

Metropolitan

Majid-ul-Haq tells Jatiya Sangsad

Tk 12 cr allocated for agri rehabilitation programmes

The government has allocated Tk 12 crore 41 lakh and 50 thousand for implementation of agricultural rehabilitation programmes in the districts affected by floods this year, reports UNB.

Agriculture Minister Majid-ul-Haq stated this in parliament yesterday while replying to a question from Mizanur Rahman Manu of Awami League.

The minister said the allocations were made on the basis of the reports sent by the concerned district administrations.

Replying to a supplementary question from Manu and Fazle Rabbi (JP), Majid-ul-Haq assured that the government would not make any favour or discrimination in allocating funds for the flood-hit districts. If necessary, more allocations will be made for the badly affected districts, he said.

Under the rehabilitation programme, he said, seeds, saplings, fertilizer and in some cases power tiller will be supplied.

To a question from Vice-Principal Abdus Shahid (AL), the Agriculture Minister said crops on 4.46 acres of land were damaged by the flood this year.

The minister told Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim (AL) that the country had 6,52,139 acres of uncultivable land. Programmes are under way for cultivation of non-traditional crops in the uncultivable land, he said.

In reply to Abdus Sobhan (Jamaat), the minister informed the House that some 276.55 lakh metric tons were produced during fiscal 1992-93.

To a question from Khan Tipu Sultan (AL), he said there were 35,341 deep tubewells, 1,56,799 shallow tubewells and

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10.7 lakh tonnes of foodgrains in stock

A meeting of Food, Planning and Monitoring Committee was held at the conference room of Food Ministry with Food Minister Lt General (Retd) Mir Shawkat Ali in the chair yesterday, reports UNB.

Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam and State Minister for Relief Harun-Al-Rashid also attended the meeting.

The meeting discussed overall food situation, including food procurement, production and distribution, said an official handout.

Publication of Ansar Commission Report demanded

Democratic League (DL) leader Oli Ahad yesterday called upon the people to build up a united, movement against the 'government-backed terrorism and corruption,' reports UNB.

He also demanded publication of the report of the Ansar Commission, formed by former acting president Justice Shahabuddin, which identified the corrupt officials of the Ershad regime, and punishment of those officials.

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It observed that a total of 10.17 lakh metric tons of foodgrains are in stock in different food godowns of the country.

Food Minister in the meeting emphasised the need for ensuring fair price to the farmers of their agri-products to attain self-sufficiency in food sector.

Shawkat Ali urged the concerned officials to discharge the responsibilities bestowed on them with honesty and sincerity.

Among others food secretary Dr Towfique-e-Elahi Chowdhury BB, Relief secretary M A Hakim, Director General of Food Motiur Rahman, Anwarul Islam Additional Secretary of Agriculture Ministry and other concerned high officials were present in the meeting.

JP (N) meet September 22

The central organising committee of newly-floated Jatiya Party (Nationalist) of Shamsul Huda Chowdhury will hold its first meeting on September 22 at 7 pm, reports UNB.

The meeting will be held at 7 Eskaton Garden, the temporary central office of the party.

Obituary

Nurunnahar Hossain, wife of late Major Mofazzal Hossain of Pabna, died here yesterday at a city clinic after prolonged illness. She was 75, reports BSS.

Mrs Hossain left behind her three sons and five daughters. The namaz-e-janaza of the deceased will be held today after jokr prayers at Lalmitia Mosque.

BFDA, BFPA representatives meet Huda

Representatives of the Bangladesh Film Directors' Association (BFDA) and the Bangladesh Film Producers' Association (BFPA) met Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

The meeting, held at the conference room of the FDC, was attended by Chashi Nazrul Islam, president, and Mohammad Hannan, general secretary of the BFDA, Azizur Rahman Bull, president, and Nasruddin Dilu, secretary general of the BFPA and the Managing Director of the FDC.

During the meeting the Information Minister directed the concerned authority to take effective steps for the expansion of infrastructural and technical facilities of the FDC. He also directed to form a technical committee for overall development of technical department of the FDC including its sound complex.

It was decided at the meeting to include representatives of the BFDA and BFPA in the technical committee.

Later, the Information Minister went round the sound complex and other technical departments of the FDC.

Trial of Ratan Sen killers demanded

The Gatak Dalal Nirmul Samannaya Committee in an emergency meeting of its steering committee demanded the trial of the killers of Ratan Sen, says a press release.

Jahanara Imam chaired the meeting. Abdur Razzak, MP, Kazi Arif Ahmed, Professor Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Syed Hasan Imam, Nurul Islam Nahid, Professor Ahad Chowdhury and Shahriar Kabir were present in the meeting.

BSSCT confce postponed

The national conference of Bangladesh Society of Sugar-cane Technologists (BSSCT) which is scheduled for September 16 and 17 has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, says a press release.

New date of the conference will be announced in due time.

Biswas, Khaleda greet President of Nicaragua

President Abdur Rahman Biswas felicitated President Mrs Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, of Nicaragua on the occasion of her country's national day, reports BSS.

In a message to the President of Nicaragua, President Biswas expressed his best wishes for the personal well-being of Mrs Violeta and progress and prosperity for the people of Nicaragua.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia also felicitated President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro.

In a message to Mrs Violeta, Begum Khaleda Zia wished her good health, happiness and long life and the people of Nicaragua progress and prosperity.

DU Psychology Deptt team calls on Biswas

A 10-member delegation of the Psychology Department of Dhaka University called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

Led by the chairman of the department Prof Dr Anisur Rahman, the delegation apprised the President of their studies and proposed study tour to the SAARC countries.

The Minister of State for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hussain was present on the occasion.

Exchanging views with the students, President Biswas advised them to develop their mental faculty through learning and broaden their outlook for meeting the needs and challenges of the time.

He also asked them to devote wholeheartedly to studies for undertaking the future responsibilities as a worthy citizen of the country.

The President assured them of his cooperation to the proposed study tour.

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Abrith-Shilpi Sangsad

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Jamnakshi exhibition

Jamnakshi will hold an exhibition of nakshikantiha embroidered sarces. It will be held today (Wednesday) and tomorrow (Thursday) at WVA auditorium, House 20, Road 27 (old), Dhanmondi between 9 am to 8 pm.

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Zia Parishad

An emergency meeting of the central committee of Zia Parishad will be held on tomorrow (Thursday) at 4 pm at its central office.

Solo exhibition

A week-long solo exhibition by Jinshin Ekin will begin at La Galerie in the city from tomorrow (Thursday).

S O Shin, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea in Bangladesh will inaugurate the exhibition at 5:30 pm. Malcolm Fry, Managing Director of Bangladesh Tobacco Co. Ltd. will present as special guest at the opening function.

The exhibition will be open daily from 9 am to 8 pm until September 22.

HERE and THERE

Palestine Repatriated Muktijoddha

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Saifur at Krishi Bank conference. Discipline in banking sector to be restored

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday said the present government is determined to restore discipline in the banks and financial institutions of the country, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the two-day 25th annual conference of senior officials of the Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) in the city, the minister said the wholesale "loan forgiveness" by the banks would not be allowed any more.

Rahman said the practice of "loan forgiveness" adopted by the past autocratic regime for mere political interest benefited the genuine defaulters and not the genuine borrowers or farmers.

He said in the agricultural credit sector the government would not encourage writing-off loans except in case of severe natural calamities and situations, which really warranted such a decision.

The conference is being attended by general managers, chief regional managers and regional managers of the bank.

Presided over by BKB chairman, M A Baten, the function was also addressed by governor of Bangladesh Bank Khورشid Alam, Finance Secretary Nasimuddin Ahmed and managing director of the bank Shamsul Huda.

Referring to the widespread demand from some quarters for writing-off various types of loans, the finance minister said the fulfillment of the demand would be detrimental to the very foundations of financial institutions and banking system.

Rahman directed the BKB authorities to expand the credit disbursement programme with a view to increasing the inflow of agricultural credit to genuine farmers.

The finance minister said to avoid unnecessary harassment from now on the farmers would be granted the whole quantum of loan required for various crops on yearly basis instead of seasonal basis.

63 arrested on various charges

Police rounded up 63 people, including 10 wanted criminals, from different parts of the city in last 24 hours, a DMP press release said yesterday, reports UNB.

All the arrested people, who also include one charged with murder, four under the Arms Act, three accused of kidnapping and another eight of burglary and stealing, were produced before court.

Workshop on compulsory pry education ends

RAJSHAHI, Sept 14: A two day workshop on "compulsory primary education: its successful implementation", organised by the Primary Education Directorate, Rajshahi Division office, was concluded Monday, reports UNB.

Weather

Thundershower likely

Under the influence of monsoon depression the sky is likely to remain cloudy or overcast over the country today, Met Office forecasts.

Moderately occasional rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Barisal, Khulna and Dhaka divisions and at many places over Rajshahi and Chittagong divisions with moderately heavy to heavy fall at places over the country.

Day temperature is likely to fall by one to two degrees Celsius during the period across the country.

Heavy rainfall warning: Moderately heavy to heavy fall at places over Barisal and Khulna divisions and regions of Noakhali and Faridpur during the next 12 hours commencing from 6 am today.

The highest temperature of the country Tuesday 33.5 degrees Celsius was recorded at Sylhet while the lowest 21.8 degrees Celsius was recorded at Rangamati.

The sun sets today at 6:02 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:45 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and maximum and minimum relative humidity recorded at important cities and towns yesterday were as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Cities/Towns, Temperature (Max, Min), Humidity (9 am, 6 pm). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Cox's Bazar, Sylhet, Rangpur.

Re-Purchase Notice — Bangladesh Rifles Communication Directorate

- 1. Sealed tenders are invited from this Directorate enlisted bonafide manufacturers/suppliers for purchase of a number of 12 volt charged sealed lead acid battery at Bangladesh Rifles Communication Directorate.
- 2. Schedule containing tender can be collected from the Headquarters Bangladesh Rifles Communication Directorate, Dhaka office from 18 September '93 on every Sunday & Tuesday during office hours within 0800 hours to 1400 hours. Tenders will be opened on 26 September '93 at 1200 hours in presence (if any) of the tenderers.
- 3. Detailed description of goods is stated in the schedule containing tender.
- 4. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without any reason.

Kazi Halder All Colonel for Director General

DFP(G) 14202-99 G-1206

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

পানি ও পয়ঃ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st, 2nd & 3rd Class Civil Contractors for installation of 100mm dia water line at North Sahjahanpur Road by lane & Maghbazar Pir Pagla lane at an allotted cost of Taka 47,229/=-. Tenders will be received up to 12-00 Noon on 20-9-93 & opened on the same day at 2-00 pm in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

Schedule of tender will be available at the Office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka & all MODS Zone Offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed descriptions will be available at the office of the undersigned.

Address: Fakirapool Steeltank Compound, Dhaka WASA-PI-403/93 DFP (G) 14332-11/9 G-1205

Syed Qamrul Ahsan Executive Engineer MODS Zone-6 Dhaka WASA.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES The containerised cargo ex. M.V. DSR BALTIC V-WF-339 from Pusan, Hongkong, ex. M.V. PAULINE METZ V-08/M.V. JAPAN SENATOR V-EM-331 from Mersin, Terminal Fos, ex. M.V. CHOYANG VICTORY V-EE337 from Antwerp, Hamburg, ex. M.V. SINGAPORE SENATOR V-WM-333 from Hongkong have been relayed to M.V. IMKE WEHR V-005 Imp. Rot No. 722/93 is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 15-9-93 from Singapore. Consignees are requested to take delivery of their cargo from FCL containers within 5 days free time from the date of landing and if cargo not cleared within 45 days will be guided by Customs Act.

RENATA LIMITED (Formerly Pfizer Laboratories (Bangladesh) Limited) desires to appoint Secretaries for its Managing Director and other Directors. The prospective candidates - should not be over 40 years of age - should have considerable experience as Secretary of senior level officials of Companies, NGOs and Embassies. Computer literacy atleast in Wordstar/ Word Perfect is a requirement. Attractive compensation package will be offered to deserving candidates. Application in candidate's own hand writing alongwith bio-data and two recent passport size photographs should reach the Personnel Division, Renata Limited, 6/3, Segun Bagicha, G.P.O. Box No. 303, Dhaka by September 29, 1993.

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