

Khaleda confers degrees at BAU convocation

MYMENSINGH, June 5: Chancellor of the universities and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia conferred graduate, post-graduate and doctorate degrees on 1516 students of the Bangladesh Agricultural University at its third convocation held on the campus here today, reports BSS.

Addressing the convocation ceremony at the Zainul Abedin auditorium the Prime Minister urged the graduates of the university to evolve a realistic development model which could effectively contribute to the increase of agricultural production and poverty alleviation.

Our expectation is to have agricultural technology suitable to carry out the balanced and coordinated development programme, she said.

Begum Zia also asked the degree holders of the university to evolve such sustainable technology which would inspire the crores of disaster-prone people of the country to start life anew.

Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University Dr Shah Mohammad Farooq described the third convocation which was held after 21 years as a milestone in the forward march of the university.

The first convocation of the BAU was held on March 28, 1968 while the second was held on December 31, 1972.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, attired in a blue gown, led the Chancellor's procession marking the convocation.

The programme began with



Describing the near self-sufficiency in food production as a great success in the country's agricultural development the Prime Minister said the major contribution for this success came from the Agri-

recitation from the Holy Quran. After announcing the convocation ceremony open, the Chancellor conferred Doctorate degrees on 26 students, Masters degrees on 241 and graduation degrees on 1249 students.

Between the second and third convocations a total of 7647 graduates and 2083 Masters degree holders were given certificates without any convocation.

The solemn function was also addressed by Vice Chancellor of BAU Dr Shah Mohammad Farooq and the former Vice Chancellor of the University, Dr SD Chowdhury, as the convocation speaker.

PM urges India

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Parishad of Jessore Sadar Thana, Dhaka City Corporation, the Barendra Multipurpose Development Authority of Nao-gaon, RDRS of Panchagarh and Mohammad Mokbul Hossain of Kotwali in Dinajpur district.

The function was also addressed by Forest and Environment Minister Akbar Hossain, Secretary Abdullah Harun Pasha and Resident Representative of UNDP Emi Watanabe.

Begum Zia said environmental problems transcend geographical boundaries and are common concern of all rich-poor, North-South and developed-developing countries alike.

"It's a problem of preserving the entity of the human family, our life-and-death problem," she said.

Opposition rejects offer

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General on a crisis relating to Parliament.

Besides, he said the move will not yield any result when the entire Opposition had made its stand clear that they would not go to Parliament until and unless the government brought a bill providing for a caretaker government.

"This meaningless initiative is designed to sidetrack the main issue and create confusion in the minds of the people," he added.

Rejecting the invitation, Jatiya Party leader Maudud Ahmed said the invitation letter is "nothing but a farce" in view of the firm stand taken by his party along with other Opposition in Parliament on the question of an interim government.

"We do not understand what is the meaning and purpose of writing such a letter. It shows that the government has failed to understand the seriousness and gravity of the issue and the situation... It only speaks of their incompetence and lack of leadership in resolving the issue," Maudud said.

He questioned the authority of the BNP Secretary General in convening a meeting which essentially concerned Parli-

SC reserves judgement in Azam's case

The case of Golam Azam should be considered from a new angle in the context of facts that Bangladesh had emerged through a 'bloodbath', Attorney General Aminul Huq submitted before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday, reports BSS.

After hearing the appeal for 12 days, starting on April 3, the four-member Court comprising Justice M H Rahman, Justice A-T M Afzal, Justice Mustafa Kamal and Justice Latifur Rahman reserved the verdict.

Opposition demand. So there is, no scope for a dialogue with the ruling party leaders.

Meanwhile, Gana Forum (GF) leader Shamshuddoha MP, is learnt to have differed with his colleagues in the Opposition on the issue of boycotting Parliament sessions.

According to meeting sources, the GF leader proposed a dialogue with the ruling party on the issue of a caretaker government.

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In another development, the Business Advisory committee of the Sangsad met yesterday morning.

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Budget session

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the newsmen that he had been trying to talk to the leader of the Opposition but could not do so as yet.

Replying to a question Razzak Ali also said that it was his moral duty to help the opposing camps resolve any crisis concerning Parliament. "I am ready to visit, if necessary, the residence of any Parliament member for ending the impasse," he said.

Opposition Chief Whip Mohamad Nasim, while briefing newsmen at the Sangsad Bhavan yesterday, said, "We shall not attend the budget session unless the ruling party moves a bill seeking constitutional provision for holding national elections under a caretaker administration."

Earlier, leaders of the opposition parties had a closed-door discussion on the latest political situation with Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

Briefing reporters, the Opposition Chief Whip said, the government has neither taken any effective step nor shown any interest in resolving the crisis. Rather, "unguarded comments made by certain cabinet ministers had further complicated the situation," Nasim added.

When his attention was drawn to the Speaker's optimism about a dialogue, Nasim ruled out any such possibility, saying: "The situation remains unchanged with no government step to meet the

constitutional modalities of a neutral caretaker government."

Replying to a question about her talks with the Speaker yesterday, Hasina said that the Speaker had phoned her to convey a request for sitting in a dialogue with the government to end the present parliamentary stalemate.

Hasina said she had told the Speaker the proposed dialogue could be held only after the government announced its acceptance of a caretaker government.

Defending the concept of a caretaker government, she said such constitutional provision would help ensure the accountability of a government to voters, curb corruption and boost economic development.

She told a questioner that BNP had totally failed to govern the country because of its inefficiency, unbridled corruption and policy of politicisation.

Hasina claimed that the people had been totally disillusioned with BNP's "misrule" and wanted early elections to get rid of its government. The nation, she observed, would be benefited from early elections.

Asked about her party's stand if BNP goes for a snap election without conceding to caretaker government, the Awami League leader said, "It will be suicidal for BNP."

The opposition leader cautioned that if BNP failed to accept the caretaker government, it would have to face the same fate as that of the fallen regime of Ershad.

During the meeting, Hasina touched on different aspects of the country's political and socio-economic issues as well as her party's stand on those issues.

Awami League leaders S A M S Kibria, Tofael Ahmed, Mohamad Nasim, Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Prof. Abu Sayeed and Abdul Mannan were present.

OCAB President Syed Kamaluddin conducted the briefing and General Secretary Farid Hossain gave the vote of thanks.

Taslima Nasreen

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mad Nurul Alam, filed the case on behalf of the State under Section 295A of the Bangladesh Penal Code (BPC), accusing her of hurting the religious sentiments of the people.

If proved guilty, she will face a maximum two-year imprisonment or fine or both.

A police source in the DB said, "Our teams spent the whole day yesterday in the Dhaka Magistrate and in the Dhaka District and Sessions Judge Court in the hope that Taslma would go there to seek bail."

"We raided all possible hideouts in the city, including her Shantinagar residence. If she is in the country, we will find her out," said the police source.

All airports and land borders across the country were also alerted, the source added.

Flag incident

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University and another from the Eden College — who were dating near the Parliament informed the police guard on duty at the Parliament Secretariat that they had seen a man of about 40, in a lungi and punjabi, removing the national flag and replacing it with a piece of cloth resembling a flag.

Informed about the incident, the police soon removed the banner and replaced it with the national flag on the mast of the South Plaza.

Meanwhile, Speaker of Parliament Shaikh Razzak Ali termed the incident as "most unfortunate and undesirable."

The Speaker also told newsmen at his office that the Parliament Secretariat should have its own security guards to maintain law and order around the Sangsad Bhavan.

Presently, a police contingent of only 15 constables under the Dhaka Metropolitan Police are being deployed in and around the Parliament building, the Speaker informed the reporters.

Replying to a question, Razzak Ali said, "I cannot say anything about the exact motive behind the incident, but it has definitely been done by some quarters with ulterior motives." He demanded adequate logistic support for the Parliament Secretariat to guard against such mischief in future.

Tejgaon police informed The Daily Star that a case of subversive activity against the State has been lodged in this connection yesterday. No arrest had been made till writing of this report at midnight last night.

The opposition parties in Parliament strongly condemned the incident yesterday.

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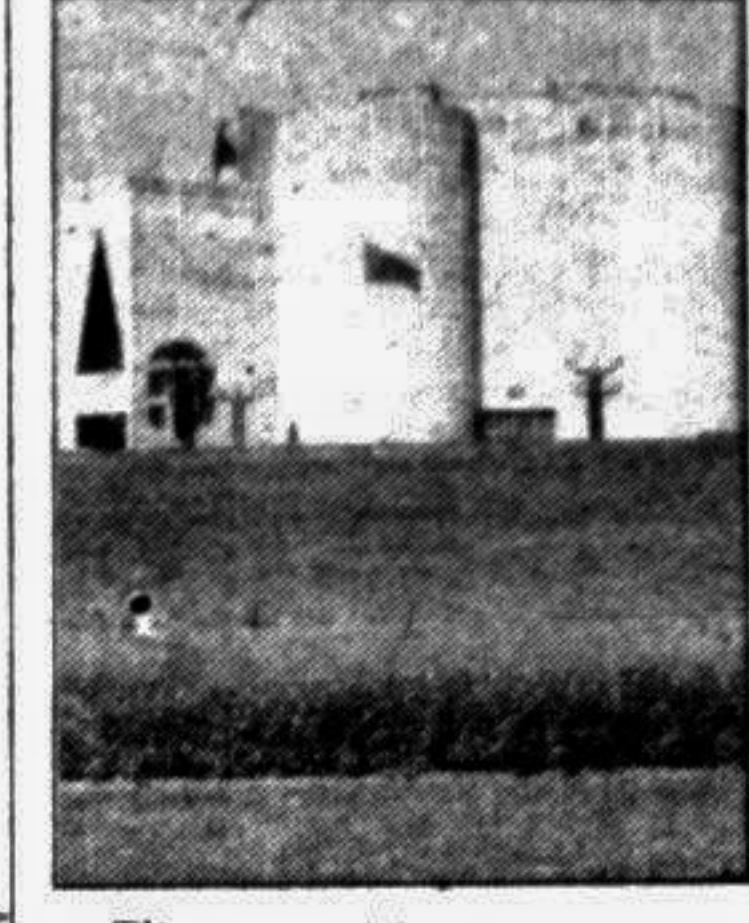
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Company Law

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General Meeting. However, under the draft, one cannot continue as Managing Director for more than 40 years.

"Such provision has been incorporated to curb the corporate system in company management," said sources concerned.

The draft Act is expected to facilitate foreign investment in local companies since the related regulations have been simplified. However, any foreign company willing to cease operation in Bangladesh must notify the Registrar well in time before doing so. Under the existing Act, any foreign company can wind up activities without informing the authorities.

The new Act, which has been drafted to meet the present-day needs, will help to strengthen the share market and boost investments to a large extent, the government authorities hope.

The Midnight File

Afghan forces rescue Iranian diplomat

KABUL, June 5: Afghan security forces have rescued unharmed an Iranian diplomat abducted here four days earlier by unidentified gunmen, official and diplomatic sources said Sunday. Mahdi Mashaekhi, 31, was grabbed by two armed Afghans while driving in his car through Kabul's western residential district of Khushal Khan Mina on Wednesday, reports AFP.

UN cancels truce talks on Bosnia

GENEVA, June 5: The United Nations on Sunday gave up a four-day attempt to begin cease-fire talks between Bosnian Serbs and the Bosnian government after the government boycotted the negotiations, saying Serbs had not left Gorazde. UN spokesman Michael Williams said Bosnian Vice-President Ejup Ganic was not convinced by the peacekeepers' assessment that a UN exclusion zone around the eastern Muslim enclave of Gorazde was clear of armed Serbs, reports AP.

বাংলাদেশ তার ও টেলিফোন বোর্ড
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ঢাকা টেলিযোগাযোগ অঞ্চলের ডিজিটাল টেলিফোন সংযোগের জন্য আবেদনকারীদের অবগতির জন্য জানান যাচ্ছে যে, নিম্নে বর্ণিত তারিখ পর্যন্ত আবেদনের প্রেক্ষিতে এক্সচেঞ্জওয়ারী সংযোগের জন্য ইতিমধ্যেই দাবীনামা রেজিস্টার্ড ডাকে প্রেরণ করা হয়েছেঃ

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তবে প্রচলিত নিয়মের আওতায় অধিকারপ্রাপ্ত আবেদনকারীগণ বীরা প্রয়োজনীয় সনদপত্র দাখিল করেছেন এবং এপ্রিল '৯৪-এর মধ্যে কেন্দ্রীয় এক্সচেঞ্জের বিভিন্ন এক্সচেঞ্জের আওতায় আবেদন করেছেন তাদের নামেও দাবীনামা জারী করা হয়েছে। অধিকন্তু, এপ্রিল '৯৪ এর মধ্যে আই এস ডি টেলিফোনের জন্য (পুরাতন শহর এলাকা ও টঙ্গী বাদে) সকল আবেদনকারীর নামে দাবীনামা জারী করা হয়েছে।

তবে রেজিস্টার্ড ডাকে প্রেরিত দাবীনামার মধ্যে ৯৬৩টি ডিজিটাল ও ৫০৩টি আই এস ডি ফোনের দাবীনামা অবিলম্বে অবস্থায় ফেরত এসেছে। উল্লেখিত সময়ের আবেদনকারীগণ যদি কোন কারণবশতঃ দাবীনামা না পেয়ে থাকেন তবে তাদেরকে আনুমানিক কাগজপত্রসহ ঢাকা টেলিযোগাযোগ অঞ্চলের দপ্তরে সহকারী প্রধান কর্মাধ্যক্ষ (গ্রাহক সেবা) এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করতে অনুরোধ করা হ'ল।

এছাড়াও, চান্দ নগর রূপান্তরের জন্য (এলাপা হতে ডিজিটাল কিংবা ডিজিটাল/এলাপা হতে আই এস ডি) এপ্রিল '৯৪ পর্যন্ত প্রাপ্ত আবেদনের অনুকূলে দাবীনামাও জারী করা হয়েছে।

তাই চলতি সালে ইতিমধ্যে জারীকৃত দাবীনামার টাকা আগামী ১৫-৬-৯৪ইং তারিখের মধ্যে পরিশোধ করার জন্য শেখবাবের মত অনুরোধ করা হল। অন্যথায় উল্লেখিত সময়ের পর জারীকৃত দাবীনামা বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

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Tribal team

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sub-committee members until lunch-break.

However, sources said the talks had ended without any progress. Later, the delegation went back to India.

The sub-committee comprises Rashed Khan Menon, Kalparanjjan Chakma, Mostaque Ahmed and Md Shahjahan.

The refugee delegation and the Governor of Tripura State of India separately visited CHT last April to see the condition of the refugees who returned on February under an agreement.

But after their visits no response was received so far to resume the next phase of repatriation of the rest.

Hasina tells OCAB

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yesterday afternoon.

But Hasina made it clear that Opposition's return to Parliament would be possible only after the proposed bill on caretaker government for general elections is mooted in the House.

She said a dialogue cannot be fruitful unless the government declares before the nation its acceptance of a caretaker government for holding national polls.

"I want a meaningful dialogue which will produce results. I don't want to see frustration among the people in the name of a dialogue," she said, adding that such a dialogue could be held on the

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উৎসে আয়কর কর্তন, কর্তনকৃত কর জমাদান এবং তৎসংক্রান্ত বিবরণী প্রেরণ সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ ১৯৮৪ এর সর্বশেষ আইন/আয়কর বিধিমালা ১৯৮৪ এর সর্বশেষ বিধি এর মাধ্যমে মালামাল সরবরাহ, ঠিকাদারী চুক্তি কার্যকর ও সেবা প্রদান, বাড়ীভাড়া, লভ্যাংশ আয়, ইত্যেটিং কমিশন ও শিপিং এজেন্সী কমিশন, জনশক্তি রক্ষণী, প্রকাশ্য নিলামের মাধ্যমে মালামাল বিক্রয় (ইজারাসহ), চিত্রাভিনয়ের পারিশ্রমিক, ডিট্রিবিউটরস কমিশন অথবা ফিস, মালামাল জমাদানী ও রপ্তানী, বীমা এজেন্সী কমিশন, লটারী, অনিবাশী এর আয়, ইত্যাদি খাতে সর্বশেষ কর্তপক্ষ সমূহ কর্তৃক নির্দিষ্ট হারে উৎসে আয়কর কর্তন/সংগ্রহ করার বিধান করা হইয়াছে। ইহা ছাড়া উৎসে কর্তনকৃত/সম্পূর্ণ আয়কর কর্তন বা সংগ্রহের (৭সাত) দিনের মধ্যে সরকারী কোষাগারে জমাদান পূর্বক ঢাকা জেলার ক্ষেত্রে কর কমিশনার, কর অঞ্চল-২, ঢাকা এর নিকট তৎসংক্রান্ত মাসিক বিবরণী প্রেরণের বিধান করা হইয়াছে। কিন্তু বিশ্বস্ত সূত্রে জানা গিয়াছে যে, কিছু কিছু কর্তপক্ষ আইন অমান্য করিয়া সর্বশেষ খাত সমূহের উৎসে আয়কর কর্তন/সংগ্রহ করিতেছেন না বা কর কর্তন/সংগ্রহ করিলেও উহা (৭সাত) দিনের মধ্যে সরকারী কোষাগারে জমা দিতেছেন না। ফলে একদিকে সরকারী রাজস্বের যথেষ্ট ক্ষতি হইতেছে এবং অপরদিকে যাহাদের নিকট হইতে কর কর্তন/সংগ্রহ করা হইতেছে তাহাদের চূড়ান্ত কর নির্ধারণে জটিলতা সৃষ্টি হইতেছে।

এমতাবস্থায় সর্বশেষ কর্তনকৃত এই মর্মে অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে যে, যে সমস্ত কর্তপক্ষ এখনও আয়কর কর্তন করেন নাই তাহারা অবিলম্বে আইনানুযায়ী কর কর্তন/সংগ্রহ করতঃ উহা সরকারী কোষাগারে জমাদানের ব্যবস্থা করিবেন এবং যাহারা উৎসে আয়কর কর্তন/সংগ্রহ করিয়াছেন কিন্তু এখনও সরকারী কোষাগারে জমা দেন নাই তাহারা অবিলম্বে কর্তনকৃত/সম্পূর্ণ আয়করের টাকা টেক্সটারী চালান (টি আর-৭) এর মাধ্যমে '১-আয়কর কোম্পানীজ'/'২-আয়কর কোম্পানী বাতীত অন্যান্য' হেড অব গ্র্যান্ডটোট বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকে জমাদান করিবেন এবং ঢাকা জেলার ক্ষেত্রে নির্দিষ্ট ছক ও তৎসংক্রান্ত একটি বিবরণী নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর নিকট প্রেরণ করিবেন। অন্যথায় আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ ১৯৮৪ এর ধারা ৩০ (এ) এবং ৫৭ এর বিধান মোতাবেক খেলাপী কর্তপক্ষের বিরুদ্ধে আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা নেওয়া হইবে।

অন্যান্য তথ্যাদির জন্য জনাব মোঃ দেলোয়ার হোসেন, পরিদর্শী যুগ্ম কর কমিশনার, পরিদর্শী রেঞ্জ-৪, কর অঞ্চল-২, ঢাকা, ফোন-৪১১০৫৬ এবং জনাব মোহাম্মদ তাহির হুসাইন, পরিদর্শী যুগ্ম কর কমিশনার, পরিদর্শী রেঞ্জ-৩, কর অঞ্চল-২, ঢাকা, ফোন-৪০৮০৫৮ এর সহিত যোগাযোগ করা যাইতে পারে।

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orating on the point, he said it has been found that a number of entrepreneurs have both loss and profit making units. The government collects income tax only on the basis of incomes from the profit-making units, although the entrepreneurs have to subsidise the loss-making units from the income of the profitable ones, he said. Only a consolidated balance sheet of all the units can ensure justice in this regard, he added.

On VAT, Mahbubur Rahman said the present rate of 15 per cent should be reduced to 10 per cent to check corruption and evasion of tax. The area of imposing VAT should not be expanded further in the present situation 'of the economy, he added.

In support of this view, Latifur Rahman pointed out that 5 per cent decrease of VAT rate would reduce the price of goods which would result in better consumption of commodities. To make the country's exports more cost effective, Redwan Ahmed suggested that all types of VAT have to be

waived from export oriented industries.

Redwan and Mahbub both suggested withdrawal of VAT on electricity and telephone for the 100 per cent export-oriented industries. Redwan further said, There should not be any tax or duty on the import of capital machinery. Although decision had been given to withdraw this types of duty or tax but unfortunately the decision has not yet been implemented.

The system of deducting one per cent income tax at source should be removed, Abdur Rab said adding that different types of surcharges should be withdrawn to reduce the existing tax burden on the people.

Regarding the investment scenario, Latifur Rahman described the macro economic situation as positive. "The foreign exchange reserve has been formidable for the last three years, which has helped making Taka convertible. Besides, the government has been contributing some 35 per cent resources to the ADP

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