rigorous for the first and subsequent offences.

Self-rule deal Monday

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Christopher telephoned Rabin early this morning and invited him to attend the signing ceremony at the White House. "I am confirming the fact that Rabin will be flying to Washington to participate in the ceremony on the White House lawn on Monday, Ben-Ami said."

He said Rabin, accompanied by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, would leave Israel for Washington on Sunday.

In Tunis, Arafat's aide Hakam Balawi announced that the PLO chairman would also go to Washington for the signing ceremony.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat will head the PLO's delegation which will go to Washington to sign the peace deal with the Palestinian said, Balawi told Reuters.

Arafat will fly to Washington tomorrow.

Rabin and Arafat are due to sign an agreement for early Palestinian autonomy in part of the territories Israel occupied in the 1967 Middle East war.

Under the agreement, Israel will withdraw first from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.

The meeting between Rabin and Arafat will be the first official meeting between the two leaders, Israel radio said.

Arafat told Israeli reporters in Tunis on Friday that there was no truth to reports that he had met secretly with Rabin in the past, the radio said.

US President Bill Clinton announced in Washington on Friday that the United States would resume contacts with the PLO and host the ceremony.

"Today marks the dawning of a new era," Clinton said in a Rose Garden statement.

"Now there is an opportunity to define the future of the Middle East in terms of reconciliation and coexistence and the opportunities that children growing up there will have, whether they are Israeli or Palestinian."

Within hours of his announcement of a resumed dialogue with the PLO, Clinton telephoned from his presidential jet to Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad and Lebanese President Elias Hrawi.

He later had a brief conversation with Jordan's King Hussein, a White House spokeswoman said.

The White House said it had invited more than 1,000 people to the signing of the peace accord between Israel and the PLO. Five former US presidents are included in the guest list.

While flying from Washington to an event in California, Clinton spoke from Air Force one with his predecessors and asked them to attend the signing ceremony.

Former presidents Jimmy Carter and George Bush — who both spearheaded efforts that produced breakthroughs in Middle East peace efforts — accepted the invitations.

Dhaka hails

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to Palestinians. The autonomy accord is set for signing in Washington on Monday.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman said, "The dramatic development will not only help establish a durable peace in the Middle East but also consolidate international peace and security."

The Foreign Minister referred to Bangladesh's active role and firm stand in international fora for regaining the homeland of the Palestinians and withdrawal of Israeli troops from the occupied territories, including the holy city of Jerusalem.

Air services

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Dhaka. The abandoned airstrips at Comilla and Peral can also be used for the purpose after some repair, the source said.

Biman's domestic network covers Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Sylhet, Jessore, Rajshahi and Saidpur.

The state-owned national airlines, which has been incurring huge losses in its domestic operations, is not in a position to expand its services within the country, the source said.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism some time ago proposed the government permit the private sector to operate STOL and even helicopter services on the more remote routes.

The Cabinet, in a meeting last month, only approved the introduction of STOL services in the private sector and not the helicopter service since, according to the policy-makers, this might create various problems which would be difficult to handle under the present circumstances.

Muggers snatch Tk 1.70 lakh

By Staff Correspondent

A group of muggers snatched a sum of Taka 1.70 lakh 70 thousand at gunpoint from a garments factory official at Bijoynagar in the city yesterday morning.

A pedestrian, Abdul Matin, 45, received a bullet injury in his leg when the armed bandits fired while fleeing with the booty.

According to sources, six youngmen attacked Matin, the manager of Eastern Garments at Bijoynagar, when he was getting out of a microbus near his office at about 10.45 yesterday morning.

Matin was returning from a bank at Motijheel with Tk 2 lakh 73 thousand for the salary of the office employees, sources said.

JS: ORDER OF THE DAY

By Staff Correspondent

The House will nominate a panel of chairmen to preside over the sittings of the Jatiya Sangsad (JS)'s eleventh session in absence of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

* Adoption of condolence resolution.

* Introduction of four ordinances in the House by Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Golam Hafez.

The ordinances are:

1. The Supreme Court Judges Leave, Pension and Privileges, Ordinance, 1993.

2. The Arthik Pratishthan Ordinance, 1993.

3. The Bangladesh Jute Corporation Act (Repeal) Ordinance, 1993.

4. Acquisition and Regulation of Immovable Property (Amendment) Ordinance, 1993.

* Question-answer period scheduled for one hour.

* Placement of two bills in the House by Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan for consideration of the legislators.

The bills are:

1. The Industrial Relations Ordinance (Amendment) Bill, 1993; and

2. The Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

JS session today

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sion, will be laid before the House today in the form of bills.

The Parliament secretariat has so far received 3,132 notices for resolution, 39 call attention notices, 30 notices for short discussions, seven for general discussions, 22 notices for adjournment motion and seven breach of privileges notices.

The secretariat also received six private members bills and 2,402 questions from MPs of both Treasury and Opposition benches.

Meanwhile the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and the largest opposition in Parliament the Awami League (AL) held meetings of their respective parliamentary wings yesterday afternoon.

The MPs of different parties separately discussed their strategies for the session regarding different socio-political and economic issues.

The BNP Parliamentary Party, however, sat for less than half an hour and discussed the proposed District Council Bill, 1992.

Presided over by Prime Minister and Leader of the House Begum Khaleda Zia, the meeting resolved to sit again within the next two or three days.

According to sources in the BNP, the Prime Minister asked her party MPs to do their

homework on the District Council Bill for the next meeting.

The AL parliamentary wing felt that the opposition should strongly press for repealing the Anti-Terrorism Act. The meeting also decided to press for the repeal of the Indemnity Ordinance and expedition of the Special Parliamentary Committee's report on alleged corruption in the Agriculture Ministry and the minister concerned.

Abdus Samad Azad, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and presidium member of the AL, presided over the meeting of the party's parliamentary wing.

The meeting of the JS Business Advisory Committee was attended by Matur Rahman, Nazim of the Jamaat-e-Islami, LGRD Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar, Chief Whip Khandakar Delwar Hossain, Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Miah, Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad, Mottuiddin Ahmed of the Awami League, Munirul Haq Chowdhury of the Jatiya Party, Mohammad Shams-uddoha of the CPB and Deputy Leader of the House Prof AGM Badruddoza Chowdhury.

Begum Sajeda Chowdhury represented the Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina.

Opposition Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim also attended the meeting.

দুই কিস্তি বীমা

বীমা গ্রহণক \Rightarrow আপনারদের দুই কিস্তি বীমা বেশ মন্থন করবেন মনে হচ্ছে। একই সুবিধে বাসবেন কি?

ডেল্টা লাইফ ইনসিওরেন্স কোঃ লিমিটেড

এক : মৃত ব্যক্তির জন্য পলিসি, তার মৃত্যু প্রথম অর্ধেক মরম প্রিমিয়াম দিতে হবে। আপনিস বিশ বছর মেয়াদী পলিসি নিলে প্রিমিয়াম দিতে হবে মাত্র প্রথম মরম বছর।

দুই : মোট মেয়াদের অর্ধেক সময় - যেহেতু এই উদাহরণে মরম বছর - সেইহেতু বীমাকৃত টাকার প্রথম কিস্তি পেয়ে যাবেন। এই কিস্তি বীমাকৃত মোট অর্ধেক মরমকরা ৭৫ বা ৫০ বা ২৫ ভাগে যে কোন একটি আপনারই পছন্দমত হতে পারে। অবশ্য প্রথম কিস্তিতে কম অংশ নিলে প্রিমিয়ামের হারও কম হবে।

তিন : বীমাকৃত অর্ধেক বাকী অংশ মেয়াদ শেষ হলে লাভের বিস্তারিত কিস্তিতে পেয়ে যাবেন।

চার : পুরো মেয়াদের শেষে কোন মরম, তা প্রথম কিস্তি নেওয়ার আগে বা পরে হোক, বোনা বা কখন আপনার যদি মৃত্যু হয়, তবে আপনার পরিবার বীমাকৃত পুরো টাকার অর্ধেক লাভের পাবেন।

এছাড়া এই লাভের ক্ষতি হবে?

পলিসিহী : কোম্পানী আসে থেকেই এ বিষয়ে কোন গারান্টি দিতে পারে না। তবে বর্তমান হারের চাইতে কম হবেনা, ঐকু অবশ্য বলা যায়। বরুন, আপনিস যদি এখন এক লাখ টাকার বিশ বছরের পলিসি নেন, তবে মেয়াদ পূর্ণ হলে কমপক্ষে ৬২ হাজার টাকা লাভ পেতে পারেন।

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